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Booster Reminders

The Douglas County Health Department (DCHD) is offering appointments for individuals looking to get their Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine booster shot. Simply go to www.douglascountyhealth.com and scroll down to the button that says “COVID-19 Menu.” Then click on “COVID-19 Community Vaccination Clinics” and you will find a button that links you to the appointment system.

Please remember that booster doses are now recommended six months after the second dose for:

- Older adults aged 65 and over and those living in long-term care facilities.
- Adults aged 50-64 at high risk of severe COVID-19, due to underlying medical conditions.
- Adults aged 18-49 may receive a booster shot based on their individual benefits and risks.
- Adults aged 18-64 whose jobs put them at high risk for COVID-19 may receive a shot.

Go to www.douglascountyhealth.com/images/Booster_eligibility_9.28.2021.pdf for more details on eligibility. Research does not suggest mixing vaccine brands. Anyone who received the Moderna vaccine or Johnson & Johnson vaccine will need to wait for additional actions by the FDA and the CDC before seeking a booster shot. Anyone who has either of those vaccines continues to have good protection.

Vaccine clinics are planned for Thursday at:

- Metro Community College Applied Technology Center, 10407 State St., from 9-11 a.m.
- Metro Community College North Express Campus, 2112 N. 30th St., from 1-4 p.m.

Vaccine clinics are planned for Friday at:

- Douglas County Health Department, 1111 S. 41st St, from 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Millard North High School Football Game, 14905 Q St., (Buell Stadium), from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, September 29, the Douglas County Health Department confirmed 113 new positive COVID-19 tests have been received since midnight the previous day. The total number of positive cases reported since March of 2020 is 83,089. The Health Department received two new death certificates during the past day. Two women over 75 have passed. One was unvaccinated while the other was vaccinated. The total number of COVID-19-related deaths in Douglas County during the pandemic now is 788.

According to the most recent local hospital report received yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon, medical and surgical beds were at 88% occupancy with 169 staffed beds available and adult ICU beds were occupied at an 88% rate with 35 staffed beds available. There were 187 individuals hospitalized who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, with 67 of them receiving adult ICU level care. Six pediatric patients were confirmed among those hospitalized. There were seven additional COVID-19 persons of interest (generally waiting for test results), with three adult and four potential pediatric cases. Forty individuals who were confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19 were on ventilators.

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