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# **Mission to host community vaccine clinic**

## *Elderly residents will be top priority*

**Mission, TX** – Hidalgo County health officials, in partnership with the City of Mission, Hidalgo County Precinct 3 Commissioner's Office, Mission Consolidated Independent School District and the Sharyland Independent School District, will be hosting a COVID-19 community vaccine clinic this week in Mission.

To reduce wait times and provide for a more efficient operation, eligible residents will be required to pre-register for the Moderna vaccine beginning at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 27, at Sharyland High School, 1216 N. Shary Road. To pre-register, eligible residents must drive through the north side entrance of the Sharyland HS campus, by the tennis courts. As a COVID-19 precaution, citizens are encouraged to bring their own pen to registration. Face masks are required at all times when interacting with staff in the registration area.

During the pre-registration process, eligible residents will be issued a colored wristband displaying a designated time for them to return to the Mission Event Center, 2425 Ruby Red Blvd. on Thursday, Jan. 28 for their vaccinations. **Patrons will only be allowed into the parking area at the vaccination site 30 minutes before their designated time slots on Thursday.**

Since there is a limited number of vaccines available at this time, the clinic will provide wristbands on a first come, first serve basis. Vaccine recipients **must** be in attendance during pre-registration to receive a wristband. Please do not attend if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or have been exposed to someone who tested positive.

Mission will be prioritizing elderly residents, those born before 1956, for vaccinations. There will be a **drive-thru lane at Mission Event Center solely for the disabled, or elderly residents that cannot walk or stand for long periods of time.**

Based on previous vaccine clinics held in Hidalgo County, Mission health officials are advising the following:

- Bring a photo ID with DOB
- People are encouraged to bring water and snacks
- There could be periods of waiting and sitting in your vehicle
- Children 18 & under should not be in the clinic
- Those seeking vaccines with mobility concerns may bring **one person** to help
- Short sleeve encouraged

***THE CITY OF MISSION WILL HOST A MEDIA AVAILABILITY WITH COUNTY, SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CITY LEADERS AT 9:30 A.M. AT THE MISSION EVENT CENTER. THIS WILL BE THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY FOR THE MEDIA TO CAPTURE INTERVIEWS FOR THIS EVENT. FOR PRIVACY REASONS, THE CITY OF MISSION MEDIA DEPARTMENT WILL SEND OUT STILL PHOTOS AND B-ROLL OF THE VACCINATION AREA FOR YOUR USE.***