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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Hidalgo County and Donna Independent School District to host COVID-19 Community Vaccine Clinic

DONNA – Hidalgo County and Donna Independent School District will be hosting a COVID-19 Community Vaccine Clinic where only the Moderna vaccine will be available.

Joining forces to help make this event possible are the Hidalgo County Health Department, Hidalgo County Precinct 1, City of Donna and South Texas College.

Pre-registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 11 at the Bennie LaPrade Stadium located at 2302 Wood Ave. The entrance to the screening site will be at the intersection of Victoria Rd. and Wood Ave. (*See map for details*). Individuals will be directed to the stadium where volunteers will be on hand to help fill out registration forms, verify medical documentation, and hand out wristbands to those who qualify. Wristbands are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Qualifying individuals will also be assigned a time frame and instructed to return the following day, Friday, February 12th to receive the vaccine.

The qualifications to pre-register include:

- Healthcare professionals
- Anyone 65 years of age and older
- Anyone 18 years of age and older with at least one chronic medical condition that puts them at increased risk for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19, such as but not limited to:
 - Cancer
 - Chronic kidney disease
 - COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
 - Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathies
 - Solid organ transplantation
 - Obesity and severe obesity (body mass index of 30 kg/m² or higher)
 - Pregnancy
 - Sickle cell disease
 - Type 2 diabetes mellitus

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Based on previous clinics, health officials are advising the following:

- Bring pre-registration packet on the day of the clinic
- Bring ID and proof of medical condition (current medication, a prescription from their doctor)
- Bring documentation from physician indicating medical condition
- Bring water and snacks as there may be extended periods of waiting
- Children 18 and under should not be in the clinic
- Those seeking vaccines with mobility concerns may bring one person to help them
- Individuals who are pregnant or lactating, have cancer or undergoing any immunosuppressive treatment or medication, must bring a doctor's notice allowing them to receive the vaccine
- Healthcare workers must bring ID badge
- Documentation from U.S. doctors only
- Short sleeves are encouraged

More information, including a form that can be printed and prefilled, is available on the Hidalgo County website at www.hidalgocounty.us. (Go to Coronavirus Updates and click on the Vaccination Info tab. Click on COVID-19 Vaccine Public Clinic Pre-Screening Forms.)

MEDIA AVAILABILITY FOR THE CLINIC (Friday, Feb. 12) WILL BE HELD FOR CREDENTIALLED MEDIA AT 10:00 A.M. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEDIA TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS AND CAPTURE VIDEO OR PHOTOS REGARDING THIS EVENT. MEDIA WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARK AT THE SIMON SAUCEDA FINE ARTS PARKING LOT.

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