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PRESS RELEASE COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics Canceled Jan. 29-30 Due to Storm; Could Resume Monday, Pending Conditions

New Bedford, Massachusetts – The blizzard forecast for Friday evening through Saturday in southeastern Massachusetts and much of the East Coast has canceled local COVID-19 vaccine clinics this weekend.

The vaccine clinic provided by Seven Hills Behavioral Health at the Andrea McCoy Recreation Center at 181 Hillman St. has been canceled for Saturday, Jan. 29, and the clinic at the Workers Community Center / Centro Comunitario de Trabajadores, 1534 Acushnet Ave., has been canceled for Sunday, Jan. 30.

Testing could resume at Andrea McCoy on Monday, Jan. 31, if conditions allow. The Workers Community Center clinic has been rescheduled for Sunday, Feb. 6.

Free, walk-up COVID-19 clinics in New Bedford offer CDC-approved booster shots, in addition to first- and second-dose vaccines and, at most locations, pediatric vaccines and boosters for teens 12-17. Please bring your vaccination card when getting a booster.

Visit <u>vaxnb.com</u> for updated schedules of local COVID-19 vaccination and testing locations. Upcoming vaccine locations in New Bedford include:

Monday, Jan. 31 (if conditions allow):

 Andrea McCoy Recreation Center (181 Hillman St.) – 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J, boosters, vaccines for children 5 – 11, boosters for teens 12-17

Tuesday, Feb. 1:

- Greater New Bedford Community Health Center (874 Purchase St.) – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J, appointment required, call 508-992-6553

Thursday, Feb. 3:

- Greater New Bedford Community Health Center (874 Purchase St.) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J, appointment required, call 508-992-6553
- Casimir Pulaski Elementary School (1097 Braley Road.) 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.,
 Pfizer, Moderna, boosters, vaccines for children 5 11, boosters for teens 12-17

Friday, Feb. 4:

- PAACA (360 Coggeshall St.) – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J, boosters, w/ pediatric vaccines for children 5 – 11 years old & boosters for teens 12-17

Saturday, Feb. 5:

- Andrea McCoy Recreation Center (181 Hillman St.) – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J, boosters, vaccines for children 5 – 11, boosters for teens 12-17

Sunday, Feb. 6:

- Workers Community Center / Centro Comunitario de Trabajadores (1534 Acushnet Ave.) – 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J & J, boosters, pediatric vaccines for children 5 – 11, boosters for teens 12-17
- Keith Middle School (225 Hathaway Boulevard) 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, boosters, vaccines for children 5 – 11, boosters for teens 12-17

Reminder on the importance of vaccinations, especially during winter months:

Vaccination levels in the region remain low, and daily case rates remain high. Getting vaccinated for COVID-19 is not only about protecting yourself – it's also about protecting your family, friends, and community. Vaccination is critically important during the winter months, when indoor gatherings can lead to super-spreader events, clusters, hospitalizations, and severe illness among people who are unvaccinated.

State Resources for Vaccine Records, Locations

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has free online services to find your personal vaccine records and local vaccination locations, including many pharmacies.

Access your vaccine records at <u>https://myvaxrecords.mass.gov/</u>, and find local listings at <u>https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/</u>.