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Pfizer COVID-19 Booster Vaccines Offered by Sedgwick County Health Department Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 29

(Sedgwick County, Kan.) – Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021, no-cost Pfizer COVID-19 booster vaccines will be offered by the Sedgwick County Health Department (SCHD) at the community vaccine clinic at 223 S. Main in Wichita (former downtown library building). SCHD mobile clinics will not provide booster doses at this time.

Due to anticipated demand for booster doses, several changes are occurring at the community vaccine clinic beginning Sept. 29:

- Clients must schedule appointments for all vaccine doses. There will be no walk-ins at the community vaccine clinic. People should also bring documentation of their first and second doses to the vaccine site.
- Clinic hours will change to 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The clinic is closed Tuesday, Sept. 28.

People who can receive the booster dose have to meet **all three** of the criteria below.

1. Received two doses of Pfizer vaccine. (Booster dose guidance only applies to the Pfizer vaccine) and
2. Received the second Pfizer dose six months before the booster and
3. Fall into one or more of the following groups:
 - Age 65 years and older
 - Age 18 years and older with one or more underlying conditions
 - Age 18 years and older with increased risk for COVID-19 because of workplace or institutional setting

“In order to prevent severe illness and/or death during this pandemic, getting vaccinated is the best protection a person can do to protect themselves and loved ones,” says Adrienne Byrne, director of SCHD.

The community vaccine clinic and mobile clinics will continue to administer first, second, and third doses of Pfizer and one-dose Johnson and Johnson (J&J) vaccine.

How to receive a vaccine dose at the SCHD community vaccine clinic beginning Sept. 29

1. Make a vaccine appointment at www.sedgwickcounty.org/covid19vaccine.
 - a. If you need assistance, call SCHD at 316-660-1029. If SCHD staff does not answer, please leave a detailed message.

2. Complete and print a pre-registration form at www.sedgwickcounty.org/covid19vaccine.
3. Locate your vaccine card or other documentation of previous vaccine doses.
 - a. If you don't have your vaccine card, request it from the place where you received vaccine. Do this before your appointment at the vaccine clinic.
4. To the appointment, bring your pre-registration form AND vaccine card or other documentation of previous vaccine doses.
 - a. If you don't bring your vaccine card to the appointment, SCHD staff can look up your record in the Kansas Immunization Registry.
 - b. Staff is unable to look up records of doses given in other states.
 - c. If you don't bring a pre-registration form, you can complete one at the vaccine clinic.
 - d. All clients must have documentation of previous doses to receive a booster dose
5. At the appointment, sign a statement that you are eligible to receive a booster dose.
6. After the dose is given, wait in the observation area for 15 to 30 minutes.
7. Due to changes in vaccine processes and staffing, SCHD appointments will take about 10-15 minutes which is longer than appointments earlier in 2021. At this time in our community, residents have the opportunity to schedule appointments with many other Vaccine Providers. A map is found at www.vaccines.gov.

This SCHD plan does not restrict other Vaccine Providers that may begin offering booster doses on a day other than Sept. 29. All Sedgwick County residents are encouraged to be vaccinated.

If you have general questions about COVID-19, please call (316) 660-1022.

Additional Information about Booster Dose Groups

Underlying medical conditions include:

- Cancer
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Chronic lung disease (COPD, asthma, interstitial lung disease, cystic fibrosis, pulmonary hypertension)
- Dementia or other neurological conditions
- Diabetes (Type 1 or Type 2)
- Downs Syndrome
- Heart Conditions (heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies or hypertension)
- HIV Infection
- Immunocompromised
- Liver Disease
- Overweight & obesity
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease or thalassemia
- Smoking, current or former
- Solid organ or blood stem cell transplant
- Stroke or cerebrovascular disease
- Substance use disorders

Increased risk for COVID-19 because of workplace or institutional setting includes:

Healthcare workers, teachers, grocery store and retail workers, first responders, residents and staff of congregant settings (corrections, homeless shelters, group homes, etc.) and many others where a person may be in close contact with people (less than 6 feet apart) on an ongoing basis.

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About Sedgwick County

The mission of Sedgwick County is to cultivate a healthy, safe and welcoming community through exceptional public services, effective partnerships and dedicated employees. Founded in 1867, the County has steadily grown to span 1,008 miles, has a population of over 516,000 people and contains 20 cities, including Wichita, the largest city in Kansas. The 2022 Adopted Budget of \$483.6 million focuses on appropriate compensation for employees throughout the organization as well as adding resources for increases in the cost of doing business and continued recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Sedgwick County's values of Trust, Integrity, Collaboration, Compassion and Innovation back the strategic plan that focuses on delivering the best services possible that are sustainable and manageable under the current economic and health crisis.