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Public Health COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

February 16, 2021–Otter Tail County, MN– Public Health sponsored vaccine clinics the week of February 16th, 2021 are scheduled to administer COVID-19 vaccine doses to early education through high school educators and staff, as well as childcare providers. In addition, second doses will be administered to those in phase 1a who received their first doses of COVID-19 vaccine at public health clinics. COVID-19 vaccine clinics for eligible populations continue to be done by invitation only. Otter Tail County Public Health does not currently have COVID-19 vaccine for those who are 65+.

State Community Vaccine Pilot Site

The Fergus Falls site will be open to administer second doses of vaccine only to those who have scheduled appointments. No new appointments will be scheduled at this site. People who have questions about their second dose of COVID-19 vaccine should call 833-431-2053 between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. General community vaccination questions can also be directed to this call center.

There continues to be a limited supply of COVID-19 vaccine in Otter Tail County and throughout Minnesota, and clinics are being held as vaccine becomes available. Otter Tail County Public Health does not currently have a registration list for the public to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

For weekly updates regarding COVID-19 vaccine distribution, please call the Otter Tail County Public Health Information Line at 218-998-8378 or toll free at 833-445-1578 or visit us at ottertailcountymn.us and click on COVID-19 Vaccine for more information. For more information on where to find vaccination sites for those 65+ please visit mn.gov/covid19/vaccine and click on Find My Vaccine. You can also follow Otter Tail County on Facebook and Twitter for updates.

What should you expect at your COVID-19 vaccine appointment at Otter Tail County Public Health clinics?

Please do not arrive for your appointment any earlier than 15 minutes to help ensure social distancing. Staff will take your temperature and ensure you have a mask. You will be asked to complete a health screening and consent form prior to receiving your vaccine. Plan to sit for 15 minutes of observation after you receive your vaccine. If you have allergies, you will need to sit for 30 minutes. There is no fee for the COVID-19 vaccine at Otter Tail County Public Health clinics. You do not need to present insurance information.

Who does Otter Tail County Public Health administer the vaccine doses they receive from the state to?

Doses received from the state are intended to be administered to those in a specific priority group. Priority groups are determined by the Minnesota Department of Health. Vaccine is allocated to Public Health to vaccinate those in the assigned groups. For example, Public Health has received vaccine for people in phase 1a, childcare providers and school educators/staff but not for the general 65+ age group.

We encourage Minnesotans to remain patient as more vaccine arrives in the weeks and months ahead.

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