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Stark County Health Department, YMCA of Central Stark County Partnership Helps Residents Receive Vaccines and Discounts

Seven COVID-19 vaccination clinics throughout month of June provided vaccinations, incentives to members

COLUMBUS – The Stark County Health Department (SCHD) and YMCA of Central Stark County partnered to host seven COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Stark County throughout the month of June.

The clinics were held between June 11 and June 21 at seven different YMCAs in the county, with clinics for the second doses being hosted in early July at the same locations. Through this initiative, several dozen county residents were able to receive their vaccine. To help incentivize residents to get their vaccines, the YMCA offered benefits to both members and non-members alike. Current members who received vaccines were given $25 Y-Bucks to use toward any YMCA program. Non-members who wanted to join the YMCA were given$25 off their start-up fee after receiving their vaccine at the clinics.

Stark County residents can still receive vaccinations at other county clinics. Walk-in appointments are offered at all clinics by SCHD, but residents can also schedule appointments by visiting gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov and entering zip code "44720" or by calling 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

Innovative Ideas is a feature from the Ohio Department of Health highlighting ways providers and organizations are encouraging COVID-19 vaccinations. You can find more featured examples on the Ohio Department of Health's Innovative Ideas page at https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/healthcare-providers-and-local-health-districts/innovative-ideas.

If you are interested in hosting a vaccination clinic, the Ohio Department of Health has a toolkit for businesses and organizations available at https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination-program/businesses-and-organizations. This toolkit contains a collection of resources vaccine providers and Ohio employers and organizations can consider using to build partnerships across the state to offer convenient vaccinations to their employees and members.

All Ohioans age 12 and older are currently eligible to be vaccinated. Ohioans can find additional vaccination opportunities and schedule appointments by visiting gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov or by calling 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). Walk-in appointments are available at many providers statewide. Anyone with questions regarding COVID-19 vaccination within the state of Ohio can learn more at coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine.

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