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Canton City Public Health Partnerships Bring “Vax on the Spot” Campaign, Provide Incentives to Canton Neighborhoods

Pro Football Hall of Famer Anthony Muñoz, Free Food, Vision Screening Help Encourage Vaccination

COLUMBUS – Canton City Public Health (CCPH) has partnered with Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA), the Ohio Department of Medicaid, the Ohio Department of Health, Centene Corporation, and Ohio Medicaid and MyCare managed care plans (Buckeye Health Plan, CareSource, Molina Healthcare, Paramount, United Healthcare, Aetna) to bring the Vax on the Spot Campaign to Canton.

The Vax on the Spot Campaign will feature CCPH visiting select Canton neighborhoods on a SARTA bus July 13-15 to provide residents 18 and older with free COVID-19 vaccinations. Both Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines will be offered. No appointments are needed. Second doses of the Moderna vaccine will take place August 10-12 following the same time and location schedule. Additional details are available at CovidVaxOnTheSpot.com.

There are several different perks being offered for residents who come to any of the eight neighborhood stops to receive their vaccine. Anthony Muñoz, a member of the Class of 1998 Pro Football Hall of Fame, will be greeting residents at clinics July 13-14. The Centene Envolve Vision Van will be at each site to provide free children’s vision screenings and free reading glasses for adults. Medicaid and MyCare members of managed care plans, ages 18 and older with a valid ID, who get vaccinated on-site will receive a \$50 gift card after receiving their vaccine. Additionally, StarkFresh food bags containing produce and packaged items will be given out.

The schedule for the Vax On The Spot mobile clinic in Canton is:

- Tuesday, July 13, 2021
 - 10–11:30 a.m.
 - Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank - 1365 Cherry Ave. NE, Canton, OH 44714
 - 12–1:30 p.m.
 - Gibbs Elementary School - 1320 Gibbs Ave NE, Canton, OH 44705
- Wednesday, July 14, 2021
 - 10–11:30 a.m.
 - Monument Park – 7th Street NW & Kennet Ct. NW, Canton, OH 44708
 - 12–1:30 p.m.
 - Clarendon Elementary School – 412 Clarendon Ave. NW, Canton, OH 44708
 - 2–3:30 p.m.
 - Canton Lincoln Highway Station – 1315 Tuscarawas St. W, Canton, OH 44702 (Corner of Tuscarawas St. W and Brown Ave. NW)
- Thursday, July 15, 2021
 - 10–11:30 a.m.
 - Dueber Elementary School – 815 Dueber Ave. SW, Canton, OH 44706

- 12–1:30 p.m.
 - McKinley Park Apartments – 510 High Ave. SW, Canton, OH 44707
- 2–3:30 p.m.
 - Canton Arts Academy at Summit – 1100 10th St. NW, Canton, OH 44703

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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