

MEDIA RELEASE

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COVID Vax On The Spot Campaign Comes to Canton

(Canton, OH) - Canton City Public Health will visit select Canton neighborhoods on a SARTA bus on July 13, 14 and 15 to provide free COVID-19 vaccinations to persons 18 and older.

Canton City Public Health has partnered with 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.

“While the need for large, mass COVID-19 vaccination clinics is over, the need to continue vaccinating is not.” stated Jim Adams, Health Commissioner for Canton City Public Health. “Getting people vaccinated against the virus that causes COVID-19 remains vitally important to the health of our community. In order to ensure that we meet the needs of our most vulnerable residents, we need to meet them where they are at – and that is right in their own neighborhoods.”

Continued Adams, “What initially began as a plan to work with SARTA to use one of their buses as a mobile vaccination clinic, has blossomed into a much larger event, and an exciting one at that! We would like to thank SARTA, Canton City School District, Canton Parks and Recreation, the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, Stark County Historical Society, Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority and the Pro Football Hall of Fame for their help in making this outreach possible.”

Several perks will be available for participants who receive their vaccination at any of the eight neighborhood stops:

- Anthony Muñoz, Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinee Class of 1998, will greet residents at vaccination sites on July 13-14.
- The Centene Envolve Vision Van will be at each site providing free vision screenings for children and 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.
- StarkFresh food bags containing produce and packaged items.

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

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

- 10:00am – 11:30am
Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank - 1365 Cherry Ave NE, Canton OH 44714
- 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Gibbs Elementary School - 1320 Gibbs Ave NE, Canton OH 44705

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

- 10:00am – 11:30am
Monument Park – 7th Street NW & Kennet Ct. NW
- 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Clarendon Elementary School – 412 Clarendon Ave. NW, Canton, OH 44708
- 2:00pm – 3:30pm
Canton Lincoln Highway Station – 1315 Tuscarawas St. W, Canton (Corner of Tuscarawas St. W and Brown Ave. NW)

Thursday, July 15, 2021

- 10:00am – 11:30am
Dueber Elementary School – 815 Dueber Ave. SW, Canton, OH 44706
- 12:00pm – 1:30pm
McKinley Park Apartments – 510 High Ave. SW, Canton, OH 44707
- 2:00pm – 3:30pm
Canton Arts Academy at Summit – 1100 10th St. NW, Canton, OH 44703

Both Moderna and the single dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine will be offered. There is no charge for vaccination and no appointments are needed. Moderna 2nd dose clinics will take place August 10, 11 and 12 following the same time and location schedule.

The Canton-area Vax on the Spot mobile clinic tour is part of Ohio's all-out effort to vaccinate Medicaid and MyCare members. Details are available by visiting www.CovidVaxOnTheSpot.com.

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