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### **Tuscarawas County Health Department Hosting Drive-Up COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic on May 4**


DOVER—Thanks to updated recommendations issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on April 19, 2023, many Tuscarawas County residents who are 65 and older, or are moderately to severely immunocompromised, are now eligible for another COVID-19 updated booster dose to strengthen their protection against severe forms of COVID-19. To make it easier for residents to obtain another booster dose, the Tuscarawas County Health Department (TCHD) is hosting a drive-up COVID-19 vaccine clinic by appointment on Thursday, May 4, between 1 pm and 6 pm, at their location at 897 East Iron Avenue, Dover. Those who wish to schedule an appointment can call 330-343-5555, ext. 1740 or ext. 1810.



Specifically, those who are eligible to participate in the Drive-Up COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic include the following: persons 65 and older who have not had a booster in at least 4 months, moderately or severely immunocompromised persons who have not had a booster in at least 2 months, anyone who has not yet received an updated booster since it was first approved in September of 2022, and unvaccinated persons. It is requested that drive-up clinic participants bring their COVID-19 vaccine cards with them, if possible.



“Now is the perfect time to update COVID-19 vaccine coverage while local case counts are low so protection can be strengthened before any future case increases,” explained Jennifer Demuth, TCHD Director of Health Promotion & Community Relations. “The CDC updated its recommendations because older adults and persons with compromised immune systems are at higher risk for severe COVID-19 infection, and data show that vaccine effectiveness weakens over time. An additional dose of the updated vaccine offers this group extra protection.”

While COVID-19 infections have decreased in Tuscarawas County residents, the virus is still active in the area. During the four-week period between April 6 and April 27, 2023, the Ohio Department of Health reported that Tuscarawas County had 153 new cases of COVID-19, 15 hospitalizations, and 5 COVID-19 related deaths among county residents. “The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective at preventing severe illness, and we are offering this drive-up vaccine clinic to make it as convenient as possible for county residents to update their vaccine coverage and increase their protection against severe forms of the virus,” noted Demuth.

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