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Summit County Public Health, Akron METRO Partner to Provide COVID-19 Vaccinations, Bus Passes to Residents

Pop-up shop provides travelers the chance to get vaccinated at METRO Transit Station

COLUMBUS – Summit County Public Health (SCPH) has partnered with Akron METRO to host pop-up vaccination clinics at the METRO Transit Station to better reach Summit County residents and talk to them about the benefits of COVID-19 vaccination.

"We know that there are people who are still hesitant to get vaccinated," said SCPH Health Commissioner Donna Skoda. "We want to connect with people and have personal conversations to let them know that this vaccine is safe, effective, and could save their lives. Sometimes a personal conversation is all that is needed to get someone to change their minds about being vaccinated. We want to thank METRO for their support and providing us this opportunity to connect with and vaccinate more residents."

The first pop-up clinic was held May 21, 2021 and led to the successful vaccination of 86 residents. There will be a second clinic June 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the same location. Both Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer vaccines are offered at the clinics. There are no appointments necessary. Those who receive the vaccine at the clinic will receive a seven-day bus pass via EZfare, METRO's mobile ticketing application.

If residents receive the Pfizer vaccine at the clinic, they can return to a later pop-up clinic at the METRO Transit Station to receive their second dose. They can also go to SCPH each Wednesday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. for their weekly vaccine clinic. The clinic is on a bus line, and they can ride for free if they are traveling to a vaccine appointment.

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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