TO: Local Media

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RE: Pop-Up COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics in Cortland County

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The New York State Department of Health will be sponsoring 6 weeks of pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Cortland County in partnership with the Cortland County Department of Health. The vaccinations will be offered three days a week from December 28, 2021 until February 5, 2022. The pop up clinics will be at a different location each week and held from 10 am to 7 pm. Boosters and initial series vaccinations for both the Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) will be offered for all eligible age groups.

Cortland County is offering transportation assistance through free Dial-a-Ride services to and from any of the clinics between 8 am and 1 pm weekdays, please call Cortland Transit at 607-758-3383 to schedule transportation in advance. There will also be a Cortland Transit bus route to and from the Truxton Clinic on January 8th and January 29th with pick up spots at the Cortland County Office Building, McGraw Elementary School, and Cincinnatus Junior Senior High School If you need any assistance with navigating bus maps, bus routes or assessing your best transportation option, feel free to contact Melissa Potter, Cortland County Mobility Manager, at 607-756-3416 or mpotter@cortland-co.org.

Clinics will be open from 10 am to 7 pm each day except when otherwise noted.

- Week 1 is at the Marathon Civic Building 11 Brink Street, Marathon NY on December 28th, December 29th and December 30th
- Week 2 is at the Truxton Academy Charter School, 6337 Academy Street, Truxton NY, on January 6th, January 7th and January 8th, with a pause from 2-4 pm on school days for bus pickups.
- Week 3 is at the Port Watson Mini Conference Center, 131 Port Watson Street, Cortland NY on January 13th, January 14th and January 15th
- Week 4 is at the Marathon Civic Building 11 Brink Street, Marathon NY on January 18th, January 19th and January 20th.
- Week 5 is at the Truxton Academy Charter School, 6337 Academy Street, Truxton NY on January 27th, January 28th and January 29th, with a pause from 2-4 pm on school days for bus pickups.
- Week 6 is at the Port Watson Mini Conference Center, 131 Port Watson Street, Cortland NY, on February 3rd, February 4th and February 5th.
Nicki Anjeski, the Cortland County Public Health Director welcomes this assistance from the state; “The County Health Department staff is increasingly busy with isolation and quarantine activities during this spike of cases, and the offer from NYSDOH came at a good time so we can give families an opportunity to get vaccinated during the school holiday break. We want to remind the community that vaccines are the best protection we have in decreasing severe illness, hospitalization and death. Members of the National Guard are going to fill most of the clinic positions and medical staff are being contracted to perform the vaccinations and be available for monitoring patients. We are also very thankful to the partners that are assisting with locations, mobility equipment and transportation to make this clinic as accessible to the community as we can.

All clinic locations will have limited parking, so please carpool when possible, and do not arrive early for your appointments to help with preventing crowds or lengthy lines. All locations have mobility accessibility; however the Truxton location is on the second floor and accessed by stairs or an elevator. Please select the location that best serves your needs. Everyone attending the clinics will be required to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth while at the clinic. For privacy, no photos or video will be allowed to be taken while at the clinic, this is a medical setting.

Please bring photo ID and your vaccination card if previously vaccinated. All vaccines are FREE and no one attending the clinics will receive a bill for these services. You can also call 607-345-1184 if you need help scheduling an appointment. You will be able to pre-register for these pop up clinics starting on Wednesday, December 22nd. Links will be posted to this webpage: https://www.cortland-co.org/1009/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information. Please read each clinic description to determine which clinic you are eligible for. Each type of clinic will be offered each day at all locations. Walk-ins are welcome at all locations and dates. If you chose to attend as a walk-in, be prepared to complete a registration upon arrival. A guardian must be present for any minor receiving a vaccine.

About the COVID-19 Vaccine:
You are eligible to receive the initial series vaccine if you have never had a COVID-19 vaccine before. You can also make up your second dose Pfizer if you missed, or never received your second Pfizer dose in the past year. The COVID-19 vaccine is safe, effective and highly recommended for all eligible New Yorkers five years of age and older. Children and adolescents ages 5 to 17 are able to get the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, which is available under Emergency Use Authorization for children ages 5 to 15 and is fully approved for those ages 16 and older. All New Yorkers 18 and older can also receive the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

About the COVID-19 Booster:
All eligible New Yorkers are strongly encouraged to get their COVID-19 booster dose. You are able to receive any brand of booster vaccine regardless of the vaccine you received initially; what the CDC calls a “mix and match”. For example, if you are fully vaccinated with two Moderna shots, you are able to get your Booster with a Pfizer vaccine. You are eligible for your booster dose if you’re:
– 16 years or older and it’s been at least 6 months since your initial Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine series
– 18 years or older and it’s been at least 6 months since your initial Moderna vaccine series
– 18 years or older and it’s been at least 2 months since your J&J vaccine

Please share this information with family and friends. For COVID-19 questions or for help with vaccine registration please call the Cortland County Department of Health at 607-345-1184.