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# Rock County Public Health Department to Host Final Walk-In COVID-19 Clinic

**Rock County, WI** – Rock County Public Health Department (RCPHD) will host its final walk-in COVID-19 vaccine clinic at its Janesville location on Wednesday, November 16 from 3 to 7:00 p.m. RCPHD's walk-in COVID-19 vaccine clinics have provided Rock County residents with free COVID-19 vaccines for the past year to help prevent spread of the virus and keep the community healthy.

"We are incredibly grateful to have been able to serve our community through our COVID-19 clinics this year. Each clinic was a great opportunity to connect with community members and provide a valuable service that will help keep Rock County healthy. We encourage everyone to continue to seek vaccination opportunities and protect themselves from COVID-19," said Kelsey Cordova, Public Health Supervisor for RCPHD.

RCPHD will continue to offer COVID-19 vaccines by appointment. To schedule an appointment, call (608) 757-5440.

As winter approaches, and respiratory illnesses like COVID-19 begin to circulate at a quicker pace, it is the perfect time to get vaccinated. Bivalent COVID-19 "updated" booster doses are now available for everyone 5 years of age and older. Each updated booster includes a component of the original strain of the virus that provides an immune response that is broadly protective, and a component that protects against the omicron variant of the virus. The current eligibility guidelines for each updated booster dose include the following:

### Moderna

- Individuals 6 years and older AND
- At least 2 months since primary vaccination or most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine

### Pfizer

- Individuals 5 years and older AND
- At least 2 months since primary vaccination or most recent booster dose with any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine

To explore Rock County vaccination options, visit <u>Vaccines.gov</u>. For transportation assistance, call 211 to arrange a ride.

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Rock County Public Health Department serves Rock County residents by improving population health outcomes and removing barriers through community partnerships to provide everyone the opportunity to reach their full health potential. Visit the RCPHD website at <a href="https://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/public-health">www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/public-health</a> and follow them on social media @rockcountyphd.

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