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Racine County's Health Officers Urge Vaccination And Promote Pop-Up Clinics *Library, Zoo, and Deer District Racine to become community vaccination sites this week*

City of Racine – As the number of COVID 19 cases continue to rise among the unvaccinated population, Racine County's two health officers are urging Racine County residents to get vaccinated.

"Wisconsin data is showing that since March, 95% of COVID related deaths were among unvaccinated individuals and most new cases of COVID are being seen in the unvaccinated public," **commented Margaret Gesner, Central Racine County Health Officer**, "Therefore, we continue to urge those who are not vaccinated to do so for the health and safety of our community."

There are several options for residents to choose from including vaccination clinics being run by the two health departments, local pharmacies and the WI Department of Health Services (DHS) Community Based Vaccination Clinic located at Regency Mall.

"There are many opportunities for those who need to get vaccinated, as well as some nice incentives," **said Dottie-Kay Bowersox, Public Health Administrator for the City of Racine**, "Additionally, we will work with you to schedule a clinic at your workplace, place of worship or community event. We want to create every opportunity for community members to get vaccinated that we can."

The AMI Clinic at Regency Mall's hours for the week of July 12th are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11 am until 7 pm. AMI is also available to go into businesses, schools, and community events to provide vaccinations. If you would like more information about scheduling AMI for a pop-up clinic for an event or for your organization, please contact Shannon Powell in the City of Racine at Shannon.powell@cityofracine.org or call Central Racine County Health Department at 262-898-4460.

This week AMI will partner with the City of Racine to administer vaccines at the following pop-up vaccine clinics:

- Wednesday, July 14th from 11am to 2pm at the Racine Public Library during their Lunch Break at the Library event. Those who get vaccinated at the Zoo will get entered into the City/County prize drawing and receive a voucher worth up to \$10 to use at one of the three food vendors who will be on site for lunch.
- Saturday, July 17th from 10am to 5pm at the Racine Zoo. Everyone who gets vaccinated at the Zoo will get entered into the City/County prize drawing and will receive a voucher worth up to \$10 towards Zoo concessions or the Zoo store.
- Saturday, July 17th from 5:30pm to 9pm at Monument Square for the Deer District Racine event. Everyone who gets vaccinated there will get entered into the City/County prize drawing, and, anyone who gets vaccinated by halftime will also be entered to win a basketball signed by Bucks star player Khris Middleton. The drawing for the signed ball will be held at halftime of Saturday night's Bucks' game.

All residents who get vaccinated at City Hall, the Regency Mall, or one of these pop-up vaccine clinics by the end of the day on July 17th will be entered into the City and County's prize drawing where they could win a signed basketball from the Milwaukee Bucks, one month's rent (up to \$700), big screen SMART TVs, iPads, grocery gift cards, and more.

"We continue to work hard to find innovative ways to meet the community where they are to get vaccinated. I am grateful for the partnerships with DHS and AMI to expand vaccine opportunities in our community. Getting vaccinated is critical, in particular because we know the Delta variant is more contagious and spreading quickly. So please, Racine, get vaccinated," **said Racine Mayor Cory Mason.**

Community members should remember:

- Vaccinations are FREE
- You DO NOT need to show an ID
- Bus rides to vaccination sites are FREE
- Anyone age 12 and above is eligible to get vaccinated. They will need to have a parent or legal guardian sign a consent form to receive the vaccine.

For more information about this opportunity, visit www.vaccinateracine.org

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