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Emmons County Public Health Providing Moderna COVID-19 Booster Doses

[LINTON, ND] – Emmons County Public Health (BBPH) is now providing booster doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

CDC recommends booster doses for the following vaccine recipients:

- Individuals aged 65 and older
- Individuals aged 18 and older with <u>underlying medical conditions</u>
- Individuals aged 18 and older who work in high-risk settings
- Individuals aged 18 and older who live in high-risk settings

Booster doses have been made available due to studies showing that COVID-19 vaccination protection may decrease over time. Moderna boosters can be used by individuals who have received either the Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson and Johnson primary dose. If you have completed the two-dose series of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccinations, you must wait at least six months to receive a Moderna booster dose. If you completed your primary dose of a Johnson and Johnson vaccine, you must wait at least two months to receive a Moderna booster dose.

"We have been receiving many calls from our residents about the booster shots and we are able to provide that service for them," said ECPH Executive Officer Bev Voller, RN. "This is one more way people can keep themselves as safe as possible. Vaccines continue to be one of the tools to dig us out of this pandemic."

Examples of workers who are eligible to receive COVID-19 booster shots:

- First responders
- Educators
- Food and agriculture workers
- Manufacturing workers

- U.S. Postal Service workers
- Public transit workers
- Grocery store workers

Call the public health office at (701) 254-4027 to inquire about appointment times and to schedule your appointment. ECPH is working with Thrifty White Pharmacy in Linton to batch individuals wanting booster doses together to reduce vaccine waste.

Emmons County reported six new positive COVID-19 cases for the week of October 30 to November 5, according to the <u>North Dakota Department of Health dashboard</u>. The county has reported 559 total positive COVID-19 tests and 16 deaths overall.

For ongoing response efforts to the COVID-19 pandemic, the North Dakota Department of Health has established a COVID-19 Hotline to help answer your questions. You may call 1-866-207-2880, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with questions. Please note that individuals seeking specific medical advice should contact their healthcare provider.

Emmons County Public Health has provided a variety of COVID-19 information online at <u>http://www.emmonsnd.com/public-health.html</u>, and through its Facebook page at <u>https://www.facebook.com/ECPH.gov</u>. For more info about COVID-19, visit the <u>ND</u> <u>Department of Health website</u>, <u>NDResponse.gov</u>, or <u>CDC website</u>.

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