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BACK TO SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION CLINIC WILL INCLUDE COVID VACCINE

WINNEMUCCA, Nev.— The Community Health Office in Winnemucca will offer a back-to-school immunization clinic on Thursday, August 12, including the two-dose Pfizer vaccine.

According to Humboldt County Community Health Nurse Marsha Foreman, RN, the clinic will offer all school-age youth, from incoming kindergartners to high school seniors, an opportunity to receive school-required immunizations.

The Pfizer COVID vaccine will also be available to youth ages 12 to 18; recipients will return for their second vaccine dose on Thursday, September 2.

Participating youth will be considered fully vaccinated two weeks following their second dose and, per guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, will no longer be required to wear masks in public.

More information about the Pfizer vaccine for youth ages 12 to 18 is available at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/adolescents.html.

COVID vaccinations are offered free of charge to participants. However, other vaccines are available via a sliding fee scale based on income. The Community Health Office also accepts most insurance plans.

Parents should call the office at (775) 623-6575 to make an appointment, verify needed vaccinations, and check their insurance or fee-scale status. Unfortunately, due to the volume of youth who will take part in the immunization clinic, walk-in patients will not be seen.

All incoming seventh graders are required to have up-to-date Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) and MCV4 (Meningococcal) vaccinations. In addition, incoming college freshmen in Nevada, age 23 and younger, are also required to receive the MCV4 vaccine before their first day of class.

Parents can find out more about the vaccines required to attend school in Nevada at <https://www.immunizenevada.org/NVSchoolRequirements>. They can also check and print their child's immunization records at <https://izrecord.nv.gov>. First-time users may need to contact the Nevada WebIZ help desk at 1-877-NV-WebIZ (877-689-3249) or email izit@health.nv.gov.

The Nevada [Vaccines for Children](#) (VFC) Program provides vaccines to children who are uninsured/underinsured, eligible for Medicaid, or Alaska Native/American Indian.

Youth with COVID-like symptoms, or who are in quarantine, or who are currently awaiting COVID-19 test results or who have had any other vaccinations in the past 14 days should not attend.

For more information about the August 12 immunization clinic at the Community Health Office, or to schedule an appointment, please call (775) 623-6575 Monday through Thursday. The office is located at 50 E. Haskell Street, Suite B.

For more information about other vaccination opportunities in Humboldt County, please call the COVID-19 vaccine information line at (775) 375-3200, or email vaccine@humboldtcountynev.gov.

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