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**CLEAR CREEK DOUBLES COVID-19 VACCINATIONS IN ONE WEEKEND**

Over the past weekend, Clear Creek County held three large-scale drive-through clinics and administered 1,500 doses of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine. This three-day effort in effect doubled the number of vaccinations administered since County clinics began operating three months ago. Explains County Public Health Director Dr. Timothy Ryan, “This has been an incredible team effort. Everyone has worked overtime to make this a very smooth-running process.” Since receiving its first shipment of vaccine on December 22, 2020, through March 7, 2021, the County has administered 3,723 vaccinations total, a combination of the one-dose Janssen vaccine and the two-dose Moderna vaccine.

According to the County’s Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Olivia Watson, “With more vaccination distribution phases becoming eligible, our new scheduling system will streamline the vaccination process.” Clear Creek County Public Health schedules vaccination clinics based on weekly vaccine shipments received from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. For clinic dates and available appointment times, Watson recommends frequently checking the County’s website and Facebook page.

For the first month and a half of vaccine distribution, efforts were focused on administering vaccinations to highest-risk frontline workers, first responders, health care workers, and those aged 70 and older (Phases 1A and 1B.1). On February 8, 2021, educators and childcare workers and those aged 65 to 69 became eligible (Phase 1B.2). On March 5, people aged 60 and older, frontline essential workers in grocery and agriculture, and people aged 16 to 59 with two or more high-risk conditions became eligible (Phase 1B.3). Later this month, those in Phase 1B.4 will be eligible.

Says Dr. Ryan, “I am confident we are nearing our goal of vaccinating all eligible residents and employees from Phase 1B.2 and any who have registered for appointments.”

Although we are inching closer to reaching community immunity in Clear Creek and across the country, Dr. Ryan emphasizes, “It is still imperative to wear masks, keep your distance from others and practice good personal hygiene when in public. We can now see a light at the end of the tunnel, but we still need to stay the course.”

For more information on Clear Creek County vaccinations, testing, the March 11th Virtual Town Hall and other local COVID-19 resources, please visit our website at [www.clearcreekcounty.us/covid19](http://www.clearcreekcounty.us/covid19).



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