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RCPHD Celebrates DHS-AMI Community-based COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic's One Year Anniversary

Rock County, WI – Exactly one year ago, the Rock County DHS-AMI Community-based Vaccination Clinic administered its first COVID-19 vaccination to a Rock County resident at a temporary site on the Blackhawk Technical College campus. Now operating out of 1900 Center Avenue in Janesville, AMI has administered more than 45,000 vaccinations in Rock County at the clinic since its inception.

"AMI has been very proud to serve the people of Wisconsin in the fight against the pandemic," said Daniel Beck, senior operations manager for AMI Expeditionary Healthcare. "On this year anniversary, we believe our partnership with the state has helped to stem the virus."

The DHS-AMI clinic is one of many convenient Rock County COVID-19 vaccination sites available to help keep Rock County residents safe and healthy. Rock County Public Health Department continues to strongly encourage all eligible residents to get vaccinated if they haven't already and to stay up to date on boosters.

"We are grateful for our continued partnership with AMI and DHS to make COVID-19 vaccines easily accessible in Rock County. COVID-19 vaccines continue to provide protection against severe illness and death and are a key strategy in protecting our personal health as well as the health of our friends, family, and community," stated Katrina Harwood, Health Officer with Rock County.

The DHS-AMI site at 1900 Center Avenue will continue to offer regular hours to ensure it is free and easy for Rock County residents to secure recommended COVID-19 vaccines and boosters. Current clinic hours are:

Tuesdays 11:00am - 7:00pm Wednesdays 11:00am - 7:00pm Thursdays 11:00am - 7:00pm Fridays 11:00am - 7:00pm Saturdays 11:00am - 3:00pm

Please note that hours may vary based on need and holiday schedules. Visit https://vaccinate.wi.gov/en-US/ for the most up-to-date information.

COVID-19 vaccinations are provided at no cost, and everyone ages five and older are welcome (minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian). Free booster doses are also available for anyone who qualifies. Identification or proof of residency is <u>not</u> required. The Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J vaccines are all available.

To schedule an appointment, visit <u>vaccinate.wi.gov</u> or call 844-684-1064. Walk-ins are also welcome, and free rides may be secured by calling 211.

Please protect yourself and your family and friends: Get vaccinated, wear a mask when indoors with people outside of your household, maintain six feet of space between yourself and others in public places, wash your hands, stay home if you are sick, get tested for COVID-19 if you have symptoms, and avoid crowded indoor spaces.

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Rock County Public Health Department serves Rock County citizens by collaborating with partners to ensure a healthy, thriving Rock County. For the latest information about COVID-19 in Rock County, visit the Rock County Public Health Department website at http://www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth and follow us on social media @rockcountyphd. Local COVID-19 information is also available on the Rock County Coronavirus Response and Recovery Hub at http://www.co.rock.wi.us/c19hub.

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