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NCDHD joins statewide COVID Vaccine Extravaganza July 29-30

Henry, Shelby, Spencer, Trimble health departments will offer up to \$125 in vaccine incentives for those 6 months and older

SHELBYVILLE – The North Central District Health Department has joined a statewide effort to increase the number of residents fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

The event is a joint effort between local health departments and several statewide organizations including the Kentucky Department of Public Health, Kentucky Department of Education, KHSAA, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and more.

“COVID positive case numbers are increasing across the state, but many of them are not being captured because of the number of home tests people are using,” NCDHD Public Health Director Roanya Rice said. “The seven-day rolling average of positive tests is back up to right around 10,000, and the positivity rate for the state is nearly 18 percent.”

Most cases throughout Kentucky are version BA.5 of the Omicron variant, and while it has remained relatively mild like the original Omicron variant, with increasing cases comes increasing hospitalizations. In the state’s most recent Hospital Capacity report, the region containing the North Central District had inpatient beds at 79 percent, ICU beds at nearly 81 percent and ventilator capacity at 15.7 percent. And those numbers are on the rise. Currently, 61.5 percent of cases in the Kentucky are in the unvaccinated population, which makes up just 39 percent of Kentucky’s population. And nearly 63 percent of the deaths in Kentucky come from that 39 percent of the population that is unvaccinated.

“It’s important that we get more people vaccinated so we can keep our hospital beds clear for those that need it,” Rice said.

The majority of cases now are in our younger population, those 6 months of age to 39 account for nearly 55 percent of cases.

With that in mind, the North Central District wanted to find incentives that would help parents and children consider getting the vaccine.

Incentive cards

To help increase the number of vaccinated and boosted individuals, the North Central District will offer up to \$125 in gift cards to those completing their first series of COVID-19 vaccine (meaning a two-shot series of mRNA vaccine or a single dose of Johnson & Johnson) and another \$75 for any eligible booster of mRNA vaccine. Ages 5-and-older are eligible for a booster about five months after receiving their initial shot, those ages 50-and-old and those considered immunocompromised are eligible for a second booster about five months after receiving their first booster.

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“We wanted to find a way to help those in our community decide to get the vaccine, and with inflation and gas prices increasing and back-to-school shopping all coming together this time of year we thought increasing the amount of the incentives might help some reconsider the vaccine and/or booster,” Rice said.

Individuals ages 6-months-and-older are eligible to for the vaccine and incentives. **However, supplies are limited, and gift cards will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.**

Vaccine Extravaganza

The statewide vaccine event will be at the Henry, Shelby, Spencer and Trimble county health departments from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, July 29, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 30.

“We hope these extended and weekend hours will give everyone a chance to come out and get their vaccine or booster and help us slow down this new surge of COVID-19,” Rice said.

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