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City of McAllen to Host COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

Pre-registration online and in-person for Tier 1A and Tier 1B

City of McAllen officials, in conjunction with the McAllen Independent School District and Hidalgo County, will be hosting a COVID-19 vaccine clinic tomorrow, Friday, January 22, 2021 at the McAllen Convention Center, 700 Convention Center Boulevard, starting at 8:00 a.m. for all pre-registered individuals in Tier 1A and Tier 1B.

Pre-registration begins later this morning at 10:00 a.m. and can either be done via drive-thru at the McAllen Performing Arts Center Parking Lot or online at www.mcallen.net/preregisterhere. Entrance for onsite registration is on Ithaca and 29th Street. Face masks are required while interacting with City of McAllen staff at all times. Attendees will be pre screened and temperature checked prior to pre-registration. Please do not attend if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, have been directly exposed to someone who has tested positive or if pending COVID-19 test results.

“The City of McAllen is pleased to be able to offer the first of many COVID-19 vaccine clinics for our residents,” said McAllen Mayor Jim Darling. “I encourage everyone who is eligible to register for this important vaccine and I ask the rest of the community to be patient as we continue to receive more doses so that we are able to vaccinate all individuals in our community and county. In the meantime, please continue to practice all COVID-19 safety protocols, especially wearing a mask, for the protection of others and yourselves.”

The City of McAllen COVID-19 vaccine clinic will be following state protocol that targets healthcare workers. These workers will be asked to provide proof that they are in the healthcare industry.

The clinic also targets anyone born before 1955 and are now 65 years or older. In addition, people aged 18 and older with certain medical conditions are eligible to be vaccinated with the advice of their doctors.

Please note that there are a limited number of vaccines available for this first COVID-19 vaccine clinic hosted by the City of McAllen.

Based on previous vaccine clinics held throughout Hidalgo County, McAllen officials are advising the following:

- Bring ID and proof of medical condition (current medication, a prescription from their doctor)
- Bring clearance letter from their physician
- People are encouraged to bring water and snacks
- There could be periods of waiting and sitting in your vehicle
- Children 18 and under should not be in the clinic
- Those seeking vaccines with mobility concerns may bring one person to help them

Vaccines will be administered by McAllen I.S.D. school nurses and Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department nurses.

Media availability will be held for credentialed media on Friday, January 22, at 10:00 a.m. on site at the McAllen Convention Center. This will be the only opportunity for media to capture b-roll and interview officials about this event. Media will enter eastbound on Ithaca through 29th Street (same as general public). Media show their credential prior to entering parking lot and will park adjacent to McAllen Performing Arts Center. Media will follow HIPAA rules in protecting the privacy and identity of individuals in-line and receiving vaccines when capturing b-roll.

Attached are state definitions on Tier 1A and Tier 1B persons who are eligible for the vaccine at tomorrow's clinic.

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