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Final COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

Get your COVID-19 vaccine while it is still free! The Cayuga County Health Department will be hosting our final COVID-19 vaccine clinic on Friday, April 21, 2023 from 4:30pm – 6:30pm. The clinic will be offering the Moderna bivalent booster as well as first, second, and booster doses of Novavax.

Vaccines being offered include:

- **Bivalent booster dose of Moderna** approved for individuals 6 and older
- First dose of Novavax approved for individuals 12 years and older
- Second dose of Novavax approved for individuals 12 years and older
- **Booster dose of Novavax** approved for individuals 18 years and older.

Appointments are recommended and can be made on our website:

<u>www.cayugacounty.us/health</u> by clicking the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic button. The Cayuga Community Health Network (315-252-4212) is available to assist individuals with finding clinics and making appointments.

The clinic will be held at the Fingerlakes Mall (located at 1579 Clark St., Auburn) in the Event Center (located on the backside of the mall near the movie theaters). Entrance to this clinic is from the outside of the mall. There will not be admittance to the clinic from inside the mall. Please park in the back of the mall and enter through the Event Center doors.

Note: anyone entering the clinic must be wearing a mask. Please bring your insurance card and vaccine card if you have one.

As the federal emergency and public health emergency declarations for COVID-19 are planned to expire on May 11th, 2023, the COVID-19 vaccine will no longer be available free of charge. The Cayuga County Health Department will stop offering free of charge COVID-19 vaccines.

Members of the public are encouraged to check with their health insurance provider for vaccine coverage. Local pharmacies and some healthcare provider offices will continue to offer COVID-19 vaccines. The Cayuga County Health Department will continue to monitor the availability of COVID-19 vaccines and will make any necessary changes to our offerings in the future.

The availability of the vaccine is not limited to just the health department. Individuals are encouraged to work with local pharmacies, federally qualified health centers, and healthcare providers to get an appointment. Parents looking for the COVID-19 vaccine for children under 5 years of age should contact their child's pediatrician or local pharmacy.



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We must continue to try to prevent the spread of illness. Some prevention tips include:

- Get vaccinated and stay up-to-date with a booster for COVID.
- Stay home from work, school, or gatherings when sick.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands.
- Wash hands frequently and thoroughly.
- Clean and disinfect frequently used objects, surfaces, and spaces.
- Seek health care when necessary.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine, visit www.cayugacounty.us/health.