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The Health Department Urges Residents to Receive COVID-19 Vaccines and Boosters

PAPILLION: COVID-19 vaccines are currently authorized and recommended for people aged 5 years and older. They are safe and effective at preventing COVID-19 and serious clinical outcomes associated with a COVID-19 infection, including hospitalization and death. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently strengthened its recommendation on boosters to state that everyone aged 18 and older should get a booster shot.

COVID-19 vaccine availability has increased greatly since the beginning of the roll-out in early 2021. Vaccines are now widely available at many local pharmacies and clinics and have various evening and weekend hours. The Health Department is still sponsoring several clinics as well. Residents can search for a vaccine provider on www.vaccines.gov or www.sarpycasshealthdepartment.org/myturn or call 1-800-232-0233 for assistance.

Getting vaccinated or receiving a booster dose when eligible is the best thing residents can do to protect themselves, their families, friends and community from COVID-19.

Due to sustained high levels of community transmission of COVID-19, the Health Department continues to encourage resident to practice physical distancing from others that live outside of their home, utilize a cloth face covering when indoors, stay home when ill, get tested for COVID-19 if experience symptoms, and if eligible get the COVID-19 vaccine and booster.

Public health partners across the state continue to take action to protect the health of Nebraskans. The Sarpy/Cass Health Department will continue to update our community as new information becomes available.

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