



Unified Vaccination Program Taking Vaccines Out into Community

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PUEBLO, CO. – Pueblo County’s Unified COVID-19 community vaccination program, organized by the Pueblo County Sheriff’s Office and the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment, continues to administer vaccines in the community and is expected to dispense hundreds more this week as part of mobile clinics being scheduled throughout the community.

Pueblo’s community clinic organizers had been operating the mass community clinic at the Pueblo Mall until the State of Colorado took over operations on March 22 and moved the clinic to the Colorado State Fairgrounds. Local planners from the Sheriff’s Office and PDPHE shifted from the large-scale mass vaccination site to smaller, target clinics in the community in an effort to more efficiently vaccinate residents.

Clinic planners expect to vaccinate nearly 700 Evraz employees on Thursday at a mobile clinic on Evraz grounds. Additional vaccines will be administered this week at a small second-dose clinic scheduled at the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment and at a local senior apartment complex. Plans are also underway to vaccinate some homebound residents.

“We transitioned from operating the mass community clinic, but we haven’t stopped working toward our goal of getting our residents fully vaccinated,” said Pueblo County Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor. “We know that not everyone can make it to the mass vaccination clinics and that means taking the vaccine out to them. Targeted outreach will better ensure that all residents have the opportunity to get vaccinated and getting people vaccinated is key to putting our community back on track.”

“We are focusing our vaccination efforts on providing clinics to specific communities,” added Randy Evetts, public health director for the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment. “We’re trying to reach people where they live and work, making it easier for them to get vaccinated. One of our top priorities is to ensure there is equitable access to the vaccine and in some cases that requires us taking it out to the community.”

Local planners expect to do more mobile clinics throughout the county in the future, particularly as the state opens the vaccination registration to all residents beginning Friday, April 2.

As of March 28, there have been 22,847 first dose and 17,402 second dose vaccines administered through the efforts of the Pueblo County Unified COVID-19 vaccination program. Other targeted clinics local planners have organized and administered vaccines for have been first responders, medical personnel, teachers and licensed childcare workers, grocery store workers and certain assisted living centers.