



Community Talking Points

March 9, 2021

- Eligibility for COVID-19 vaccines has expanded recently.
 - Those eligible now include people who are age 60 or older, as well as:
 - Anyone who is pregnant, or is living with type 1 diabetes, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), or who has received a bone marrow transplant.
 - Those who work in childcare services, funeral services, law enforcement or corrections.
 - Starting Thursday, this will also include:
 - People age 50 or older
 - Anyone younger who has type 2 diabetes or end-stage renal disease.
 - We're working to adjust some existing vaccine appointments within ArmorVax to allow people who will be newly eligible Thursday to register.
 - For the most recent information on vaccine eligibility or to schedule an appointment, go to www.WoodCountyHealth.org or call 419-823-9512.
- School employees around Wood County will receive second doses of vaccine on Friday. Many schools will have a remote learning day.
- Johnson & Johnson vaccines arrived for the first time recently and are being given this week to members of Phase 1C and other recipients.
 - This is a one-dose vaccine.
 - All three vaccines that are currently available are safe and effective, and provide strong protection against serious COVID-19 illness.
 - Get more information from CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines.html>
- Vaccine appointments are available now with several local providers.
 - Get contact information for vaccine providers, and what we know about how they schedule appointments, at Vaccine.WoodCountyHealth.org. To hear a recorded message about Wood County's vaccine campaign, call 419-823-9528.
 - Some local providers, like Wood County Health Department, Mercy Health and Wood County Hospital, make additional appointments available starting at noon on Fridays.
- We're partnering with Wood County Committee on Aging to provide vaccination at home for seniors who need it.
 - Being homebound means a person does not leave his or her home under normal circumstances or without assistance from others.
 - Call Wood County Committee on Aging at 1-800-367-4935 to make arrangements. Once you've connected with the Committee on Aging, the Health Department will contact you.