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Commissioner Van Doren Announces Hunterdon County Health Department To Host Additional COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

New Bivalent Vaccine Available

Commissioner Shaun C. Van Doren, the Board's Health Department liaison recently announced that the Hunterdon County Health Department will offering additional COVID-19 vaccination clinics as a result of strong public demand. "I was advised by Health Department Director Karen DeMarco that the recent clinic held on October 19th was completely booked and there were over 50 walk-ins, which more than double of what was expected."

The additional COVID-19 vaccination clinics will be held on November 2nd from 12 PM to 2 PM; November 16th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM; November 30th from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM; and December 14th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The clinics will be held at the Route 12 County Complex, 314 Route 12 in Flemington. In addition to the traditional COVID-19 vaccine, the Health Department also has doses of the new bivalent booster shot for eligible recipients.

Commissioner Van Doren, noted, "The bivalent vaccine, also referred to as 'updated boosters' contain two messenger RNA (mRNA) components of SARS-CoV-2 virus, one of the original strains of SARS-CoV-2 and the other one in common between the BA.4 and BA.5 lineages of the omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2. In other words, it provides improved protection against the omicron variant of the COVID-19 strain."

The CDC recommends everyone eligible should get vaccinated and boosted. According to the CDC, COVID-19 vaccines are safe and highly effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death.

Interested residents should visit the county website, [here](#), for more information.

"The entire team at the Health Department continues to meet the ongoing challenges posed by COVID-19 and they are to be commended for their hard work and continued dedication to the community," Van Doren noted.

In addition to bivalent and initial doses of COVID-19 vaccine, the County Health Department is providing weekly pediatric vaccine clinics for those under the age of 5. The pediatric clinics are strictly by [appointment only](#).