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CITY OF BRISTOL TO PARTNER WITH THE STATE OF CT AND GRIFFIN HEALTH TO BRING MOBILE VACCINE CLINICS TO BRISTOL APRIL 22 THROUGH APRIL-25

Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu and the City of Bristol's Emergency Management Director, Harley Graime announced today that the City of Bristol will be partnering with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health and Griffin Health to bring pop-up vaccine clinics to Bristol.

Two Griffin Health vans will be deployed to Bristol and will be located at the Mrs. Rockwell's building, next to the playground on Thursday April 22, Friday April 23, and Saturday April 24 from 12 to 6 pm each day. Each van will have between 100 and 125 Moderna vaccines for a total of approximately 250 vaccines per day. The clinics will be staffed by Griffin Health personnel and the National Guard.

"This clinic is open to Bristol residents ONLY who are 18 years or older – appointments are not needed. Those who receive a vaccine will be given assistance to schedule their second vaccine appointment when the vans return to Bristol from May 20 through May 22." said Mayor Zoppo-Sassu.

"Bringing mobile vaccination units to Bristol is an opportunity to reach those populations here in Bristol who lack technology and transportation or who have language barriers," stated Councilman, Peter Kelley, who represents the neighborhood around Rockwell Park, which is one of the targets to increase vaccinations. "Our expectation is that the locations and dates and times of these clinics will allow us to reach as many of the hardest to reach populations as possible."

"The City of Bristol is grateful to be able to be part of the State's new phase of vaccine rollout making it easier for more people to be vaccinated," stated Harley Graime, Emergency Management Director for the City of Bristol.

In addition, a Mobile Vaccine Clinic will take place at First Congregational Church on Federal Hill and at Asbury United Methodist Church in Forestville on Sunday, April 25 from 11 to 5 pm to administer first doses of the Moderna vaccine to Bristol residents who are 18 years or older. The vans will then return on Sunday, May 23 to administer the second doses. "We are targeting our church populations and setting up mobile clinics in areas where there are multiple churches in the general area, although any Bristol resident can access this Sunday mobile clinic as well," stated Councilwoman Brittany Barney, who represents both the Forestville area where Asbury is located, as well as Federal Hill where the mobile clinic will be based at First Congregational.

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“One of the challenges we have heard from people is the times of clinics is not convenient for the working population,” said Councilman Scott Rosado, who is liaison to the Parks Department.

“Because of that, we decided to use the Parks with a Noon-6pm timeframe, in the hope that we can grab people before they go to work second shift, as well as people as they get out of work,” Rosado said. “The staff we are working with at the State Dept. of Health then offered a Sunday option, and we jumped at the chance to extend this to a Sunday.”

“Throughout the pandemic we have had great communication with both our non-profits and our faith leaders,” said the mayor. “I sent out an email last week about the possibility of scheduling this in concert with our local churches and got a great response.”

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