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East Providence Emergency Management Agency opens vaccinations to teachers and residents of congregate living facilities

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – The City of East Providence, in partnership with the Rhode Island Department of Health, has established a Closed Point of Dispensing (POD) for COVID-19 vaccine administration for East Providence schools' K-12 teachers and staff and East Providence DHS-licensed childcare and daycare providers.

“Our team has been collaborating with the school administration of both our public and private schools to be sure that all school staff have the opportunity to be vaccinated and are diligently working with property managers of congregate living facilities to be sure all of our senior residents in those buildings are vaccinated,” Mayor Bob DaSilva said. “Citywide, our staff and volunteers are working to be sure every resident who wants a vaccine receives one.

“Thank you to all of our residents for their patience and cooperation during this time,” DaSilva added.

As Closed PODs, the clinics, being held Friday, March 12 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (for East Providence public schools staff) and Saturday, March 13 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (for private schools and licensed childcare and home daycare staff), will only be accessible to specific lists of school administration, staff and teachers.

School staff are being contacted by the district with instructions on how to schedule their vaccine. Walk-ins will not be permitted.

In order for school-related staff to be vaccinated at these PODs, individuals must meet the following requirements:

- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Provide regular, direct service to children as part of school operations including administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff, clerical staff, custodian or maintenance, bus drivers/bus monitors.
- Have current work ID. A badge with a minimum of the school's name and the employee's first name and photo will be required for vaccination at a POD. (Pay stub or letter from employer and ID will also be accepted when no workplace badge is available.)
- Staff MUST provide the full name of their school or organization in the "Affiliated Organization" field in the PrepMod registration signup
- Only individuals who meet the above requirements and show corresponding identification will be allowed entry to a POD.

East Providence EMA will also begin vaccinating East Providence residents who are living in congregate living facilities on March 16, March 20, March 23 and March 26. These residents will receive the vaccine without having to leave their own living facility. Residents will be contacted by their property owner/manager who will work with residents to schedule their appointments.

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will be administered at these PODs and at the congregate living facilities. Information on the Pfizer vaccine may be found here:

<https://www.fda.gov/media/144414/download>

To stay updated on all COVID-19 information, please visit:

<https://www.eastprovidenceri.gov/COVID-19>

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Caption: East Providence Battalion Chief Michael Carey prepares dosages of COVID-19 Vaccine. Carey and the East Providence Emergency Management Agency team will begin providing vaccines to East Providence school teachers and staff and East Providence residents living in congregate living facilities.