Wolf Administration, Harrisburg Mayor Highlight Convenient Vaccination Opportunity at Farm Show Complex

Opportunity to get vaccinated to protect yourself and community, plus support local agriculture

Harrisburg, PA – Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding was joined by Department of Health Physician General Dr. Denise Johnson and Mayor of Harrisburg Eric Papenfuse today at the Farm Show Complex & Expo Center to highlight an upcoming vaccine clinic being hosted there during the Keystone International Livestock Exposition.

"The Farm Show Complex has been supporting the commonwealth and the greater Harrisburg community for more than a century. Hosting events that support jobs and economic revenue, and community trainings," said Redding. "Our mission is to support the agriculture industry and our community, this free clinic is an effort to ensure that those who are local to the complex have the opportunity to access the vaccine, a necessary tool in our fight against COVID-19."

The clinic at the Farm Show Complex, being held from 10 AM to 4 PM on October 7 and 8, takes place during one of the most recognized livestock shows in the country, the Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE). The clinic at the complex offers a convenient opportunity for residents of Harrisburg and the surrounding areas to take advantage of freely available vaccines to protect against COVID-19.

Those who attend the free clinic can also visit the livestock show being hosted at the complex. Sheep, cattle, horses, and swine can be found in the barns or competing in the showrings for top honors. In addition to animal encounters, visitors can support local farmers in the food court with options available from the Pennsylvania Livestock Association and PA Dairymen's famous Farm Show milkshakes. The show runs through Sunday, October 11.

"More than ever, it important for individuals to get their COVID-19 vaccine, taking the lead as a third-class city, we have required it for our all of our employees," said Mayor Papenfuse. "This free clinic is another great local resource for the City."

COVID-19 vaccines are the best way to protect against the virus, including new variants. Data shows that vaccines provide protection against severe disease, hospitalization, and death. Community vaccine events are critical to reaching the public and offering protection to all Pennsylvanians.

"Getting vaccinated is the best way to stop the COVID-19 pandemic and the Department of Health continues to look for ways to make the vaccines easily available to everyone," Dr. Johnson said. "The vaccines are proven safe and effective and we urge everyone 12 and older to get it now to protect themselves and their loved ones."

The Pennsylvania Department of Health urges Pennsylvanians to follow CDC guidance for wearing masks when required by law, rule and regulations, including healthcare, local business and workplace guidance. Pennsylvanians in counties with substantial or high transmission of COVID-19 should wear a mask indoors in public situations.

The Department of Health is working to ensure the vaccine is provided in a way that is ethical, equitable and efficient to all Pennsylvanians:

- All Pennsylvanians age 12 and older are eligible to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine. Use Vaccine Finder to find a COVID-19 vaccine provider near you.
- A commonwealth COVID-19 vaccination guide explains the current process for getting one. Pennsylvanians with questions about the vaccination process can call the Department of Health hotline at 1-877-724-3258.
- Vaccine dashboard data can also be found on the website to find more information on the doses administered and showcase demographic information.
- The Unite Against COVID Weekly Update is a round-up of news you can use and answers to your most pressing vaccine questions – delivered directly to your inbox every week.
- Frequently asked questions can be found here.

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