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COVID-19 Vaccine Program Update

Governor Walz recently announced all Minnesotans aged 16 and older are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccine providers, including Anoka County Public Health, have been directed to prioritize vaccine appointments for people most at risk of getting COVID-19, or those who could develop severe illness if infected. This includes older Minnesotans, people with underlying health conditions, and those in essential jobs. Anoka County Public Health continues to follow the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines on vaccine rollout, which can be found at <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/whos-getting-vaccinated/index.jsp>.

Community members are encouraged to go through the Vaccine Connector on the MDH website to find a vaccine opportunity (<https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/connector/connector.jsp>).

Community members should only set up a vaccine appointment if they are invited to a clinic directly by a vaccine provider. Using a shared link may prevent prioritized individuals from being able to schedule an appointment. Those who sign up for an Anoka County vaccine clinic who were not invited will have their appointment canceled. Anoka County is privileged to provide COVID-19 vaccine to the protect the health and safety of the community.

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