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Over 8,000 COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Given at Area Schools

Eau Claire, WI- June 27, 2022 – Over the past 14 months, the Health Department has been partnering with area school districts to host on-site vaccination clinics. Health Department staff and volunteers were able to vaccinate 8,270 individuals because of the vaccination clinics at the School District of Altoona, Eau Claire Area School District and Fall Creek School District. In Eau Claire County, 35% of children ages 5-11 and 69% of kids ages 12-17 have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

“We’d like to say a heartfelt and sincere thank you to schools for opening your buildings to numerous Health Department COVID vaccination clinics over the past 14 months,” says Lieske Giese, Health Department Director/Health Officer. “The opportunity to use these spaces has been invaluable to our community vaccination efforts, as schools offer a familiar and convenient location to get vaccinated.”

As of June 22, 2022, anyone age 6 months or older can get their first dose of vaccine against COVID-19. Anyone age 5 and older should get a booster dose to help maintain that protection over time. People age 50 or older and those who have weakened immune systems should get two booster doses, since these groups are at the highest risk to get seriously sick.

Vaccination lowers your chance of getting seriously ill from COVID-19 and helps to reduce the number of cases in our community. While children and adolescents are typically at lower risk than adults of becoming severely ill or hospitalized from COVID-19, it is still possible. We encourage you to talk with your child’s doctor if you have any questions about the COVID-19 vaccine.

The Health Department will continue to partner with schools to offer on-site vaccination clinics. To find COVID-19 vaccination appointments in Eau Claire County, visit: vaccines.gov or bit.ly/covidvaccine-ec.

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