



For Immediate Release

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Public Service Announcement

Gallup Service Unit (GSU) COVID-19 Vaccination Events for the Week 2/22 – 2/28

Gallup, New Mexico --- Gallup Service Unit will be conducting the following vaccination events to provide the **first dose** of COVID-19 vaccination for qualifying individuals:

UNM-Gallup Campus on **Thursday, February 25th** from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm for first dose

Tohatchi Health Center on **Wednesday, February 24th** from 8:00 am to 11:00 am for first dose

These events will be for IHS beneficiaries. Individuals must live in the Gallup Service Unit or receive the majority of their healthcare through GSU.

For the vaccination events on **Wednesday, February 24th** at THC and **Thursday, February 25th** at UNM-Gallup, COVID-19 vaccines will be available to individuals in the following groups:

- Individuals, ages 65 years and older
- Individuals, ages 18 to 64 years with the following medical conditions:
 - Asthma
 - Cancer
 - Cerebrovascular disease (previous stroke)
 - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
 - Cystic fibrosis
 - Diabetes
 - Down syndrome
 - Heart disease such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathy
 - High blood pressure
 - Immunocompromised state from blood or bone marrow transplant, solid organ transplant, immune deficiencies, HIV, or use of immune-weakening medicines
 - Neurologic conditions such as dementia
 - Liver disease
 - Overweight (BMI 25-30) or Obesity (BMI over 30)
 - Pulmonary fibrosis
 - Pregnancy
 - Renal disease
 - Sickle Cell Disease or Thalassemia
- Home caregivers of the elderly or dependent individuals at high risk of severe COVID

Expect long wait times. Be prepared by bringing food, water, and any other necessities while you wait.

Please have your medical record number readily available in order to verify your information.

All COVID-19 vaccinations are voluntary. To review frequently asked questions about the COVID-19 vaccination, visit: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html

The CDC recommends to not receive the COVID-19 vaccine within two weeks of receiving other vaccines. Due to the severe health risks associated with COVID-19 and the fact that reinfection with COVID-19 is possible, individuals who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 may be vaccinated after they have recovered and their isolation period is complete. Individuals on isolation or quarantine must stay home. Current evidence suggests that reinfection with the virus that causes COVID-19 is uncommon in the 90 days after initial infection, so you may wait 90 days if desired. If you were treated for COVID-19 symptoms with monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma, you must wait 90 days before getting a COVID-19 vaccine. Talk to your doctor if you are unsure what treatments you received or if you have more questions about getting a COVID-19 vaccine.

The following events will be taking place to provide the **second dose ONLY** of COVID-19 vaccine.

- **Monday, February 22nd and Wednesday, February 24th ONLY** for patients who received their **first dose of vaccine on Saturday, January 30th** at the UNM-Gallup Campus.
- **Saturday, February 27th ONLY** for patients who received their **first dose of vaccine on Saturday, February 6th** at the UNM-Gallup Campus.

Please bring the CDC vaccination card provided to you at your first dose.

For any questions, please contact the GIMC COVID-19 Vaccine Information Line at (505)722-1753.