Marion County Press Release

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RE: Marion County Update and Vaccination Clinic Schedule Week for April 26-30

Marion County Public Health Department Provides Update

(Knoxville, IA) -

NOROVIRUS: Marion County has seen an uptick in NOROVIRUS. Norovirus is a virus that causes diarrhea and vomiting. Norovirus is easily spread, most frequently spread through oral/fecal route. Norovirus is NOT killed by hand sanitizer; hand washing for 20 seconds is the most effective method of preventing spread. Wash your hands frequently, and especially after using rest room, before preparing or eating food. Environmental cleaning for norovirus should be done using a bleach based cleaner, or a commercial cleaner that is specifically effective for norovirus.

COVID-19: We currently have 9 active cases, and 13 to be worked. This uptick is related to a single event, where a positive case did not stay home as directed. Positive cases must stay home until the completion of the isolation period. In general, stay home if you are sick. As always, close contacts are being notified of quarantine period.

Marion County Public Health is hosting COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics at the following times and locations:

FIRST DOSE ONLY CLINICS:

Friday, April 30 from 8:30-Noon

This clinic is PRIME DOSE MODERNA (first dose) clinic, only for those who live or work in Marion County. Only first doses will be provided at this clinic. All who live or work in Marion County, are 18 years old or older, and vaccine is not medically contra-indicated may receive the vaccine. Bring your identification. If you work, but do not live in Marion County, bring documentation (pay stub, letter, name tag, other item) that demonstrates you work in Marion County.

Click this link to schedule: https://login.nowaitinside.com/#/booking/6o1g26EfKO9yh9tkrs0ydhyV

SECOND DOSE MODERNA ONLY CLINIC:

Tuesday, April 27 from 9-3 at Marion County Public Health Department, 2003 N Lincoln, Knoxville

Thursday, April 29 from 9-3 at Marion County Public Health Department, 2003 N Lincoln, Knoxville

If you live or work in Marion County, it has been at least 28 days since your first dose, and you need a boost (2nd) dose of MODERNA, please schedule for one of these clinics. If you are a Marion County "snowbird", and received your first dose of MODERNA at your other residence, you may schedule at these clinics.

• Bring your vaccination Card (second dose only)

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For assistance with scheduling an appointment call 641-828-2238. Once all appointments are filled a notification will be posted onto the following websites: <u>https://www.facebook.com/MarionCountyIAResponsetoCOVID19</u>, <u>https://www.facebook.com/MarionCountyPublicHealthlowa</u>, <u>https://marionph.org/covid-19-information/</u>.

A schedule of clinic dates and locations will be released on Monday's at the following location: <u>https://www.facebook.com/MarionCountyIAResponsetoCOVID19</u>.

Media inquiries should be directed to Kim Dorn via phone at 641-828-2238x3850, or email at <u>covid-19@marioncountyiowa.gov</u> Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM.

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