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El Paso County Public Health, Pikes Peak United Way, and Nomi Health team up to bring vaccinations directly to local community in need

May 4, 2021 — In an effort to make COVID-19 vaccines as accessible as possible, Pikes Peak United Way (PPUW) is teaming up with El Paso County Public Health and Nomi Health, the direct healthcare company supporting COVID-19 testing and vaccination efforts across the country, to bring a mobile vaccination van to PPUW's food distributions. The van will be stationed at Mitchell High School every first Thursday of the month and will have the capacity for up to 200 doses of the Pfizer vaccine, which is approved for people 16 and over.

"There are many of our neighbors who do not have a family doctor, nor do they know where to get a vaccine," said Cindy Aubrey, President and CEO of Pikes Peak United Way. "Thanks to the mobile clinic provided by El Paso County Public Health and Nomi Health, many of those neighbors in our community will get their vaccine."

Those interested in receiving the Pfizer vaccine at Mitchell High School are encouraged to pre-register at comassvax.org/reg/0513296084. This ensures the clinic will have enough vaccines on hand and streamlines the process for the guest. Patients can register on-site but advanced registration is preferred. Anyone between the ages of 16 and 18 will have to preregister and will also need to have parental consent, which can be filled out when they preregister.

"We are so thankful for this partnership between El Paso County Public Health and Nomi Health," said Elizabeth Quevedo, PPUW's Director of Community Impact. "We have been serving the community with these food distributions in partnership with Care and Share for almost two years, but to be able to give access to a vaccine is an incredible opportunity. We are excited to help keep our community healthy and fed!"

Anyone who receives their first dose on May 6th will be able to register for the second dose on site, after they have received the first. The second dose will be administered on Thursday, June 3rd at Mitchell High School.

“While we’ve made great strides in vaccinating more than 50 percent of the eligible population in the last six months, it’s important that we continue making efforts to make the vaccine as accessible as we can,” said Susan Wheelen, director of El Paso County Public Health. “We’re committed to meeting the state’s goal of vaccinating 75% of our population by July 4th, and outreach efforts like this allow us to take the vaccines directly into the communities, reduce any barriers and increase community health protection.”

“We’re proud to partner with Pikes Peak United Way and to continue our collaboration with El Paso County Public Health as we deliver vaccines to Coloradans in need,” shared Mark Newman, CEO and co-founder, Nomi Health. “Offering vaccinations at a local food distribution center is a perfect example of the importance of bringing healthcare solutions to people directly, ensuring access to care for as many people as possible. We’re excited to serve this community in the weeks ahead as Coloradans grapple with the ongoing impact of the pandemic.”

The mobile vaccination van will continue to be a part of PPUW’s food distributions until further notice.

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Pikes Peak United Way Mission: To enhance youth success and family stability in the Pikes Peak region by leading and lifting the most vulnerable in our community with mentorship, life resources and real job opportunities. Our signature programs and partner agencies intently focus on connecting youth and their families to resources at the front end of their life journey to ensure access to fundamental needs of food, shelter and learning resources for all.
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