New Bedford Health Officials: "Get vaccinated by Oct. 18 to have safe holiday season with family and friends"

Getting vaccinated for COVID-19 is not only about protecting yourself — it's also about protecting your family, friends, and community. For people who are unvaccinated and want to have a safe holiday season with loved ones, the coming week is a great time to get started, and be fully vaccinated by Thanksgiving.

City leaders and health officials are urging unvaccinated residents to get their first shot before Oct. 18, to have safe and healthy holidays. People who get their first shot of the Pfizer vaccine before Oct. 18 can be fully vaccinated by the week of Nov. 22, including three weeks between shots and two weeks after the second shot. Pfizer and the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine are commonly available at local clinics and vaccination sites.

There are several local opportunities for vaccinations between now and Oct 18.

Here's a quick list for easy reference, followed by a detailed list below:

- Friday, Oct. 8, 2 6:30 p.m., Loretta Bourque Park
- Saturday, Oct. 9, 11 a.m. 6:30 p.m., Ashley Park
- Sunday, Oct. 10, 11 a.m. 6:30 p.m., Ashley Park
- Sunday, Oct. 10, 11 a.m. 6:30 p.m., Loretta Bourque Park
- Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2 p.m. 7 p.m., McCoy Rec Center
- Tuesday, Oct. 12, 9 a.m. 3 p.m., GNB Community Health Center
- Wednesday, Oct. 13, 3 p.m. 6 p.m., GNB Voc Tech

- Thursday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m. 3 p.m., GNB Community Health Cemter
- Friday, Oct. 15, 1 p.m. 6:30 p.m., Fire Station 8
- Saturday, Oct. 16, 11 a.m. 6 p.m., Riverside Park
- Sunday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. 6 p.m., Riverside Park
- Sunday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. 6 p.m., Fire Station 8

Upcoming New Bedford Vaccination Clinics:

COVID-19 vaccination clinics are planned for the next several days in New Bedford. No appointment is needed at these walk-up clinics. Available vaccines can change according to supplies.

Friday, October 8:

- PAACA (360 Coggeshall St.) 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., J&J
- New Bedford High School (230 Hathaway Blvd.) -2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Pfizer for ages 12+ and J&J for ages 18+ (Minors need parental consent, provided either in advance online, or inperson at the school)

Loretta Bourque Park (Ruth St. & Ashley St.) — 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Pfizer and J&J

Saturday, October 9:

• Ashley Park (Rivet St. & Bolton St.) - 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Pfizer and J&J

Sunday, October 10:

- Ashley Park (Rivet St. & Bolton St.) 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Pfizer and J&J
- Loretta Bourque Park (Ruth St. & Ashley St.) 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Pfizer and J&J

Tuesday, October 12:

- Greater New Bedford Community Health Center (874 Purchase St.) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J
- Former Fire Station 11 (754 Brock Ave.) 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., J&J
- Normandin Middle School (81 Felton St.) -2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Pfizer for ages 12+ and J&J for ages 18+ (Minors need parental

consent, provided either in advance online, or in-person at the school)

• Andrea McCoy Recreation Center (181 Hillman St.) - 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., Pfizer and J&J

Wednesday, October 13:

• Keith Middle School (225 Hathaway Blvd) -2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Pfizer for ages 12+ and J&J for ages 18+ (Minors need parental consent, provided either in advance online, or in-person at the school)

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School (1121 Ashley Blvd) — 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Pfizer

• Thursday, October 14:

Greater New Bedford Community Health Center (874 Purchase St.) – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pfizer, Moderna, J&J

• Roosevelt Middle School (119 Frederick St.) -2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Pfizer for ages 12+ and J&J for ages 18+ (Minors need parental consent, provided either in advance online, or inperson at the school)

Friday, October 15:

- PAACA (360 Coggeshall St.) 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., J&J
- New Bedford High School (230 Hathaway Blvd.) -2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Pfizer for ages 12+ and J&J for ages 18+ (Minors need parental consent, provided either in advance online, or inperson at the school)

Monday, October 18:

• Andrea McCoy Recreation Center (181 Hillman St.) — 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., Pfizer and J&J