

DHD#10, LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS, AND MUNSON PARTNER TO HOST COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC AT LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT

April 20, 2021- District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) is partnering with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) and Munson Healthcare to host a COVID-19 vaccine clinic at the Little River Casino Resort (LRCR) in Manistee on Wednesday, April 28 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

This vaccine clinic is open to the public and appointments can be <u>scheduled online</u>. Walk-ins are also welcome between 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM – no appointment necessary, but first come, first served. Adults 18 and older are eligible to receive their first dose of the Moderna vaccine, and second doses will be scheduled onsite.

"We are pleased to be partnering with LRBOI, Munson, and Little River Casino Resort to host this COVID-19 vaccine clinic," stated Kevin Hughes, Health Officer for DHD#10. "It's opportunities like this that allow us to accommodate more people in a convenient location."

"The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has been looking for an opportunity this year to collaborate with our local health partners to help fight COVID-19 in our community," stated Brandy Martin, Incident Commander for LRBOI. "Little River Casino Resort offered up their space without hesitation to help achieve this goal. With the recent surge in cases, the opportune time is now to put together a vaccination clinic to work towards the goal of getting our community to herd immunity."

"COVID-19 is surging, and community spread is at its peak," stated Dr. Christine Nefcy, MD, FAAP, Chief Medical Officer for Munson Healthcare. "The good news is, the vaccine is available and we are receiving a steady supply for northern Michigan. We continue to urge everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Munson Healthcare is grateful for the collaboration with our local health departments and their tireless work to extend access to the vaccine as quickly as possible."

Anyone receiving their vaccine at this special COVID-19 clinic will receive \$10 Free Play from the Little River Casino Resort.

"The Little River Casino Resort appreciates the opportunity to partner with LRBOI Tribal Health, DHD#10, and Munson as the health and safety of our community and combatting the spread of Covid19 is of the upmost importance," stated James Henderson, Risk Manager for LRCR. "The Resort is prepared for this event and has safety protocols already in place to ensure a successful vaccination clinic."

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine, go to www.dhd10.org/covid-19-vaccine. Sign up for our Public Health Alert at www.dhd10.org/schedule.



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