

DHD#10 ANNOUNCES NOVAVAX COVID-19 VACCINE NOW AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS 18 AND OLDER

August 19, 2022 – Based on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Emergency Use Authorization, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recommendation, District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) is now offering a limited supply of the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine available for residents 18 and older to begin their two-dose vaccine series.

"We are very excited to announce that the Novavax vaccine is now available in our district," said DHD#10 Medical Director Dr. Jennifer Morse. "COVID-19 is still a serious problem, so it's great that we can now offer an additional vaccine to our residents. The Novavax vaccine has been shown to be over 90% effective at preventing serious illness from COVID-19. If you have not already, it is not too late to get vaccinated!"

The Novavax COVID-19 vaccine is a two-dose vaccine series, separated by three to eight weeks. However, the three-week separation is recommended for individuals that:

- Are moderately or severely immunocompromised
- Aged 65 or older
- In a situation where there is an increased risk or concern about <u>COVID-19</u> <u>levels within their community</u>, or are at risk of severe COVID-19 infection

No booster doses are currently recommended for residents receiving the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine.

To schedule to receive the Novavax vaccine, or any other COVID-19 vaccine or booster dose, please visit https://www.dhd10.org/schedule or call 888-217-3904. If no appointments are available, consider going to a pharmacy or your primary health care provider.

DHD#10 now supplies COVID-19 at-home tests; however, supplies are limited. COVID-19 test kits are limited at each DHD#10 office and are available on a first come, first served basis. Individuals are asked to take one kit per person, and up to four kits per household. Each kit has two tests inside and expire March 2023. Test kits are also available at most pharmacies. Be sure to call your pharmacy ahead of time, as demand remains high.

For more information about the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/novavax.html.

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