



RE: Effective Immediately, 16 and up are eligible for COVID vaccine

March 31, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The information below is being shared at the request of the Kent County Health Department for families who may be interested in getting the vaccine.

Thanks,

CCS Administration

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The West Michigan Vaccine Clinic at DeVos Place, operated by Kent County, Spectrum Health, and Mercy Health in collaboration with Vaccinate West Michigan is expanding vaccine availability to all 16 and older, immediately.

The clinic operates by appointment only. Patients can now self-schedule [online](#). To set up an appointment for someone ages 16 or 17 or for people who need special assistance, please call 833.755.0696. A parent or guardian must accompany minors.

While the clinic has special capacity to provide 20,000 vaccinations, it has been limited by vaccine supplies. Monday, the clinic gave 12,532 first vaccine doses. The clinic operates by appointment only. The Pfizer vaccine is the only vaccine currently approved for 16 and 17 year olds. Those 18 and up are eligible for Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson. Vaccine volume is still limited and it may take time to get an appointment. Please be patient.

More information about the clinic can be found at [wmvaccineclinic.org](http://wmvaccineclinic.org). On Friday, April 9, Spectrum Health will host a Young People and Vaccinations community conversation, part of the [Vaccine Health Series](#).

[Attachment](#)

**Facebook Post:**

The West Michigan Vaccine Clinic at DeVos Place is opening COVID-19 vaccination for anyone over the age of 16. Check out the link below for more information or to register:

<https://www.spectrumhealth.org/wmvaccineclinic>

Attach 3 images of letter:



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**West Michigan Vaccine Clinic Expands Vaccine Availability to All 16 and Older**

*Additional non-clinical volunteers are needed to support this effort.*

**GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 30, 2021** – The West Michigan Vaccine Clinic at DeVos Place, operated by Kent County, Spectrum Health and Mercy Health in collaboration with Vaccinate West Michigan is expanding vaccine availability to all 16 and older, immediately.

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Additionally, non-clinical volunteers are needed to help support this expansion. Volunteers may assist with greeting clinic attendees, providing directional assistance, escorting attendees who need help, sanitizing and organizing supplies, performing temperature checks and more. Volunteers need not have prior healthcare experience.

To begin the volunteer process, community members ages 18 and older are asked to complete [this survey](#) with Kent County Emergency Management, which is partnering to assist with volunteer management at the clinic. Additionally, volunteers must not have any felonies or misdemeanors within the last ten years, have a valid driver's license with no suspensions in the past five years, and not had a fever or symptoms of the COVID-19 virus for at least 14 days prior to volunteering. The survey will include authorization for a routine background check. Upon completion, eligible volunteers will receive a confirmation email and instructions for signing up for available shifts.

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**About Kent County**

The County of Kent government serves a diverse population of more than 650,000 residents, making it the fourth largest county in Michigan. The County provides a wide range of essential services in the following areas: law enforcement, correctional facility, three court systems, elections, social services, public health, park system and vital records. Additionally, it has operating agreements for the maintenance of County drains, solid waste and road, mental health services, and with the Gerald R. Ford International Airport and John Ball Zoo. To learn more about Kent County services, visit [www.accesskent.com](http://www.accesskent.com).

**About Spectrum Health**

[Spectrum Health System](#), a not-for-profit, integrated health system, is committed to improving the health and wellness of our communities. We live our mission every day with 31,000 compassionate professionals, 4,600 medical staff experts, 3,300 committed volunteers and a [health plan](#) serving more than 1 million members. Our talented physicians and caregivers are privileged to offer a full continuum of care and wellness services to our communities through 14 hospitals, including [Helen DeVos Children's Hospital](#), 150 ambulatory sites and telehealth offerings. We pursue health care solutions for today and tomorrow that diversify our offerings. Locally-governed and based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, our health system provided \$550 million in community benefit in calendar year 2019. Thanks to the generosity of our communities, we received \$37 million in philanthropy to support research, academics, innovation, and clinical care. Spectrum Health has been recognized as one of the nation's 15 Top Health Systems by Truven Health Analytics®, part of IBM Watson Health™.

**About Mercy Health**

Mercy Health is a regional, multi-campus, Catholic health care system serving West Michigan and the lakeshore with 3 hospital campuses, 736 hospital beds, and more than 8,000 colleagues, as well as hospice, home health and long-term care service offerings. Mercy Health has annual operating revenues of about \$1.4 billion and returns about \$80 million to its communities annually through charity care and community benefit programs. Mercy Health Physician Partners, a multi-specialty medical group, employs more than 960 physicians and advanced practice professionals in more than 80 physician offices in Grand



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