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COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS COVID-19 BIVALENT BOOSTERS FOR CHILDREN AGES 6 MONTHS AND UP

Health Commissioner Urges Families to Schedule a COVID Booster Today

(White Plains, NY) – Starting Friday, Jan. 6, the Westchester County Department of Health will offer Bivalent COVID-19 boosters for children ages six months to three years old, in addition to the booster vaccines and flu shots already available for older children and adults.

Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, said “Now that this COVID-19 booster is available for the youngest children, I strongly urge parents to schedule it right away, with your child’s healthcare provider or with the Health Department. New York State has already reported pediatric deaths from flu and COVID-19, including in otherwise healthy children who were unvaccinated, and there are high rates of hospitalization for other respiratory viruses. Vaccination now will give your family a healthy start to the new year and reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 to more vulnerable family and friends.”

Flu season is here, and families also can schedule flu vaccines with their healthcare provider or at the Health Department Clinic in White Plains.

The Westchester County Health Department will offer pediatric COVID-19 bivalent boosters to infants six months of age and up who have completed their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines, by [appointment](#), on Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the County Clinic in White Plains at 134 Court Street.

Go to www.westchestergov.com/health to book your vaccine visit.

In the U.S., flu activity is usually highest between December and February, but can last into May. One flu vaccine now provides protection all season long and can prevent illness or reduce the severity of flu symptoms. The vaccine becomes fully effective after about two weeks.

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Westchester County, located in the heart of the historic Hudson Valley, covers 500 square miles and has a population of just over a million. Originally home to Native Americans, who were members of the Lenape tribe, it is today a rich mix of many cultures and landscapes. The County is a blend of bustling cities, quaint villages and picturesque towns as well as open spaces and a network of beautiful parks. Westchester is made up of 6 cities, 19 towns and 20 villages. Westchester County is known for top-notch public schools, and a high quality of life. The County is also an intellectual capital, boasting a highly educated workforce, competitive colleges and universities, Fortune 500 companies, world changing non-profits, and cutting-edge research centers. Westchester is led by County Executive George Latimer, who took office in January 2018 as the ninth County Executive. Using inclusion and openness as a foreground, Latimer is fighting to make Westchester a destination for all people to live, work and enjoy. Learn more about Westchester County by visiting www.westchestergov.com

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