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### **COVID-19 pop-up vaccination clinics scheduled, Vaccine Sweepstakes drawings continue**

Three pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinics will be held this week in Butte-Silver Bow. All vaccine models – Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson – will be available at all clinics.

The week's first clinic will be held Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Legion Oasis Apartments, 3400 Hill Ave. The second clinic will be held at Butte-Silver Bow's COVID-19 Vaccine Sweepstakes event at 2 p.m. Thursday, at the Butte Civic Center lobby. And the third clinic will be held Thursday evening at the Music on Main event on the 100 block of North Main Street, 6 to 9 p.m.

Those ages 12 and up are eligible for the vaccines. Those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

In addition to the pop-up clinics, vaccines may be obtained at a variety of area pharmacies. More information is available at <https://www.vaccines.gov>.

Butte-Silver Bow residents fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are automatically entered into Butte-Silver Bow's COVID-19 Vaccine Sweepstakes, which weekly is awarding two \$10,000 prizes and three \$5,000 prizes. Those fully vaccinated prior to May 27 are eligible for the two \$10,000 awards. Those fully vaccinated on May 27 or after are eligible for the two \$10,000 awards and the three \$5,000 awards.

"This really should incentivize those who are unvaccinated against COVID-19 to get fully immunized," said Butte-Silver Bow Health Officer Karen Sullivan.

The first five sweepstakes winners were announced last week, with Ina Fox and Mark Bleken bringing home \$10,000, and LaDonna Black, Emily Loos and Toby Richards winning \$5,000 each.

In the sweepstakes, five names are randomly drawn each Monday in a system designed and developed by Montana Technological University computer science faculty members. Those five winners are then contacted to ensure they agree to having their names publicly announced as winners. Weekly on Thursdays, through Sept. 30, the names of the winners will be announced.

"The system developed by Montana Tech ensures fairness and confidentiality," Sullivan said. "The system also has an audit trail that proves its fairness."

Butte-Silver Bow remains at No. 2 in the state in regard to COVID-19 vaccination rates, with 16,993 residents – or 56 percent of the county's eligible population – fully vaccinated. Missoula County stands at No. 1, with 59 percent of its eligible population vaccinated.

"We're Butte, so of course we want to be No. 1," Sullivan said. "We believe our sweepstakes effort will get us there."



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More information on local and state immunization rates may be found at <https://montana.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=7c34f3412536439491adcc2103421d4b>.

As of Sunday, 4,167 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Butte-Silver Bow, with five cases remaining active. The county's current seven-day average for confirmed cases is 1.85; COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population stands at 5.3. The county's test positivity rate – the percentage of people testing positive for COVID-19 during a particular time period – is 3.5 percent. To date, 86 Butte-Silver Bow residents have died from virus complications.

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