

# TOWN OF VERNON

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## **COVID-19 Vaccination, Booster and Flu Shot Clinic this Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, Noon to 7 p.m., at 375 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon** *All are Welcome to Receive Vaccinations with No Out of Pocket Cost*

**(VERNON, Connecticut)** – Priority Urgent Care with support from the Town of Vernon is hosting another COVID-19 vaccination and booster shot clinic this Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 7 p.m. at 375 Hartford Turnpike in Vernon. The clinic is open to all people who are eligible to be vaccinated.

People can receive first or second shots of COVID-19 vaccine or booster shots. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines will be available. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine will not be available, however, anyone who initially received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine (two or more months ago) can receive a Moderna or Pfizer booster. Those seeking a vaccine are reminded to bring their vaccination card with them to the clinic.

People can also receive a flu shot, and are welcome to receive both the COVID-19 and flu vaccines.

**To make an appointment, please visit the Town of Vernon website: [www.vernon-ct.gov/covid-19/clinics](http://www.vernon-ct.gov/covid-19/clinics). Walk-ins are welcome, however, people who have scheduled appointments take priority.**

“We are glad to be able to provide another opportunity for people to receive the COVID-19 and flu vaccines,” Vernon Mayor Dan Champagne said. “This clinic is open to anyone that is eligible and who chooses to be vaccinated or receive a booster shot.”

Priority Urgent Care will oversee and operate the clinic. The Town of Vernon will provide logistical support and other assistance.

“By offering COVID-19 vaccine and flu shots with no out of pocket cost, we are making it affordable and convenient for people who would like to receive these vaccines,” Vernon Town Administrator and Emergency and Risk Management Director Michael Purcaro said. “A hallmark of our nationally-recognized COVID-19 vaccination program has been breaking down barriers and making access to vaccine as easy as possible for people in our community.”

Receiving a COVID-19 vaccination continues to be the best way to protect yourself, your family and your community from COVID-19, said Dr. Daksh Rampal of Priority Urgent Care. Getting a flu shot provides protection from a common respiratory illness, Dr. Rampal said.

“The vaccines that are available continue to provide strong protection against hospitalization and death from COVID-19, but immunity against infection can wane over time, especially with highly contagious variants,” Dr. Rampal said. “Booster shots are a way for us to shore up protection for those who are at-risk and who were vaccinated months ago.”

People who received the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine are eligible to receive booster shots if they were vaccinated more than six months ago and fall into one of four categories:

- 65 years of age and older
- Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
- Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings

For people who received the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, booster shots are recommended for those who are 18 years of age and older and who were vaccinated two or more months ago. The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines will be available as boosters to those who initially received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

People 4 and older can receive a flu shot.

People with insurance will be asked to present their insurance cards, but will not be billed beyond what their insurance pays. People without insurance will not be turned away.

For more information about COVID-19 boosters, please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p1021-covid-booster.html>

### **About the Town of Vernon**

The Town of Vernon is a celebrated place to live, work and visit. From its beautiful parks and lakes, to its vast trails and historic homes and buildings, Vernon is a resilient and thriving community that promotes the health and wellbeing of its residents and values the natural environment. With a resident population of approximately 30,000 and occupying 18.03 square miles, Vernon combines a balanced appreciation of history, and a strong economic base for growth, both residential and commercial. Located 15 minutes east of the Connecticut capital of Hartford, and 25 miles from the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, the Town of Vernon is strategically located in “New England's Knowledge Corridor” with close proximity to some of the top colleges and universities in the country.

Designated a certified Sustainable Community, the Town of Vernon offers a wide range of benefits and services to its residents. The Town of Vernon is a full-service municipality that practices a management philosophy of continuous quality improvement. To learn more about the Town of Vernon, please call (860) 870- 3670 or visit [www.vernon-ct.gov](http://www.vernon-ct.gov).

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