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## NIHHC TO BRING BACK DRIVE-THRU COVID-19 VACCINE & TESTING CLINIC ON APRIL 30: AGES 5 AND UP WELCOME!

ELKHART, IN, April 2022 – The Northern Indiana Hispanic Health Coalition (NIHHC), in partnership with the Indiana State Department of Health, REAL Services, and Radio La Raza WKAM-1460, will hold its next **COVID-19 vaccine & testing clinic on Saturday, April 30, from 12 PM-4 PM, in the parking lot of NIHHC’s Elkhart office location, 444 N. Nappanee St., Elkhart, IN 46514.**

The following services will be offered:

- **Pfizer Vaccine: ages 5 and older, 1st and 2nd dose and booster available**
- **Moderna Vaccine: ages 18 and older, 1st and 2nd dose and booster available**
- **PCR COVID-19 Tests: everyone is eligible**

**No documents are required. Community members are encouraged to register for their appointments now by calling or sending a WhatsApp message to NIHHC’s COVID-19 hotline at (574) 206-3938 or by calling 1-877-21-SALUD (72583).**

As spring approaches, the April 30 clinic moves NIHHC’s regular COVID-19 clinics back outdoors, offering a convenient drive-thru opportunity to continue protecting ourselves and those around us from COVID-19.

With the spread of the extremely contagious omicron subvariant, BA.2, cases are on the rise throughout the United States. Health experts stress that COVID-19 vaccinations are key to limiting the spread and protecting those around us who are most at risk of severe illness.

“If you have not been vaccinated, you should be concerned because a more transmissible variant is coming for you and you may spread it to a more vulnerable family member or friend,” said Dr. Daniel Nafziger, Hospital Chief Medical Officer at Goshen Health.

Completing vaccination cycles and ensuring you have all necessary doses is also critical to keeping the pandemic at bay.

“We can prepare for the next surge,” said NIHHC Executive Director, Liliana Quintero. “The booster is that extra protection that could save your life or the life of someone you love.”

NIHHC's COVID-19 clinics provide accessible, convenient, bilingual, and culturally sensitive services. Consistent and accessible vaccination and testing resources will continue to help the community stay on track to resuming life's activities.

Since July 2021, NIHHC has held 11 COVID-19 vaccination clinics in northern Indiana, providing over 2,100 shots to the community. NIHHC meets community members by providing education to make informed decisions about vaccination and by addressing barriers to accessing health care services through trusted locations, convenient days and hours, and the availability of bilingual staff.

With support from the CDC Foundation and REAL Services, NIHHC's COVID-19 vaccination campaign, *Unite Against COVID-19*, reaches the community by partnering with trusted influencers and messengers, leaders, health care providers, and community organizations and agencies.

*The Northern Indiana Hispanic Health Coalition's mission is to provide preventative health care programs to the communities of Elkhart, Kosciusko, Noble, and Marshall counties through education, advocacy, physician referral, and research, so that they may lead healthier lifestyles.*

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