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TULSA HEALTH DEPARTMENT PARTNERS WITH TULSA TRANSIT TO INCREASE COVID-19 VACCINE ACCESS

TULSA, OK - [May 17, 2021] – The Tulsa Health Department has partnered with Tulsa Transit to launch a new incentive program for Tulsa Transit riders to encourage COVID-19 vaccinations and increase accessibility.

“The COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and free to everyone. The Tulsa Health Department is committed to reducing barriers and increasing the accessibility of the vaccine in collaboration with our community partners,” said THD Executive Director Dr. Bruce Dart. “We are grateful to Tulsa Transit for their generous contribution to provide incentives to encourage vaccinations so we can help protect more residents in our community.”

Effective immediately, Tulsa Transit riders who receive a free COVID-19 vaccination at three local vaccine clinics will receive a free 10-Ride Pass to return for their second dose. They will also receive a free 1-Day Pass as an added incentive once they receive their second dose. Tulsa Transit certified Lift customers can make a reservation through the Tulsa Transit call center for a free roundtrip ride to a vaccination center as well.

Riders must present their bus ticket or receipt at time of vaccination to receive the free ride passes. The program is offered at the following vaccine clinic locations:

Tulsa Health Department North Regional Health and Wellness Center
5635 N. MLK Jr. Blvd., Tulsa, OK 74126 | *Served by Tulsa Transit Routes 110, 505*
Appointments required. Vaccinate918.com or call 211.

Tulsa Health Department Central Regional Health Center
315 S. Utica Ave. Tulsa, OK 74104 | *Served by Tulsa Transit Route 130*
Appointments required. Vaccinate918.com or call 211.

Community Vaccination Center at Tulsa Community College Northeast Campus
3727 E. Apache St. Tulsa, OK 74115 | *Served by Tulsa Transit Routes 401,460*
No appointment needed. Center open Tuesdays-Sundays from 10am-7pm.



"We are privileged to partner with the Tulsa Health Department on this incentive," said Ted Rieck, General Manager at Tulsa Transit. "Tulsa Transit strives to increase mobility and help Tulsans live a better life. We hope by reducing this possible transportation barrier, more citizens are encouraged to get vaccinated and protect other members of our community."

Anyone age 12 and older is eligible to receive a free COVID-19 vaccine. Those age 17 and under must have a parent or guardian present for consent to receive the vaccine.

The CDC recently announced updated safety guidelines for fully vaccinated individuals. Federal guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, along with the Transportation Security Administration, still require face masks when traveling on public transportation.

More information regarding vaccine clinic locations in Tulsa County can be found at vaccinate918.com. THD continues to offer specimen collection for COVID-19 testing by appointment only. Appointments can be [scheduled online](#). Call 918-582-9355 to speak to a public health professional. For more information about COVID-19, please visit tulsa-health.org/COVID19.

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Tulsa Health Department

Since its establishment in 1950, the Tulsa Health Department serves as the primary public health agency to more than 600,000 Tulsa County residents, including 13 municipalities and four unincorporated areas. The agency is one of two autonomous local health departments in Oklahoma, with statutory public health jurisdiction throughout Tulsa County and the City of Tulsa. THD's mission is to improve the health and well-being of all Tulsa County residents, in order to make Tulsa County the healthiest county in the country. THD was among the first health departments in the U.S. to receive national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board. For more information, please visit www.tulsa-health.org.

Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority

The Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority (Tulsa Transit) was formed in August 1968 by the City of Tulsa. The agency was set up as a public trust to continue the operations of the private bus service that had been run previously by MK&O Lines. Tulsa Transit now services Tulsa and surrounding areas such as Jenks, Sand Springs and Broken Arrow, operating both fixed route and paratransit bus services. For more information, visit www.tulsatransit.org.

