

FEMA Partners with Indian Health Service for Mobile COVID Vaccination Units to Serve Northern Plains

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DENVER – FEMA and the Indian Health Service are partnering to provide COVID vaccination services to 13 communities in North Dakota and South Dakota. Two mobile vaccinations units will be operating on schedules beginning April 19 and running through the end of May. The units will be making two stops in each community, so that both doses of the vaccine can be delivered.

“FEMA is excited to be able to support our colleagues from the Indian Health Service on this vital mission,” said FEMA Region 8 Acting Administrator Nancy Dragani. “This effort will complement the great work that our state and tribal partners are already doing in getting vaccinations for all those who want them.”

“This partnership will allow us to expand access to vaccines in tribal communities and reach more people as we work to achieve community immunity,” said IHS Great Plains Area Director James Driving Hawk. “We’re especially excited that these events will allow us to vaccinate 16 and 17-year-olds in more tribal communities.”

The mobile vaccination sites will be able to provide up to 250 shots a day. No pre-registration is required, with vaccinations provided first come-first served. The sites will be walk through, with parking available, and the vaccination and post-shot waiting areas are protected from the elements. Vaccines are available to anyone age 16 and older. Those who are 16 and 17 will need permission from a parent or guardian. The vaccine that is authorized for individuals aged 16-17 requires ultra-cold storage. The mobile vaccination units have the capability of storing and administering this vaccine.

The full schedules for both traveling units are below:

Table 1: Northern Vaccination Unit Schedule



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Community	Location - Address	1st Visit Dates	2nd Visit Dates
Sisseton, S.D.	Buffalo Lanes - 46112 SD Hwy 10	April 19-20	May 10-11
Eagle Butte, S.D.	Cheyenne River Cultural Center - US Hwy 212	April 22-23	May 13-14
Fort Yates, N.D.	IHS Health Center - 10 S. River Rd.	April 25	May 16
Bismarck, N.D.	United Tribes Technical College - 3315 University Dr.	April 26-27	May 17-18
Trenton, N.D.	Community Health Clinic - 331 4th Ave. E.	May 1-2	May 22-23
Bottineau, N.D.	Bottineau Co. Fairgrounds - 60 Main St.	May 4-5	May 25-26

Table 2: Northern Vaccination Unit Schedule

Community	Location - Address	1st Visit Dates	2nd Visit Dates
Rosebud, S.D.	Rosebud Casino - 30421 US Hwy 83	April 19-20	May 10-11
Wagner, S.D.	Old Shopko Building - 905 W. SD Hwy 46	April 22-23	May 13-14
Flandreau, S.D.	Royal River Casino - 607 S. Veterans St.	April 25-26	May 16-17
Oacoma, S.D.	Old West Museum Trading Post - 403 E SD Hwy 16	May 1	May 22
Lower Brule, S.D.	Indian Health Center - 601 Gall St.	May 2	May 23



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Rapid City, S.D.	Old Central HS tennis courts – Mt. Rushmore Rd. near Rapid Creek	May 4-5	May 25-26
Oglala, S.D.	Prairie Winds Casino - 112 Casino Dr.	May 7-8	May 28-29



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