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## **MONROE COUNTY EXPANDS COVID-19 VACCINE ACCESS**

*New York State is sending clinicians to Monroe County to help expand COVID-19 vaccine appointment availability*

(Rochester, NY) — Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today announced New York State is providing Monroe County with added clinicians to increase non-pediatric vaccine injections at all county-run sites.

Through a partnership between Gov. Kathy Hochul's Office, the New York State Department of Homeland Security and the New York State Department of Health, at least five clinicians will assist with vaccinations at county-run clinics for the upcoming weeks, which creates up to 2,000 additional non-pediatric appointments per week for first, second, and booster shot doses.

*"The only way to end this pandemic is for all of our residents to be vaccinated. Monroe County has focused on making the vaccine and boosters easily available at multiple sites," said **Monroe County Executive Adam Bello**. "Thanks to Gov. Kathy Hochul, NYS Department of Homeland Security, and the NYS Department of Health, it is now easier than ever for county residents to get the lifesaving COVID-19 vaccine and booster shots. Let's end this pandemic once and for all with this vaccine."*

*"The State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services is working with the Department of Health and our agency partners to continue supporting county vaccination sites because we must ensure easy access for all New Yorkers to get vaccination and booster shots," said **New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Acting Commissioner Jackie Bray**. "We know how to keep each other safe and we must use the tools we have this winter to protect one another. Get vaccinated, get your booster shot, get everyone in your family over age 5 vaccinated."*

The extra staffing allows Monroe County to expand operating hours at the MCC Downtown Campus Clinic. As of today, that clinic will now run 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Fridays.

The clinicians, who assist in the administering of vaccines, are currently being trained and will be working at county clinics in the coming days. Residents should see the increased availability of appointments by next week.

To book an appointment, visit <https://www.monroecounty.gov/health-covid19-vaccine>.

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