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### **Tri-County Health Care and Wadena Public Health hosting joint vaccine clinic**

**WADENA, Minn. – Mar. 15, 2021** – Tri-County Health Care and Wadena Public Health will be hosting a joint vaccine clinic at the Maslowski Research & Wellness Center on Mar. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Collectively, 500 Moderna and Pfizer vaccinations will be administered.

These vaccinations will target current priority groups in phase 1b tier 2, including people with health conditions such as sickle cell, down syndrome, cancer and various other debilitating health problems. This tier also targets high-risk essential food processing workers.

Additionally, vaccinations will target phase 1b tier 3, which includes people age 45-64 that have at least one underlying medical condition. It also includes individuals age 16-44 with two or more underlying health conditions. Additionally, phase 1b tier 3 includes essential workers in agriculture, corrections, food related services, and manufacturing. For a complete breakdown of each tier, please visit:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/phase1b1c2.pdf>

Pre-registration is required, and walk-in appointments will not be available. Eligible individuals will receive a registration link from Wadena Public Health, Tri-County Health Care or their employer. Essential workers should be prepared to provide employment verification.

After arrival, patients will be registered and screened. A vaccine will be administered and the patient is then monitored for 15 minutes. Masking and social distance guidelines outlined by the state will be enforced at all times.

“We are excited to partner together with Tri-County Health Care and would like to thank the City of Wadena for working with us. We hope to receive larger allocations of vaccine for expanded groups in the coming weeks,” said Cindy Pederson, Wadena County Public Health Director.

If you are in phase 1a, 65+ or E-12 or are a childcare provider, please contact Wadena Public Health at 631-7629.



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### **ABOUT TRI-COUNTY HEALTH CARE**

Tri-County Health Care is a private, not-for-profit health care system based in Wadena, Minnesota. It offers care services such as primary health, surgery, cancer care, diagnostic imaging, obstetrics, orthopedics and rehabilitation. Tri-County Health Care operates a hospital and medical clinic in Wadena, and serves the counties of Wadena, Todd and Otter Tail through five satellite clinics and two physical therapy clinics in Bertha, Henning, Ottertail, Sebeka and Verndale. Visit [TCHC.org](http://TCHC.org).

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