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**Kent County Health Department Partners with Seeds of Promise and Grand Rapids
Proactive to Provide COVID-19 Vaccine**

(GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – Tuesday, July 6, 2021) The Kent County Health Department (KCHD) is working with Seeds of Promise and Grand Rapids Proactive throughout the month of July to make COVID-19 vaccines easily available to area residents.

KCHD nursing staff will be operating a mobile vaccine unit every Thursday in July (July 8,15,22,29) from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. The mobile clinic will be in the parking lot of the Great Giant Supermarket at 1226 Madison Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI. 49507.

“The team at Seeds of Promise understands there are notable disparities in vaccination rates and hesitancy by the black community,” said Ludie Weddle, Chair of the Seeds of Promise Health and Wellness Impact Team. “We decided to take the vaccination process to the people in the community.”

The Pfizer and Johnson and Johnson vaccines will be available at these clinics.

“This collaboration allows us to more sharply focus our efforts where the disparities in vaccination rates are the greatest,” said Dr. Nirali Bora, KCHD Medical Director. “As we continue to move away from the mass vaccination approach, it is increasingly important to reach people where they are and we anticipate that it will be these types of targeted approaches that help the community to continue to recover.”

Appointments are not required and there is no charge for the vaccine. KCHD continues to encourage everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated. More information on vaccine locations can be at <https://vaccinatewestmi.com/clinics/>.

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KCHD has been in the business of providing health services to Kent County since 1931. The Health Department is home to nearly 265 employees including public health nurses, sanitarians, health educators, technicians, public health administrators, and specialized staff at the Kent County Animal Shelter. The Health Department operates one main clinic and three satellite clinics located in Kentwood, Rockford, and Grand Rapids. To learn more about KCHD services, visit www.accesskent.com/health.

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