

MULTICULTURAL COALITION INC.

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Multicultural Coalition, Inc. hosts free COVID-19 vaccination event at Appleton North High School

*Student and Community-led event aims to provide vaccinations for the most
vulnerable in a trusted, barrier-free environment*

APPLETON, Wis. (Jan. 24, 2022) – On Thursday, Jan. 27 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., the Multicultural Coalition, Inc. will hold a free COVID-19 vaccination event at Appleton North High School, located at 5000 N. Ballard Rd. in Appleton ([map](#)). The student and community-led event features interpreters for those who speak Hmong or Spanish, snacks, free books for kids, on-site education as well as diapers and personal hygiene products for those who need them.

This clinic is being initiated by three students at Appleton North High School. Isabella Leiva and Sophia Guttormsen started a group called [AN Boost](#), which is dedicated to showing students how choices they make can impact their health. This group was created as part of a leadership class that the girls are in. Additionally, Jack Cruz is also assisting with coordination of this clinic through an internship he is doing at Appleton North High School. The students reached out to the Multicultural Coalition, Inc. to have the group assist with hosting a vaccination clinic for AASD students and their families.

“The students are really addressing the hesitancy around vaccine equity and helping their peers understand the benefits to receiving a COVID-19 vaccination in a culturally-inclusive way,” explained Trish Sarvela, co-founder of Multicultural Coalition, Inc., and Development director at Partnership Community Health Center and mother to Isabella Leiva. “As Isabella’s mother, it’s inspiring to see her wanting to educate her peers and taking the initiative to set this clinic up with her friends and help the community .”

The Pfizer vaccine will be available for anyone ages five and older; those under 18-years-old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. First, second and/or booster shots will be provided. ID and health insurance are not required.

The second dose clinic for the Pfizer vaccine will take place on Thursday, Feb. 17 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Appleton North High School Library (LMC).

The vaccination clinic will be hosted by multiple community partners including Multicultural Coalition, Inc., United Way Fox Cities, Red Shoes Inc., Pointters Community Initiatives, Partnership Community Health Center, CAP Services, N.E.W. Hmong Professionals and Casa Hispana Inc.

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Multicultural Coalition, Inc. (MCI) was developed in October 2020 with the vision to improve the lives of all by creating a community that prospers together. Multicultural Coalition, Inc.'s (MCI) mission is based on a movement created to acknowledge racial biases and proactively reach diverse populations with meaningful communication and actionable services, removing barriers, elevating all voices and fostering community engagement in Winnebago, Outagamie and Calumet counties.