MULTICULTURAL COALITION INC.

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Multicultural Coalition, Inc. hosts vaccination event at Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church in Oshkosh

Event helps Oshkosh community meet basic health needs in a trusted, safe space

OSHKOSH, Wis. (Feb. 21, 2022) – On Wednesday, Feb. 23 from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m., the Multicultural Coalition, Inc. will hold a free COVID-19 vaccination event at <u>Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church</u>, located at 1174 Algoma Blvd. in Oshkosh (<u>map</u>). The community-led event features interpreters for those who speak Hmong or Spanish, snacks, free books for kids and diapers and personal hygiene products for those who need them.

"Access to vaccines, as well as access to health care overall, is not something that is equally available for everyone," explained Patricia Sarvela, development director for Partnership Community Health Center. "These vaccination events have moved the needle for so many people in our communities who have not been able to get a vaccine. People coming to our clinics have also learned about health services we provide at Partnership and have taken advantage of those for other health care needs that they otherwise would have left ignored. We're out here literally changing lives, and in some cases, saving them. This work is so much bigger than just shots in arms."

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. Adults can receive their choice of either the Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccines. First, second and/or booster shots will be provided. ID and health insurance are not required.

The second dose clinic for Pfizer and Moderna vaccines will take place on Wednesday, March 16 from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. at Algoma Boulevard United Methodist Church.

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.

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