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FREE Public COVID-19 Booster Clinics at HealthReach Locations

Strong – HealthReach is pleased to announce FREE public COVID-19 booster shots available at locations across Central and Western Maine. Our Strong Area Health Center clinic will open to EVERYONE – patients and the public – from 8am to Noon on April 8th, 2023. No appointment is necessary during this time period! Strong Area Health Center is located at 177 North Main Street in Strong, Maine.

We are offering Bivalent Moderna boosters through these clinics. These boosters are available to any fully-vaccinated individuals ages 6 and up, regardless of their primary vaccination series – Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson, and other brands. These shots will be offered completely FREE of charge, and are offered on a first-come, first-served walk-in basis for anyone eligible to receive their updated shot.

Booster clinics will be held across 10 HealthReach locations in Maine. In addition to our Strong location, sites to hold a COVID-19 Booster Clinic include: Belgrade Regional Health Center, Bingham Area Health Center, Lovejoy Health Center (in Albion), Madison Area Health Center, Mt. Abram Regional Health Center (in Kingfield), Rangeley Family Medicine, Richmond Area Health Center, Sheepscot Valley Health Center (in Coopers Mills / Whitefield), and Western Maine Family Health Center (in Livermore Falls). Addresses for each location can be found on our website, at http://www.HealthReach.org/Contact.aspx

Strong Area Health Center is a part of HealthReach Community Health Centers, a Federally Qualified Health Center consisting of twelve community health centers located across Central and Western Maine. Dedicated clinicians deliver high-quality healthcare – inclusive of behavioral health and dental services – to citizens from 9 of Maine's 16 counties. To ensure access for everyone, HealthReach accepts Medicare, MaineCare, and major insurance providers. In addition, an Affordable Care Program is available to both uninsured and underinsured residents. Assistance is available for applications to programs that help with the cost of your healthcare and medications, including Maine's Health Insurance Marketplace.

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