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Trinity Health Of New England Teams Up with Charter Oak Health Center and Wilson-Gray YMCA for One-Day Community Vaccine Clinic

HARTFORD, Conn. (May 14, 2021) – Trinity Health Of New England and Saint Francis Hospital are pleased to announce a joint venture with Charter Oak Health Center and the Wilson-Gray YMCA for a one-day community COVID-10 Vaccine Clinic. The initiative will bring free COVID-19 vaccinations to the community during a pop-up clinic on **Saturday, May 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Located at **444 Albany Avenue in Hartford**, the clinic will be accepting walk-ins, but interested community members can also preregister for appointments. The vaccine will be available to individuals ages 12 and older. Those under the age of 18 require parent or guardian consent. Since the arrival of the COVID-19 vaccine, Trinity Health Of New England has been committed to bringing vaccinations into local Hartford neighborhoods and to make the vaccine as accessible as possible for all residents.

“We pride ourselves on our ability to provide equitable care for all community members as a critically important part of our Mission and Core Values, which we live every day,” said Dr. Reggy Eadie, President and CEO of Trinity Health Of New England. “We are thrilled to continue developing ways to bring this life-saving vaccine into local neighborhoods in order to get the vaccine to as many individuals, including the younger population, as we can. We hope that by offering this clinic on a Saturday, with walk-in

availability, it will further remove barriers for community members who have been unable to access the vaccine thus far.”

In order to make the clinic as accessible as possible, transportation is available upon request. Patients are encouraged to bring their ID and health insurance card, but no one will be turned away. Both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines will be available. Interested residents should visit TrinityHealthOfNE.org/Hartford-Vaccine or call 860-550-7500 to register.

“The best thing people in our region can do right now to help finally bring this pandemic to an end is get vaccinated – this includes young people ages 12 to 15, who are now eligible. So we are teaming up with Trinity Health Of New England and Charter Oak Health Center to make it as easy as possible for them – everyone is welcome at this free vaccination clinic at the Wilson-Gray YMCA this Saturday, and we ask everyone in the area to do their part, come get the shot, and help lead us out of this crisis,” said Harold Sparrow, President and CEO of the YMCA of Great Hartford. “Our vision at the YMCA is helping to create healthy minds and healthy bodies, and help people build lifelong success, and there is no better way to do that right now than to help people get their COVID-19 vaccine.”

“Charter Oak Health Center, Inc. is excited to partner with Trinity Health Of New England to provide a no cost vaccination clinic at the Wilson-Gray YMCA for residents in the community. Since the beginning of the pandemic, Charter Oak Health Center and Trinity Health of New England have worked extensively with Hartford’s Health Department to provide COVID-19 services throughout the city. As one of 17 Federally Qualified Health Centers in the state of Connecticut, it has been Charter Oak Health Center’s mission, for over 40 years, to provide quality medical care to everyone regardless of their ability to pay. We are honored to serve our community by continuing to make vaccines accessible. As the state continues to take additional steps to reopen, we strongly encourage everyone to GET VACCINATED,” said Nichelle A. Mullins, Esq., President & Chief Executive Officer of Charter Oak Health Center.”

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Saint Francis and Trinity Health Of New England have collaborated with the City of Hartford to provide residents with the latest COVID-19 information, education and services. For more information on anything related to COVID-19 please visit the [Trinity Of New England website](https://TrinityOfNewEngland.com).

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About Trinity Health Of New England

Trinity Health Of New England is an integrated nonprofit health care delivery system formed in 2015 and is a member of Trinity Health located in Livonia, Michigan, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation serving communities in 22 states. Trinity Health Of New England is comprised of Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center and Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut; Johnson Memorial Hospital and Home & Community Health Services in Stafford Springs, Connecticut; Saint Mary’s Hospital in Waterbury, Connecticut; Mercy Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts; Providence Behavioral Health Hospital in Holyoke, Massachusetts; Weldon Rehabilitation Hospital, Springfield, Massachusetts; Brightside for Families and Children; and Mercy Continuing Care Network that includes Mercy Homecare, Mercy Hospice and Mercy LIFE. Visit TrinityHealthOfNE.org for more information and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @THOfNewEngland

About Charter Oak Health Center

Charter Oak Health Center, Inc. is a Federally Qualified Health Center, Joint Commission-accredited and a certified person-centered medical home facility located in Hartford's Frog Hollow neighborhood. Charter Oak operates 16 licensed locations in Hartford and Bloomfield, including a mobile medical/dental van. Charter Oak Health Center is also a federal Healthcare for Homeless and Public Housing provider. Charter Oak Health Center is open seven days per week and recently expanded its Urgent Care department to operate until midnight on weekends. Visit www.thecharteroak.org for more information and follow us on Facebook @charteroakhealth, Instagram @charter_oak_health_center and Twitter @The_Charter_Oak.