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NEWS RELEASE

DATE FOR VA'S VETERANS COVID-19 MASS
VACCINATION STATION FOR KEARNEY ARMED
FORCES RESERVE CENTER CHANGED TO MARCH 24

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OMAHA, Neb. – The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System's Veterans COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Station scheduled for the Kearney Armed Forces Reserve Center in Kearney, Nebraska, **has changed from March 17 to March 24**. The date has changed due to the use of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

The Kearney Veterans COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Station is part of VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System's ongoing effort to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to eligible Veterans across the region. VA NWHICS is partnering with the Nebraska National Guard in this effort through the use of the Nebraska National Guard's local readiness centers.

Please note that these COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Stations are open to those Veterans of all ages who are eligible to receive VA health care. Additional eligibility information is located below:

- Veterans who have never applied for or received medical care through the VA are strongly encouraged to call our VA NWHICS Eligibility Office at (402) 995-4050. VA eligibility specialists can confirm a Veteran's VA eligibility status, including eligibility to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, and can assist you in enrolling for VA health care.
- Veterans who are interested in receiving care at the VA but are not yet enrolled, are also encouraged to visit <https://www.va.gov/healthcare/apply/application/introduction>. Veterans can also call the Health Eligibility Center at 877-222-8387.

The current schedule for Veterans COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Stations are:

- Nebraska National Guard North Omaha Readiness Center (located near Irvington and Bennington, Neb.) (March 10) – This vaccination station is open to eligible Veterans from Douglas, Washington, Burt, Dodge, Colfax and Saunders Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie, Cass, Shelby and Logan Counties in Iowa;
- North Platte D&N Events Center (March 13);

- O’Neill Holt County Annex (March 16);
- **NEW DATE!** Kearney Armed Forces Reserve Center **(March 24)**;
- Beatrice National Guard Readiness Center (March 24);
- Norfolk National Guard Readiness Center (April 7);
- Columbus National Guard Readiness Center (April 21).

Eligible Veterans interested in a particular community VA COVID-19 vaccination location are encouraged to reach out to their VA primary care team and indicate their location preference. Eligible Veterans can also log into our “Stay Informed” tool: <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/stay-informed> This site aids our team in reaching out to Veterans interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine and scheduling an appointment.

VA NWHCS Veterans COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics are also being conducted Mondays through Fridays for eligible Veterans on the Omaha, Grand Island and Lincoln VA campuses. Weekly Veterans COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic are also conducted at the North Platte and Holdrege VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics. The Omaha VA Medical Center is also conducting Saturday Veterans COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics from 8 a.m. until noon.

Eligible Veterans of all ages are encouraged to use their VA to obtain their vaccination against the COVID-19 virus.