



NEWS RELEASE

**VA to Host COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Station
For Eligible Veterans at the Kearney Armed Forces
Reserve Center, Wednesday, February 24**

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OMAHA, Neb. – VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System will conduct a day-long COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Station for eligible Veterans in the central Nebraska area on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the Kearney Armed Forces Reserve Center in Kearney, Neb.

The mass vaccination station is open to all eligible Veterans, regardless of age, who meet established VA eligibility criteria. The Kearney Armed Forces Reserve Center is located at 5710 Airport Road in Kearney, Neb.

In order to ensure the maximum and most efficient use of the available vaccine, **this will not be a walk-in clinic.** Area eligible Veterans instead are being scheduled for vaccination appointments by VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System health care specialists. Appointments are available between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Eligible Veterans interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine are urged to use the VA Vaccine Tool located at <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/stay-informed>. This site aids the VA in contacting those eligible Veterans who are interested in receiving the vaccine.

Eligible Veterans who are unable to log on to the VA Vaccination Tool website are encouraged to contact their VA primary care team and express their interest in receiving the vaccine. Eligible Veterans can also call the Grand Island VA Medical Center COVID-19 Vaccination hotline at Grand Island 308-382-3660 and option 2 “COVID Vaccine Scheduling”

The Kearney 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 area Veterans who desire to receive the vaccine. VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System is partnering in this effort with the Nebraska National Guard, which is allowing the VA to use its local readiness centers.

Veterans who are interested in receiving care at the VA but are not yet enrolled, are encouraged to visit <https://www.va.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction>.