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Want a free \$50 Visa gift card and work in the restaurant, retail or hospitality industry in the Washtenaw County area? Be one of the first 100 walk-ups to get a COVID-19 vaccination at downtown Ann Arbor clinic Thursday, June 3

Event continues statewide “shots in arms” campaign partnership sponsored by Zingerman’s Greyline, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Association of Michigan, Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association and Protect Michigan Commission

Ann Arbor, Mich. – The first 100 restaurant, hospitality and retail workers from the Washtenaw County-area who get a COVID-19 vaccination from **3-6 p.m. Thursday (June 3)** at **Zingerman’s Greyline in Ann Arbor** will get a free \$50 Visa gift card and a Zingerman’s sandwich.

Thursday’s event at Zingerman’s Greyline, **100 N. Ashley St., Ann Arbor**, is part of a statewide “shots in arms” campaign by leaders of Gov. Whitmer’s **Protect Michigan Commission**, the **Small Business Association of Michigan** (SBAM) and the **Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association** (MRLA) in partnership with local sponsors including Zingerman’s, the **Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce** and the **Washtenaw County Health Department**.

Funds to purchase the \$50 Visa gift cards were privately donated and do not come from taxpayer resources.

“We recognize how hard Michigan’s hospitality, retail and restaurants have been impacted by COVID and how hard they’ve worked to keep us protected,” said Protect Michigan Commission Director **Kerry Ebersole Singh**. “This ‘shots in arms’ partnership thanks these essential workers for their dedication and ensures their protection through the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine.”

Key details to know about Thursday’s COVID-19 vaccination clinic in Ann Arbor include:

- **Walk-ins** are welcome, so **no appointment is necessary**.
- **Proof of health insurance is not required**.
- **Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer doses are available**.
- **A parent or guardian must be present** for ages 18 and under.
- The vaccines will be administered by the **Washtenaw County Health Department**.

“We are excited to offer our space at Zingerman’s Greyline for this upcoming vaccine clinic,” said Zingerman’s Delicatessen Managing Partner **Grace Singleton**.

“The restaurant and hospitality industry have provided essential services to our community during this pandemic and we are honored to play a small part in connecting them with life-saving vaccines so that we can move forward and find our way back to normal,” Singleton said.

Gov. Whitmer created the [Protect Michigan Commission](#) in January. The appointees represent a diverse array of industries, professions and backgrounds. Housed within the MDHHS, commission leaders are charged with helping to ensure every Michigander has a plan to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

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“Workers in the retail, restaurant and hospitality service industries who get vaccinated not only protect themselves but also their friends, families and customers,” said **Washtenaw County Health Department Health Officer Jimena Loveluck**, who serves on the Protect Michigan Commission.

“Getting everyone vaccinated makes it safe to return to shopping, dining and relaxing in our communities once again,” Loveluck said.

The Protect Michigan Commission is partnering with the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association, Small Business Association of Michigan and community organizations throughout the state to encourage Michiganders working in the hospitality, retail and restaurant industry to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

“This partnership with the Protect Michigan Commission provides a pathway to conveniently get vaccines to restaurant and hotel employees and their families,” said **Justin Winslow, MRLA President & CEO**.

“For hospitality workers that means greater peace of mind and no more masks to hide our smile, which is kind of a big deal in this industry. Join us in Ann Arbor this week for a no-fuss, walk-up clinic designed specifically for the hospitality industry as we approach the busiest season of the year,” Winslow said.

The Ann Arbor event is the third in a series of vaccinations clinics the respective organizations are hosting in communities across the state with high foot-traffic and a concentration of restaurants, bars and hotels. The clinics will focus on providing free COVID-19 vaccinations to workers and their families in June at dates, times and locations to be determined in **Traverse City, Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo**. The first event was held in Clark Park in Detroit on May 14.

The most recent [vaccine prioritization guidelines](#) can be found on [Michigan’s COVID-19 website](#).

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