



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha will deliver COVID-19 first-dose vaccinations to Flint-area student leaders Wednesday at Mott Community College's new clinic

Teens have volunteered to serve on Gov. Whitmer's Protect Michigan Commission as COVID-19 student ambassadors who will encourage peers to get vaccinated; Mott's president also will announce walk-ups are now welcome, no appointments necessary for vaccinations at its clinic

WHEN: 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, 2021

WHO: **Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea**, Mott Community College President
Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, Michigan State University and Hurley Children's Hospital Pediatric Public Health Initiative Founder and Director
Eli Isaguirre, Protect Michigan Commission (PMC) Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator
Dondre Young, PMC Youth Advisory Workgroup Chairman
Flint-area teens who have volunteered to serve as Protect Michigan Commission COVID-19 student ambassadors with the aim of encouraging their peers to get vaccinated

WHERE: Mott Community College Event Center, 1401 E. Court St. Flint, MI 48503

This is an **IN-PERSON** event with limited capacity. To attend, **PLEASE RSVP:** nowlin@gudmarketing.com. **Media who cannot attend can watch the event via livestream at:** <https://www.facebook.com/michiganhhs/>

We ask media to please plan to **arrive no later than 10:00 a.m.** to accommodate the health and security screening required to enter.

VISUALS: Media can get b-roll of the Flint teenagers as they receive their COVID-19 vaccinations from Dr. Mona. The dignitaries and students will be available for one-on-one interviews with media after the event.

NOTE: Face coverings are required and social distancing protocols will be maintained.

WHAT: To promote awareness that Michigan youth are among the fastest-growing segment of Michigan's population at risk of contracting COVID-19, Gov. Whitmer's Protect Michigan Commission is recruiting student leaders 16 and

older to serve as volunteer COVID-19 ambassadors. They are encouraging their peers to get vaccinated and continue to practice preventative measures such as properly wearing masks, social distancing and frequent handwashing to reduce the spread of the virus until the vast majority of people have been vaccinated. **The Flint-area Protect Michigan Commission student ambassadors will receive their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine from Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha.**

Individuals 16 and 17 years of age must receive the Pfizer vaccine only. Moderna vaccines are only recommended for those 18 years and older. Minors ages 16 and 17 will need a parent or legal guardian to accompany them to their appointment in order to provide consent to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. In some counties, the parent or legal guardian may be able to provide consent through a note or a phone call that has been verified by two nurses. Check with the vaccine provider first to see if this is an option where you live.

In addition, Mott President Walker-Griffea will announce that beginning Wednesday, May 5, walk-ups will be welcome and it will no longer be necessary to schedule appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations at Mott Community College's public clinic on Wednesday and Thursdays moving forward. Appointments will continue to be required on Fridays.

Mott Community College's clinic will be open to the general public Wednesday, May 5 through Friday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Vaccines will be administered in the MCC Event Center, 401 E. Court Street. Questions may be directed to 810.835.4601 or vaccinequestions@mcc.edu.

INFO:

Gov. Whitmer created the **Protect Michigan Commission** in January. The appointees represent a diverse array of industries, professions and backgrounds. Housed within MDHHS, they are charged with helping to ensure every Michigander has a plan to get vaccinated against COVID-19 once the opportunity becomes available. Their goal is facilitating at least 100,000 shots in arms daily. The most recent [vaccine prioritization guidelines](#) can be found on [Michigan's COVID-19 website](#).