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City of Augusta now offering \$100 incentive to Richmond County residents who receive first and second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine

AUGUSTA, GA (Oct. 26, 2021) – Richmond County residents who get their first or second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine at any of the City of Augusta’s authorized clinics now qualify to receive the City’s \$100 vaccination incentive. The Augusta Commission approved the decision during a Special Call meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021, and the directive will go into effect Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021.

To provide more insight into the *Vax Up, Augusta!* Campaign, Mayor Hardie Davis, Jr. and City Administrator Odie Donald, II will host a Facebook Live at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, at <https://www.facebook.com/augustaga.gov>

“Today the Augusta Commission took a bold step forward to jumpstart our vaccination efforts and approved giving the \$100 incentive to any resident of Richmond County who comes to get vaccinated. Whether individuals get the first or second shot, they will receive a \$100 gift card,” said Mayor Hardie Davis, Jr. “In several communities across metro Atlanta and Athens, GA, the \$100 incentive has proven effective in getting residents vaccinated. I want Augustans to stop, think about their loved ones, and decide they are worth the shot.”

City Administrator Odie Donald, II, shared similar sentiments.

"I commend the Augusta Commission for their commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all Augustans," said Donald. "As we continue our efforts in slowing the spread of Covid-19, the health and safety of our residents remains our top priority, and we know the vaccine is the best option we have now to protect ourselves from the coronavirus. We will keep a close watch on the rates of Covid-19 cases in our area, and it's our hope this incentive program will encourage residents to get vaccinated to ensure our City is protected from this deadly virus and remain open for business."

As part of the City’s continued effort to increase the number of vaccinated individuals, the City is hosting two mass Covid-19 vaccination clinics in October and November. The first will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30, at the James Brown Arena and another from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Augusta Mall.

View the complete schedule of the City’s mobile vaccination clinics below:

- Oct. 30 from 10am-2pm at the James Brown Arena, 601 7th Street
- Nov. 4 from 4-6pm at the Warren Road Community Center, 300 Warren Road



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- Nov. 6 from 11am-2pm Robert Howard Community Center, 103 Diamond Lakes Way
- Nov. 20 from 10am-2pm at the Augusta Mall, 3450 Wrightsboro Road
- Dec. 2 from 10am-noon at Jamestown Community Center & Park, 3647 Karleen Road
- Dec. 4 from noon-4pm at Carrie J. Mays Family Life Center, 1014 11th Avenue

The City of Augusta has also partnered with Augusta Technical College and Augusta University to host on-campus mobile vaccination clinics and provide the City's vaccination incentive to students who qualify for the program.

First, second, and booster shots will be available at these clinics, but the brand of the Covid-19 vaccine will vary by location.

The City of Augusta's incentive program is part of the City's *Vax Up, Augusta!* Campaign to ensure the Covid-19 vaccine access is fair and provide residents with the latest information about the vaccine. Media interested in covering this topic should contact Danielle Harris at dharris@augustaga.gov or call 706-564-3460.

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