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El Paso County providers vaccinate thousands of people at pop-up equity vaccine clinics

El Paso County, CO – This weekend, vaccination providers across El Paso County expanded equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines by providing thousands of doses at simultaneous pop-up equity clinics on Friday, Feb. 19 and Saturday, Feb. 20.

These pop-up clinics are part of targeted and comprehensive strategies to reduce barriers such as transportation, language and accessibility with the goal of making access to the vaccine as easy and seamless as possible. Visitors to the clinics were quick to note the speed, efficiency, and convenience of the sites.

As part of the continued efforts of the El Paso County Vaccine Consortium, partners from El Paso County Public Health, UCHealth, Peak Vista Community Health Centers and Centura Health

“Our goal is to meet people where they are, and bring services directly into our local communities. We want all residents to have the opportunity to live a healthy life, and to have easy access to the COVID-19 vaccine,” said El Paso County Public Health Director Susan Wheelan. “We are committed to making this happen by working with our many partners and the El Paso County Vaccine Consortium to expand access to the vaccine as broadly as possible. We are grateful for the efforts of Servicios de la Raza and countless volunteers from the Medical Reserve Corps, American Red Cross, Community Emergency Response Team, EMT, medical, health care, and many others to make this weekend’s event a success.”

“We understand that reaching certain parts of our community may be difficult, and we are excited to offer a clinic in an underserved area and to give people a chance to receive the vaccine and participate in the process. We look forward to partnering with Public Health in the future to continue to serve our underserved communities,” said Dr. David Steinbruner, chief medical officer of UCHealth Memorial Hospital Central and UCHealth Memorial Hospital North.

“We don’t want to leave anyone behind in our efforts to vaccinate our community. We are especially grateful for the opportunity to serve the community through this week’s equity vaccine clinic,” said Peak

Vista's President and CEO, Pam McManus. "We look forward to continuing to work with the State, County and other community partners to offer the vaccine."

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