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Peak Vista Community Health Centers COVID-19 Vaccine Efforts at Springs Rescue Mission Receive Enthusiastic Response

Colorado Springs, Colo. – Peak Vista administered 100 COVID-19 vaccines at Springs Rescue Mission on Wednesday, March 10 and prepares to deliver more on Thursday, March 11.

The vaccine clinic is operating from noon to 4:00pm Thursday, March 11. There is no charge for the vaccine, and an ID is not required. The single-dose Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) vaccine is being administered. Springs Rescue Mission has promoted the clinic through posters and word of mouth throughout the campus. There has been an enthusiastic response and all slots for vaccines were filled on Wednesday.

“Peak Vista works closely with Springs Rescue Mission to serve individuals experiencing homelessness,” said senior vice president of medical services, Dr. Joel Tanaka. “We are excited to be able to offer the Janssen’s (Johnson and Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine, which only requires one shot, to this vulnerable population” Tanaka concluded.

“Until this moment, the majority of the homeless population haven’t been eligible for the vaccine.” said senior vice president of medical services, Dr. Joel Tanaka. “We are humbled and blessed to be part of this effort. Every vaccine we get into an arm improves not only the individual’s health and wellness, but also the health and wellness of the community.”

“The more vaccine we can get out into this community, the more we reduce the risk for the entire community. Think of a pyramid. If you have a pyramid of risk, and you can get vaccines out to the base of the pyramid, we reduce the size of the base of the pyramid. This reduces the whole pyramid size. We will have fewer people who get sick and we will have fewer people who get really sick. That’s what the effort is here,” said Jack Briggs, CEO of Springs Rescue Mission.

As more vaccines become available, plans will be made to distribute them to the community.

About Peak Vista Community Health Centers

Peak Vista Community Health Centers is a nonprofit organization providing exceptional health care to people facing access barriers through clinical programs and education. Celebrating 50 years of community health service, Peak Vista offers primary medical, integrated behavioral health and dental care services. We proudly serve over 93,000 patients annually through 28 outpatient centers in Colorado’s Pikes Peak and East Central regions. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit www.peakvista.org.

About Springs Rescue Mission

Springs Rescue Mission offers grace and love to our neighbors in Colorado Springs suffering from homelessness, poverty, and addiction. We do this by collaborating with like-minded individuals, organizations and government agencies to provide housing resources, health services, and work readiness for the men and women we serve. Guided by the Word and love of God, we aim to be ambassadors of hope and healing in a citywide movement of grace.

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