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**Kanawha-Charleston Health Department To Host  
Cruise-Thru Shot Clinic For County's First Responders**

CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA – To serve those who serve the cities, towns and communities throughout the county, the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department is hosting an after-hours clinic to serve first-responders who might not be able to visit the clinic during its regular hours.

The First Responder Cruise-Thru Clinic will take place Tuesday, September 27, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Kanawha-Charleston Health Department, 108 Lee Street E., Charleston. Anyone working (on duty or off duty) in the first-responder community is welcome. Immediate family members, retirees and volunteers are welcome, too. Participants should bring their vaccination cards.

“We understand the critical role our first responders play in Kanawha County’s communities,” said KCHD’s Health Officer Dr. Steven Eshenaur, D.O. “So, we’re just going to say thank you with a few quick shots to the arm. It’s flu season and COVID-19 isn’t finished with us quite yet, so we’d like to make it as easy as possible for our first responders – and their immediate families – to get the new COVID-19 Bivalent Booster and the flu shot – as soon as possible.”

Eshenaur said it’s safe to take both shots the same day.

During the week, KCHD’s clinic is open to all walk-ins from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for flu shots and COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters. Appointments are required for other KCHD clinical services. “But we’re giving our first responders preferential treatment during the work week so they can get back on the job as soon as possible. We need to keep our helpers healthy,” Eshenaur said.

For more information, call 304-348-8080.

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