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OMC Expanding COVID Vaccinations

OMC was recently awarded a grant to expand and increase COVID vaccinations in communities through outreach and case management. The overall purpose of the grant is to, "increase access to, confidence in, and demand for COVID vaccines" in Natchitoches, Leesville, and Tallulah. The six month grant brings resources to reach more people.

Board of Directors Member, and Secretary, Mr. John Winston, says, "Don't listen to all the social media propaganda. We have been getting vaccinated for years to protect ourselves from small pox, polio, diphtheria, and other things but now people are afraid and rebellious. Take the vaccine or you may regret the consequences".

Schrina Evans, RN, Director of Nursing and Infection Prevention says, "I am glad we have this grant to help keep the public safe and be able to have more options and flexibility for giving the vaccine". Dr. Guidry, CEO & CMO says, "OMC has found many individuals are confused about whether they should get the vaccine or latest booster, which can vary depending on the type of vaccine".

OMC wants to reach people that want to be vaccinated and make those vaccinations available to them.

The FY 2023 Expanding COVID-19 Vaccination grant award is approximately \$83,000 and will fund part-time staff – a case manager and two outreach workers who will reach out to persons desiring vaccinations. Funds will also be used to purchase vaccine supplies, personal protection equipment, marketing and promotional material, and incentives.

For more information call the nearest OMC Clinic. More information on clinic locations and services can be found at www.outpatientmedical.org.



CMO, Dr. Guidry, after Vaccination by DON, Schrina Evans, RN

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