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Announcements (5min)

Date of BOCC Meeting: November 28, 2022

Request for Board Action:

- 1. DCo Public Health COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Hours** - The COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Durham County Department of Public Health, 414 E. Main St., has the following walk-in hours to get your free vaccination: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. All approved doses available. Please note, clinics are closed between 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. daily and on Saturday and Sunday. Visit www.dcopublichealth.org/COVIDVaccines <<http://www.dcopublichealth.org/COVIDVaccines>> or call 919-560-9217 for more information.
- 2. Get Your Flu Shot at DCoDPH** - Flu shots are available by appointment at the Durham County Department of Public Health. Call 919-560-7608 to schedule yours today. Most private insurance fully covers the cost of flu shots. Shots are available for free to some eligible individuals. Visit www.DCoPublicHealth.org/FluSeason <<http://www.DCoPublicHealth.org/FluSeason>> or call 919-560-7608 for more information.
- 3. Property Tax Payment Deadlines Approaching** - Payment deadline for 2022 real property and tangible personal property tax bills is January 5, 2023. To avoid interest and fees payments should be made by that date. The law requires unpaid real estate taxes for the current year to be advertised. Visit www.dconc.gov/tax <<http://www.dconc.gov/tax>> or contact the tax office at 919-560-0300.
- 4. The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program** - LIEAP kicks off December 1st for applicants 60+, those with disabilities, and who receive Food and Nutrition Services. Residents can call 919-560-8192 to make a virtual appointment with the Department of Social Services' LIEAP Specialists. On January 3, 2023 all Durham residents may apply online as well at: <<https://epass.nc.gov>>. The LIEAP Program ends March 31, 2023.
- 5. NAIA Football Returns to Durham County** - The 67th Annual NAIA Football National Championship and Senior Football Classic games return to Durham County Memorial Stadium on Friday, Dec. 16 and Saturday, Dec. 17. The title game will feature the finalists after three rounds of playoffs in November and December. Tickets range from \$20-\$30. Get ticket and game information at www.durhamncsports.com/blog/naia-durham-2022/#tickets <<http://www.durhamncsports.com/blog/naia-durham-2022/#tickets>>
- 6. Navigating Grief During the Holidays** - Join author Karla J. Noland for a discussion of her 2022 book, "The Day My Heart Turned Blue: Healing After the Loss of My Mother" at the Durham County Main Library on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 3-4:30 p.m. Followed by a Q&A with a Grief & Mental Health

panel on how to manage grief during the holiday season moderated by Antoinetta Mosley. Registration required at www.durhamcountylibrary.libcal.com/event/9818348 [<http://www.durhamcountylibrary.libcal.com/event/9818348>](http://www.durhamcountylibrary.libcal.com/event/9818348). More information, contact Natalie Killion, nkillion@dconc.gov [<mailto:nkillion@dconc.gov>](mailto:nkillion@dconc.gov).

- 7. Durham County Virtual World AIDS Day Event 2022** - Durham County Department of Public Health along with Fast Track Cities invite you to join in a virtual celebration on December 1st from 6-7pm via zoom. This year's local theme for World AIDS Day is "That Was Then; This Is Now" and the global theme is "Putting Ourselves to the Test: Achieving Equity to End HIV". The zoom details are as followings:

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89056333257?>

Meeting ID - 890 5633 3257

Passcode - 860206

For additional questions, please contact Randy Rogers at rcrogers@dconc.gov [<mailto:rcrogers@dconc.gov>](mailto:rcrogers@dconc.gov)

- 8. Final Sheriff Speaks of 2023** - Please join Sheriff Birkhead for his final "Sheriff Speaks" public community event of the year at the Durham County East Regional Branch located at 211 Lick Creek Lane on December 6, 2022 to discuss "Public Safety During the Holiday Season". This event is FREE and open to the public.
- 9. Language Access for Spanish-Speaking Residents Survey** - Durham County is seeking Spanish-speaking residents to participate in the Language Access for Spanish-Speaking Residents Survey. The survey gives participants the chance to name the County resources and services most important to them, identify language barriers in accessing these resources and services and, recommend ways for the County to improve access to resources and services for Spanish-speakers. Visit [<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KZ6GMMJ>](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KZ6GMMJ) to take the by January 31, 2023.

For more details about the survey and to learn how to join the information collection effort, visit [<https://bit.ly/3VkfDxs>](https://bit.ly/3VkfDxs).

- 10. Farmers and Landowners Breakfast and Conversation** - The DCo Farmland Protection Advisory Board is hosting a breakfast and conversation on Thursday, December 15, 2022 from 8am - 10am at the Farm Bureau Building located at 1901 Hillandale Road. The presentation will be shared by the Durham Tax Department on the Present Use Value Tax Program. Please register by December 12th by call 919-560-0558.

Public Health Holiday Focused Message:

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. Most people will have a mild illness and recover in a week or two, although it can cause serious infection, especially for infants and older adults, and some people may need to be hospitalized. RSV is the most common cause of bronchiolitis (inflammation of the small airways in the lungs) and pneumonia (infection of the lungs) in children younger than 1 year of age in the United States.

Because many children were shielded from common infections during the COVID pandemic (including RSV),

the virus is currently causing lots of infections, emergency department visits, and hospitalizations nationwide, particularly in young children who haven't been exposed to RSV the previous couple years. The best ways to protect yourself and others from RSV and other respiratory viruses include:

- Covering your mouth and nose with your upper shirt sleeve or a tissue (not your hands) when you cough and sneeze
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your face, particularly the eyes, nose, and mouth
- Clean frequently-touched surfaces such as doorknobs and mobile devices
- Avoid close contact such as shaking hands and sharing cups and eating utensils