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ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH QUICKLY ADDRESSES UNEXPECTED HEALTH CRISIS, VACCINE SHORTAGE

ERIE, PA – The Erie County Department of Health quickly addressed the unexpected Hepatitis A health crisis in our community this past week. By setting up multiple vaccine clinics in a matter of days, this allowed hundreds of potentially exposed individuals to receive the preventative Hepatitis A vaccine.

“We practice these types of events, but were able to put together two large-scale vaccination events within days—when it mattered most to our community,” said Erie County Director of Public Health, Erin Mrenak.

The Erie County Administration and Department of Health extends heartfelt gratitude to the regional health systems and organizations for their invaluable support during last Thursday's Hepatitis A vaccine clinic. Despite unexpected challenges, their swift action and collaboration ensured the success of the clinic, providing crucial immunizations to our community members.

After exhausting our local vaccine supply earlier in the week, we had anticipated a timely delivery from the state to replenish our stock for the scheduled Thursday clinic. Unfortunately, the expected shipment did not materialize as planned. However, through the remarkable generosity and dedication of our area hospital systems, health departments, and state health clinics, we were able to secure sufficient vaccines to proceed with the clinic.

“It is wonderful to see how our regional health systems reacted so quickly in a time of need. Their unity in tackling the vaccine shortage and prioritizing our community's health is remarkable. They have shown us what true dedication looks like, and we could not be more grateful for their support,” said Erie County Executive Brenton Davis.

We extend our sincerest appreciation to the following organizations for their pivotal contributions:

UPMC (315 doses) across multiple locations
State Health Centers (73 doses) in Mercer, Warren, and Venango counties

Chautauqua, NY Health Department (80 doses)
Allegheny Health Network (20 doses) across multiple locations
Northwest Infectious Diseases (20 doses)
Wayne Primary Health Network (9 doses)
Community Health Net (20 doses)
Penn State Main Campus (30 doses)
LECOM (Pharmacists and Nurses)
Wegmans (Peach St) and Cornerstone Bar and Grill (Meals)

Their unwavering commitment to public health and their swift response in providing additional vaccines underscored their dedication to the well-being of our community.

The success of the clinic would not have been possible without the collective effort and support of these organizations. Together, we reaffirm our commitment to promoting health and wellness in our community.

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