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GCPH Forms Partnership with Ohio University’s Russ Research Center in Beavercreek for Vaccine Distribution

GREENE COUNTY, OH – Greene County Public Health is proud to announce a partnership with Ohio University’s Russ Research Center in Beavercreek for COVID-19 vaccine distribution. Public Health had previously been holding its vaccination clinics at the old Greene County Career Center location located just outside of Xenia on W. Enon Road. Due to available space and future sale of the property, public health officials began looking for another facility that could accommodate more people and bring them indoors out of the elements and frigid temperatures.

Founded by Fritz J. and Dolores H. Russ, the Russ Research Center is a 75-acre high-tech research park located on Indian Ripple Road in Beavercreek Township. The facility is currently home to fifteen of the region’s leading defense, engineering, and technology firms. The campus grew out of the Russes’ own company, Systems Research Laboratory (SRL), which was established on the Russ Research Center site in 1955. Activity at the site has led to advances in the aerospace, defense, manufacturing, and healthcare sectors.

“As pioneers in biomedical engineering, Mr. and Mrs. Russ would be proud to know that this site, which has provided so many cutting-edge advances to society, is now being utilized for the most important medical issue of our time: vaccinating our citizens against this global pandemic,” said Mei Wei, Dean of the Russ College of Engineering at Ohio University and managing director of the Russ Research Center. “While the Russ Research Center was gifted to Ohio University by Mr. and Mrs. Russ, the facility is a community asset and a part of the DNA of Greene County. We are thrilled to work with our colleagues at Greene County Public Health to utilize the Center for such an important undertaking.

“They’re definitely a community minded organization exhibiting service above self. This is a very generous donation of their space which will allow for much more efficient clinics for the residents of our county. This will provide an indoor, heated space so people do not have to wait out in the cold,” said Melissa Howell, Greene County Health Commissioner.

Beginning this week, all vaccine clinics operated by Greene County Public will be held at the Russ Research Center located at 2730 Indian Ripple Road in Beavercreek. All those eligible for Phase 1B and any remaining individuals who are part of Phase 1A that are interested in receiving a COVID-19 vaccine can register online at www.gcph.info and clicking the center blue box that states: Click This Box to go

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to the COVID-19 Vaccine Sign-Up Page. Once you are on the list, you will remain on the list until you get the call to come to a scheduled clinic. It could take several weeks or even longer, pending vaccine availability, before you receive a call.

The next two clinic dates are as follows. You must be pre-registered and have received notification by phone to attend these clinics. Please do not show up without having been notified.

- Wednesday, February 10, 10am – 3pm – first doses only (1A and 1B, 65+)
- Thursday, February 11, 11am – 5:30pm – second doses only (Pfizer and Moderna)

For more information or questions regarding the Russ Research Center, please contact Carly Leatherwood, Executive Director of Communications at Ohio University at 740-597-1940 or by email at leatherc@ohio.edu.

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