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SHINGLES VACCINE CLINICS SCHEDULED Area Health Departments Encourage Vaccinations

Cromwell — Shingles is a viral infection that causes a painful rash which can appear anywhere on the body. It is the same virus that causes chicken pox. Anyone who's had chickenpox may develop shingles years later and can pass the virus to anyone who isn't immune. The reason for getting shingles is unclear but it may be due to lowered immunity as a person grows older. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends anyone 50 years of age or older get their shingles vaccinations (series of two shots).

The Cromwell, Durham, Middlefield and Middletown health departments will be holding three shingles-vaccination clinics for the public (residency not required). Vaccines will be given on a first-come, first-served basis (appointments not taken). Insurance is required.

The clinics are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, March 31 9:00 AM - Noon Town Hall, Room 222, 41 West Street, Cromwell Wednesday, April 1 Noon - 3:00 PM Activity Center (2nd floor), 350 Main Street, Durham Thursday, April 2 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Senior Center, 61 Durant Street, Middletown

Anyone with questions should call 860-632-3426 (Cromwell); 860-349-8253 (Durham); 860-276-6275 (Middlefield) or 860-638-4962 (Middletown).

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SHINGLES VACCINE (Series of two shots)

MARCH 31, 2020 9:00 AM—NOON 41 WEST STREET, CROMWELL TOWN HALL, RM 222

APRIL 1, 2020 NOON—3:00 PM
350 MAIN STREET, DURHAM, ACTIVITY CENTER (2ND FL)

APRIL 2, 2020 3:00 PM—6:00 PM
61 DURANT STREET, MIDDLETOWN, SENIOR CENTER

*Valid ID and insurance required

*Consult your physician if pre-existing conditions

*Residency not required

*Appointments not taken (first-come, first-served)

Shingles is a painful skin rash, usually with blisters. In addition to the rash, shingles can cause fever, headache, chills, or upset stomach.

Shingles Vaccine recommended for adults 50 years and older.

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