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## County Health Department Now Offering Novavax COVID-19 Vaccine *Pfizer-BioNTech & Moderna Still Available*

The Oneida County Health Department is now offering the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine at its clinics.

Novavax is a two-dose primary vaccine. It is not yet available as a booster dose. Doses are administered three to eight weeks apart and are available to ages 18 and older. This vaccine is not MRNA technology, but instead a protein subunit vaccine. Protein subunit vaccine technology is not new and has been studied for decades.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has been and continues to be a disruptive force across the nation," said Daniel W. Gilmore, PH.D., MPH, Director of Health. "This virus has cost many people their lives and left others with lasting effects. COVID-19 vaccinations reduce the likelihood of serious illness and death and are one of the best tools we have to protect ourselves and our community.

"Everyone who is able, should get vaccinated. For those who were hesitant and unsure initially, we strongly encourage vaccination. These vaccines are safe, effective and can protect you from serious illness and death."

Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines continue to be available at county health clinics.

The Oneida County Health Department Clinic has two locations, one in Utica and one in Rome. Currently, the Rome office, located at 300 West Dominick Street, is open on Mondays only. The Utica location, located at 406 Elizabeth Street, is open Monday through Friday. Appointments are preferred, walk-in availability varies. For questions or to make an appointment, please call 315-798-5747.

To learn more about Novavax, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/novavax.html>. For additional information about COVID-19 vaccines, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/>.

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