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Lieutenant Governor Boyd Rutherford to Visit Bowie Senior Center Vaccine Clinic on April 21

City of Bowie officials will welcome Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford to the Bowie Senior Center Vaccine Clinic on the morning of Wednesday, April 21. The clinic is a unique partnership coordinated by the state, to bring Safeway and the City of Bowie government together to get area residents vaccinated. Safeway manages the clinical side of the vaccination effort and City of Bowie employees handle all the other aspects of the operation.

The initial goal of the clinic, which opened on April 11 with a soft launch, is to make sure that area seniors have easy access to vaccinations. Seniors are given priority in appointment scheduling, but anyone age 16 and up can pre-register and receive a vaccine appointment at the Senior Center as well. Mayor Timothy Adams and fellow Councilmembers are honored to welcome the Lt. Governor to Bowie. Adams said, “We talked to many seniors who were having trouble securing vaccine appointments or who were worried about managing the challenges of a mass vaccination site. This clinic allows them to get vaccinated in a familiar and relatively small setting.”

In Bowie, 28.9% of households have at least one individual who is 65 or older. Until COVID forced the cancellation of activities in March 2020, the Senior Center was a vibrant facility, offering programs, classes, meals, exercise, and companionship to its more than 3,300 members. “While we’d love to be welcoming seniors back to their senior center today, for now, we can think of no more important role for this building to play in our reopening and recovery, than to be a COVID vaccination site and we are very grateful to Governor Hogan and Lt. Governor Rutherford for their help in making this happen” said Adams.

The Center was used as a testing site earlier in the pandemic, and also hosted drive-through flu vaccine clinics during the winter. Staff members are keeping in touch with members by phone, email, and at monthly drive up events where seniors can pick up activity packets.

Event details:

Wednesday, April 21, 10:30 a.m.
Bowie Senior Center
14900 Health Center Drive, Bowie

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