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Wisconsin's First Community-Based Covid-19 Vaccination Center: Blackhawk Technical College

(**JANESVILLE**) – Today, Governor Evers visited Blackhawk Technical College to announce Wisconsin's first Covid-19 community-based vaccination clinic.

The clinic is made possible by the partnership between the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and AMI Expeditionary Healthcare, with plans for 6-10 others to open across the state. The goal of the community-based clinics is to work with current vaccinators in the counties selected by providing additional vaccine based on current availability, while also creating the infrastructure needed for an increase in allocation.

"Blackhawk Technical College already plays an important role in our community. I am proud that the College is stepping forward to help lead the state in increasing Covid-19 vaccination efforts," Rep. Conley stated. "Vaccines protect not only individuals, but others around us who are most vulnerable to Covid-19. I look forward to the Rock County community assisting in the goal of immunizing as many people as possible."

Blackhawk Tech has served as a Covid-19 testing site since October, as well as a pilot vaccination effort in January. Both efforts were assisted by the Wisconsin National Guard. The clinic is set to open February 16th, and will initially provide 250 doses of vaccine per day. When more doses become available, the site plans to vaccinate 1,000 people per day.

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