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\$25 Summer Cards to be offered at Cleveland County Health Department for COVID-19 Vaccine

SHELBY, NC – As part of our ongoing efforts to get more Cleveland County residents vaccinated and safely bring summer back, the Cleveland County Health Department has partnered with NCDHHS to offer \$25 Summer Cards to offset the time and transportation costs of getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

Beginning June 28th, anyone 18 and older who gets their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccination — or drives someone to their vaccination — will receive a \$25 Mastercard after vaccination at the Cleveland County Health Department while supplies last. Cards are for the first dose only for both the person being vaccinated and the driver.

In addition to receiving a \$25 Mastercard, North Carolinians 18 and older who have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine are automatically entered into four drawings for a chance to win a \$1 million cash prize. Youth between the ages of 12 and 17 who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine are automatically entered into four drawings to win \$125,000 towards post-secondary education. The \$125,000 can be used at any post-secondary institution and is awarded in the form of a NC 529 account.

The 4, \$1 Million Summer Cash Drawings and Summer Cash 4 College Drawings will run June 23–August 4. Drawings will take place every other week on Wednesdays starting June 23. New entries will close at midnight on the Sunday prior to the Wednesday drawing. Winners will be verified and then announced. You can learn more about the \$1 Million Summer Cash Drawings and Summer Cash 4 College Drawings at www.SummerVaxCash.com.

According to NCDHHS, there is even more urgency to get vaccinated now as the new and more dangerous Delta variant of COVID-19 is rapidly spreading. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention classified the Delta variant as a "variant of concern" because it spreads faster than

current COVID-19 variants. Early studies from the United Kingdom have also shown a possible increased risk of hospitalization in people infected with the Delta variant. The currently available COVID-19 vaccines are the best protection against the virus and its variants.

To schedule an appointment at the Cleveland County Health Department, call 980-484-6019 Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

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