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Vaccination Celebrity

When getting the Covid-19 vaccination, it's to be expected that some people will reflect on the challenges and deprivations of the past year. It has been a very hard year and the vaccinations can allow everyone in our communities to safely return to our churches, classrooms, and family gatherings. For many, it's a shot of hope! However, for Linda Foy, owner of Linda Foy Atelier in Twin Bridges, the Covid-19 vaccinations were a reminder of another vaccine and epidemic that transformed her into a child star!

When Foy was three years old, her photo was taken while she held a polio vaccine sugar cube at a vaccination clinic. The photo was featured with an article about upcoming polio clinics in *The News Leader*, the newspaper serving Staunton, Virginia. "I don't remember much about having the photo taken or getting the sugar cube vaccination," said Foy, "but I do remember that my entire family thought I was famous! I was in THE PAPER!" Foy recalls that her family made a fuss about the photo for weeks. "At three years old, I felt like I was a movie star!"

As Foy was planning to get her first vaccination at the Ruby Valley Medical Center, she remembered her polio vaccine photo and brought it to the vaccination clinic. The vaccination nursing team loved Foy's polio vaccine story and commemorated the occasion with a second photo of Foy getting her Covid-19 vaccine while holding the photo of her childhood-self getting the polio vaccine. After getting her first Covid vaccine, Foy gave the same reply as when she had the polio vaccine, "It's easy!"

“Some things haven’t changed over the decades,” said Foy. “I still have chubby cheeks and I still believe in science!”

Ruby Valley Medical Center Vaccination Update

All Madison County residents are eligible to sign-up for the vaccine waiting list according to Emilie Saylor, CPHA, Public Information Officer for the Ruby Valley Medical Center. “Currently, the waiting list is short and we are scheduling vaccinations within two weeks,” said Saylor. To sign up for the vaccine waiting list, call the Ruby Valley Medical Center at (406) 842-5453.

There has been some concern regarding wasted vaccine doses due to last minute cancellations. “These vaccines come in ten dose vials, rather than single doses, and we want to get as many people vaccinated as quickly as possible,” explained Saylor. Behind the scenes, there is a substantial amount of planning and preparation for a vaccination clinic including thawing out the appropriate amount of vaccines and setting up vaccination schedules. Keeping your scheduled vaccination appointment reduces wasted vaccine and organizational resources.

The Ruby Valley Medical Center is currently receiving the Moderna vaccine. Vaccination clinics are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Polio Clinic Plans For Sunday All Set

By Leader Staff Writer

A grandfather steps forward with a small child in his arms. Grandpa receives and puts into his mouth an ordinary granulated sugar cube upon which two drops of tasteless oral polio

vaccine have been placed by expert hands.

The child, imitating his grandfather, confidently takes a sugar cube from the little paper cup and pops it into his mouth.

This, actually, will occur many times Sunday afternoon

when the Sabin oral vaccine is administered in Staunton and Augusta County, under the auspices of the Augusta County Medical Society.

First of Three

The series of three "Sabin on Sunday" polio vaccination clinics is being sponsored by the society, assisted by the Staunton Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Three different types of polio vaccine will be given during the series, thus a person must attend all three clinics for complete immunization. The other clinics are scheduled March 22 and April 26.

All persons, from infants of two months of age to adults of all ages, are urged to participate in the clinics, to be open from 12 noon until 5 p. m.

Area physicians urge that all persons take the Sabin oral polio vaccine, including those who previously took Salk polio vaccination shots.

There is no charge for the vaccine, although a donation of 25 cents or more will be accepted to cover costs. No one will be turned away, whether or not a donation is given.

The polio clinics will be held at the following locations:

Staunton — Westside Elementary School, Northside Elementary School, Bessie Weller Elementary School, Booker T. Washington High School, and D. Webster Davis Elementary School.

Waynesboro — Westwood School, Waynesboro High School, Wayne Hills School, Rosenwald School, Shenandoah Heights School, and Wenzonah School.

Augusta County—Fishersville School, Stuarts Draft School, Crimora Elementary School, Oak Grove Elementary School, Sherando Community Center, Riverbends High School, Middlebrook Elementary School, Buffalo Gap High School, Craigsville Elementary School, Deerfield Elementary School, North River Junior High School, Ft. Defiance High School, New Hope Elementary School, Central Augusta High School, and Beverley Manor Elementary School.



"IT'S EASY!" says Linda Foy, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Foy of 308 Pleasant Terrace, as she shows how to take Sabin oral vaccine which is given on a lump of sugar. All persons above the age of two months are urged to take the vaccine being made available by the Augusta County Medical Society, beginning Sunday, Feb. 23, for a series of three clinics at 26 locations. (Staff Photo by Sutton)

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