

Niagara County encourages updated vaccinations

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care system. As of Jan. 17, only 13% of hospital beds in Western New York were available (seven-day average).

Vaccination against the flu, COVID-19 and RSV is especially important for those at higher risk, including young children, pregnant individuals, those with chronic health conditions, and adults 65 and older. Vaccines can reduce the risk of flu illnesses by approximately 50% in the general population and can prevent severe symptoms and hospitalization.

NCDOH emphasizes that vaccination for those who are healthy, especially those ages 5-49 years, offers protection for themselves and others they are in contact with such as classmates, co-workers and family members who might have a higher risk for complications from

respiratory illness.

CDC recommends all people aged 6 months and older stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccines and receive a seasonal flu vaccine. RSV vaccination is recommended for those 60 years and older or pregnant. CDC also recommends nirsevimab, a monoclonal antibody product, for all infants younger than 8 months who are born during – or entering – their first RSV season, as well as some older babies.

Current Vaccination Situation

✓ The number of total flu vaccinations for all persons 6 months and older in the 2023-24 season lags behind last year's rate at this time.

✓ Only 11% of all New York residents and only 9.9% of Niagara County residents have received the updated COVID-19 vaccine.

✓ Only 16.7% of New York-

ers 60 years and older have received the RSV vaccine.

"Vaccines against respiratory illnesses are the best way to protect yourself and those around you," said Daniel J. Stapleton, public health director. "Please get your flu, COVID-19 and RSV vaccines (if eligible) today to prevent the potentially severe consequences of respiratory illnesses this season, and do your part to protect our community."

The Niagara County Department of Health offers flu and COVID-19 vaccinations at public clinics, with detail regularly shared on our website and our Facebook page. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended. For more information and registration links, please visit our upcoming clinic schedule.

Upcoming vaccination clinic:
✓ Town of Porter Town Hall: Monday, Jan. 29, 3:30-6:30 p.m.



Hezekiah Baker (American, 1940-2007), "Backwater Under Pink Clouds"; c. 2000; oil on Upson board. Collection of Dr. Marilyn Chandler Ford, promised gift to the Castellani Art Museum of Niagara University. (Submitted photo)

Castellani celebrates Black History Month with pioneering exhibitions & discussions

Submitted by the Castellani Art Museum of Niagara University

This February, Castellani Art Museum is proud to present an array of enriching programs in honor of Black History Month. These events are dedicated to highlighting the artistic contributions of African-American artists and exploring the experiences of the BIPOC community in the art world.

On Feb. 3, from 1-2 p.m., the museum will host "The Highwaymen: Black Artists of the Florida Coast," a public tour led by CAM Curator of Exhibitions and Special Projects Michael Beam. This event offers a deep dive into the captivating world of the Highwaymen, a group of African-American artists renowned for their vibrant depictions of Florida's coastal landscapes during the mid-20th century.

Despite facing significant racial barriers, these self-taught artists found creative ways to share their unique vision. The exhibition, a first in Western New York, features 21 paintings by the original Highwaymen and their descendants, celebrating their enduring artistic legacy.

Visitors can also visit "The Highwaymen: Black Artists of the Florida Coast" exhibition on their own during CAM's open hours. This exhibition, the first of its kind in Western New York, closes on April 28. Exclusive Highwaymen merchandise, which includes colorful art prints and postcards, will be 20% off during the month of February.

Another highlight of the month is the "Currents | BIPOC Perspectives: Cultural Representation Roundtable," scheduled for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 29. This engaging discussion will feature a diverse panel of local BIPOC

artists and museum professionals, including Terry Alford, executive director of the Michigan Street Heritage Corridor; Tiffany Gaines, curatorial and digital content associate at the Burchfield Penney Art Center; Bree Gilliam, a visual artist; and Muhammad Z. Zaman, also a visual artist. The roundtable will delve into the historical obstacles faced by BIPOC artists, the inspiring stories of local artists' resilience, insights from museum professionals on promoting diversity in arts organizations, and the importance of recognizing intersectionality in the art world.

These events are part of the museum's commitment to showcasing the vibrant work of Black artists, who have historically been underrepresented in the art world.

In addition to our programs, explore artworks on view by BIPOC artists in our collection including Faith Ringgold, Basquiat, William Cooper and Sam Gilliam. The Castellani Art Museum invites the community to participate in these programs, which promise to enrich our understanding and appreciation of diverse artistic narratives.

For more details on these exciting programs or to register for these enriching events, we invite you to visit our website at www.castellaniartmuseum.org. Simply navigate to the "Upcoming Programs" tab where you can find more information and secure your place in these not-to-be-missed Black History Month celebrations.

For more information on the CAM, visit www.castellaniartmuseum.org, or follow CAM's Facebook page, X (formerly Twitter) @CAM_of_NU and Instagram @CastellaniArtMuseum.

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