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Your free COVID-19 vaccine comes with more—\$25 dollars for you and a driver.

As part of its ongoing effort to get more North Carolinians vaccinated and safely bring summer back, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is offering \$25 Summer Cards at The Jackson County Department of Public Health (JCDPH) to offset the time and transportation costs of getting vaccinated.

From July 22, 2021 through August 21, 2021 JCDPH will offer \$25 Summer Cards. Anyone 18 and older who gets their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine will receive a \$25 card after vaccination at a participating location while supplies last. Cards are for the first dose only for both the person being vaccinated and the driver.

In addition to providing a \$25 Summer Card to those who get their first dose of vaccine, those who drive others will receive a \$25 Summer Card each time they drive someone to an appointment at the completion of the vaccination. This helps offset the costs for those who help family, friends and neighbors find their spot for a vaccine and drive them to their shots. There is no limit on the number of times someone can drive people to a vaccination appointment; however, a driver will only receive one card per visit.

Getting vaccinated and helping others do the same protects you from COVID-19 and against hospitalization and death. Rigorous clinical trials have proven that the vaccines are safe and effective with more than 150 million people in the U.S. who have been safely vaccinated. And as the more contagious Delta variant of the virus is spreading across the country—mostly through unvaccinated people—it's critical that North Carolinians get vaccinated now. Remember, COVID-19 vaccines are free, safe and effective.

Now is the time to do your part in keeping our community safe, by getting vaccinated. JCDPH offers vaccines on Thursdays and Fridays. Pfizer, Moderna, and Janssen vaccines are all available. Visit www.vaccines.gov to schedule your appointment today.

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