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Livingston County COVID-19 Vaccination Update

Livingston County, IL – The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) continues to make progress administering the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to those eligible Livingston County residents. As of January 27, 2021 the LCHD has received 2,100 doses of the Moderna vaccine and have administered 1,570 doses to those that qualify, with the remaining doses already scheduled for administration. The LCHD has chosen to prioritize residents age 65 and older, as well as school personnel working in Livingston County schools, within Phase 1B in order to ensure efficient and equitable distribution of the vaccine.

While the LCHD has been hosting several vaccination clinics a week at the LCHD, reaching 80-200 eligible residents per clinic, the largest COVID vaccination clinic held to date in Livingston County was on Friday, January 22nd, at the Grace Episcopal Church in Pontiac in which 320 doses were administered in under four hours to eligible residents age 65 and older. Mass vaccination clinics for Livingston residents age 65 and older will continue to be held throughout the county in the weeks and months ahead.

As Livingston County continues to work through Phase 1B (Age 65+ & Essential Workers), those residents age 65 and older will receive first priority in vaccination distribution. A questionnaire is available on the LCHD website (<https://lchd.us/site/covid-19-vaccination/>) for those age 65 and older to sign-up for updates regarding clinic times/dates and appointment availability. **Only those Livingston County residents age 65+ may register at this time.** The LCHD recommends reaching out to friends or loved ones age 65 or older in Livingston County with limited technology or internet access and assisting them in signing-up for alerts as this is the best way to be notified of upcoming clinics. If an individual does not have an email address, it is recommended that the person helping him/her sign them up enters their own email address to monitor for alerts for their friend or loved one.

Within Phase 1B, the LCHD has also prioritized school personnel working in Livingston County schools. COVID vaccination clinics have been established for all county schools.

“We are excited to have established clinics for all of our Livingston County school personnel,” said Jackie Dever, LCHD Administrator. “We understand how important it is for our families to get their children back in school, and we’re working with our county schools to make that happen in the safest, healthiest way possible. We are appreciative to all of the school leadership who have helped us coordinate vaccination clinics for their school district staff.”

The COVID vaccine is not yet available to essential workers in Livingston County as the LCHD is currently focused on vaccinating residents age 65 and older as well as Livingston school personnel. Essential workers eligible within Phase 1B are asked to check the LCHD website regularly for up-to-date information, as well as local media and Facebook (@LivCoHealthIL), as Livingston County progresses through Phase 1B.

The COVID vaccine will be administered in Livingston County in accordance with the phases as recommended by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Availability and timing of vaccine administration in Livingston County will depend on vaccine delivery from the State of Illinois, as well as uptake of the vaccine by those individuals who are eligible. **It is requested that the public please refrain from contacting the LCHD with questions regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.** If you have questions or concerns about receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, please contact your healthcare provider.

The LCHD will continue to work diligently to meet the everyday needs of county residents while aggressively addressing the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

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