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Livingston County COVID-19 Vaccination Update

Livingston County, IL – The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) continues to make progress in their Mass Vaccination Plan for Livingston County. According to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), 9,152 doses of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccine have been administered in the county as of March 5, 2021. Since late December, the LCHD has coordinated a minimum of 2-3 COVID-19 vaccination clinics per week for those that qualify for the vaccine, with the largest clinics hosting over 400 people.

“As quickly as we are receiving the vaccine, we are getting the doses to eligible residents and essential workers in the county,” said LCHD Administrator, Jackie Dever.

The LCHD recently made the vaccine available to those residents eligible within Phase 1B+, including persons with specific health-complicating conditions or disabilities. Currently the LCHD is vaccinating Livingston County residents age 65 and older, essential workers either living or working in the county, as well as residents included in Phase 1B+. Available appointments and a complete list of those that qualify for the vaccine through the LCHD can be found on their website: <https://lchd.us/site/covid-19-vaccination/>.

Another positive development was made in Livingston’s Mass Vaccination Plan this week – all Livingston County school personnel wanting the vaccine have been fully vaccinated as of March 5th. “We could not be happier to have our county school personnel fully vaccinated,” said, Dever. “We recognize the challenges faced by families and schools when children are unable to attend in-person instruction safely, so we chose to prioritize school personnel early on in an effort to get students back in their classrooms as quickly as possible. We’re very appreciative for all of our county schools’ partnership in making this happen.”

An additional vaccine, created by Johnson & Johnson, has also been recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for emergency use. While this single dose COVID-19 vaccine is currently being given to State-run mass vaccination sites, of which any Illinois resident can attend, the LCHD is hopeful to receive shipment of the newly approved vaccine in April.

As more vaccine becomes available, the LCHD will be scheduling clinics throughout Livingston County in effort to reduce travel barriers for residents, as well as some Saturday clinics to help accommodate essential workers. The LCHD does not anticipate running these clinics until April.

Availability and timing of vaccine administration in Livingston County will depend on vaccine delivery from the State of Illinois. Checking the LCHD website is the best way to receive up-to-date information regarding vaccine distribution at the health department. **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.

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