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## **Over 1,200 Second Doses Given by LCHD in 1<sup>st</sup> Week of May**

Livingston County, IL – The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) kicked off the month of May by administering over 1,200 second doses of Moderna and Pfizer vaccines. According to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), over 26.62% of Livingston County residents have been fully vaccinated as of May 7, 2021.

In order to be more accommodating of workers' schedules, the LCHD has established new appointment availability. Upcoming clinic details are as follows:

- Pfizer Vaccine: Saturday, June 5 from 7:00-11:00am at the Livingston County Health Department (310 E Torrance Ave, Pontiac) – *Anyone age 16+ is eligible*
- Moderna and J&J Vaccines: Monday & Friday mornings 7:00-9:00am; Monday afternoons 3:30-5:30pm at the Livingston County Health Department (310 E Torrance Ave, Pontiac) – *Walk-ins welcome during clinic hours*

Further details and appointment availability can be found on their website:

<https://lchd.us/site/covid-19-vaccination/>.

As the LCHD continues with their Mass Vaccination Plan, focus is being directed ensuring younger populations have easy access to the vaccine. “It is important for everyone who is eligible to be vaccinated not only for themselves, but for their family, friends, coworkers and teammates,” said Jackie Dever, LCHD Administrator. There are lots of benefits to being vaccinated against COVID-19:

- Reduces virus transmission in our communities
- Reduces risk of serious illness and hospitalization
- No longer required to quarantine/isolate (i.e. no more missed work, school, sports, etc.)
- Increased travel opportunities
- Safeguards the health and safety of family, friends, and our Livingston communities

As the LCHD prepares for the probable FDA approval for emergency use of the Pfizer vaccine among ages 12-15, the health department will continue to work closely with local schools and Boys & Girls Clubs of Livingston County to ensure that families and eligible students are aware of Pfizer vaccination opportunities.

It is essential that community members remain vigilant in the fight against COVID-19 by wearing masks and maintaining social distance, staying home when ill, and choosing to be vaccinated.

Checking the LCHD website is the best way to receive up-to-date information regarding vaccine distribution at the health department, as well as updates regarding COVID-19 in Livingston County. If you have questions or concerns about receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, please contact your healthcare provider.

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