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## **LCHD Programs Return to In-home Services**

Livingston County, IL – More Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) programs are returning to business as usual as the COVID-19 vaccine has brought some sense of normalcy back to daily lives. According to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), over 38% of Livingston County residents have been fully vaccinated as of July 16, 2021.

Two LCHD programs will return to providing in-home services to Livingston County residents: Community Care Program Case Coordination Units (CCU), an in-home senior services program, accredited and grant funded through the Illinois Department of Aging; and Healthy Families Illinois (HFI), a voluntary in-home support program for new and expecting parents, accredited through Healthy Families America and grant funded through the Illinois Department of Human Services.

Throughout the pandemic most all LCHD programs were required to adapt in their delivery of services based on State guidelines for the programs. While taking the lead in addressing the pandemic in Livingston County, LCHD staff were also dedicated to ensuring services county resident rely on were not interrupted. Programs that traditionally operated in homes, like HFI and CCU, were instead provided remotely, delivering resources and care packages to doorsteps, holding meetings over the phone or via Facetime, checking in often for support, and welcoming new clients needing help during the difficult time.

“We’ll be taking every precaution to ensure our in-home services are healthy and safe for our senior residents,” said Amy Lucas, LCHD Senior Services Coordinator. “We are very excited to return providing care in our clients’ most comfortable settings.”

The change comes after months of vaccination efforts, of which continue at the LCHD (310 E Torrance Ave, Pontiac).

- Moderna and J&J Vaccines: Monday & Friday mornings 7:00-9:00am; Monday afternoons 3:30-5:30pm
- \*Pfizer and J&J Vaccines: Tuesday afternoons 1:00-4:00pm

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred. Further details can be found on their website: <https://lchd.us/site/covid-19-vaccination/>. \*Parental consent is required for anyone under 18 years of age.

It is essential that community members remain vigilant in the fight against COVID-19. Those individuals who are unvaccinated are asked to continue wearing a facemask when unable to maintain distance in order to help reduce virus transmission. If you have questions or concerns about receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, please contact your healthcare provider.

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