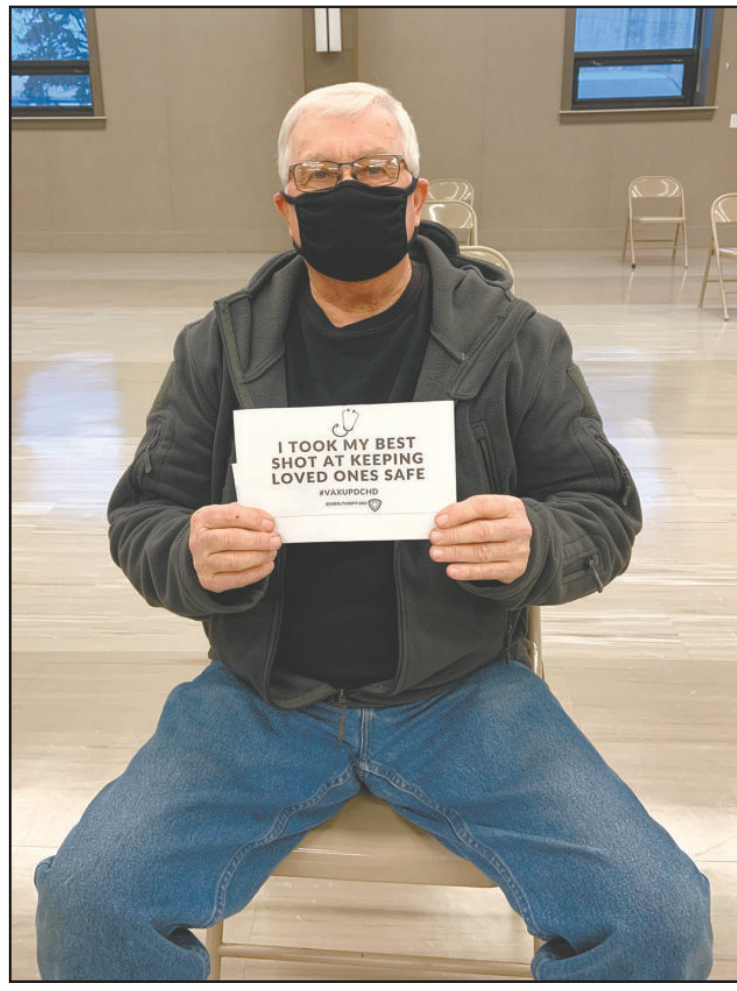


Wednesday, January 27, 2020
COVID-19 vaccine update from the Douglas County Health Department

As the State of Illinois prepares to move into Phase 1B of the COVID-19 vaccination process, DCHD would like to inform the public about what that is and how it will be accomplished locally.

Perhaps the most important thing to remember is that everything depends on available vaccine supply. While eligible recipients likely number in the thousands, we can only dispense what we have in our possession. That said, rest assured that there will be no wasting of vaccine. Our mission is to make sure every single available dose we have gets into the arm of a willing vaccine recipient. Douglas County is receiving the Moderna vaccine—a two-dose regimen that requires at least a 28-day interval between doses. It is authorized for ages 18 and older.

DCHD has weekly, recurring vaccine clinic dates and times planned—Wednesdays 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Arcola Center and Thursdays 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Tuscola Community Building—starting the last week in January, but will not open registration until we know we have sufficient vaccine. Watch DCHD social media sites and county newspapers for updated information and opportunity to pre-register online for these clinics. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged to help streamline the process and make sure we have sufficient



vaccine for all accepted appointments. It is highly recommended that if you don't have access to a computer or other device, enlist the help of a family member or friend to do so for you.

Once you have pre-registered for a vaccine clinic appointment, please be sure to bring a printed copy of the appointment "ticket" or have a photo of it on your smartphone. We will be scanning that ticket at check-in. You

will have to bare your arm for the vaccine, so it would be helpful to wear a short-sleeved shirt or something that easily allows access to your bare upper arm for the injection. You will receive an immunization card at your appointment with the date and dosage information of your first vaccine. It will also list the date for which you are first eligible to receive your second dose. You will be asked to repeat the online



pre-registration process for this dose as well.

For those folks who took our now closed online COVID vaccine survey, DCHD will be attempting to reach you via Hyper-Reach to inform you of clinic registration openings for when they are available. Watch for a phone number starting with 217-599.

Listed below are the population demographics included in Phase 1B.

- 1B Eligible Individuals (as determined by CDC and IDPH):**
- People age 65+
 - First responders (fire, law enforcement, 911 workers, security personnel, school officers)
 - Education (teachers, principals, student support, student aides, daycare workers)
 - Food/Agriculture (processing, plants, veterinary health, livestock services,

- animal care)
- Manufacturing (industrial production of goods for distribution)
- Corrections workers and inmates
- Public transit workers (flight crew, bus drivers, train conductors, taxi drivers, para-transit drivers)
- Grocery store workers (baggers, cashiers, stockers, pick-up, customer service)
- Shelters/Adult daycare (homeless shelters, women's shelters, adult day programs, PSR programs)

What you can expect at your vaccine appointment:
 Vaccine recipients will be asked for their pre-registration ticket and fill out a brief questionnaire, after which the painless injection will be administered. Out of an abundance of caution, recipients will be asked to wait 15 minutes before leaving to ensure there are no adverse reactions. The most common side effect is a sore arm at injection site, and mild fatigue is occasionally reported. The second dose should be administered at least 28 days after the first dose. Recipients will receive the vaccines free of charge.

This is a brief overview of what DCHD anticipates the vaccine process to look like. Thank you for your continued patience as we work through the state and federal guidelines governing us to make this effort as efficient and fair as possible.

Illinois Department of Public Health announces Region 6 moves to Phase 4

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) today announced Region 6 (Champaign, Clark, Clay, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, De Witt, Douglas, Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Ford, Iroquois, Jasper, Lawrence, Macon, Moultrie, Piatt, Richland, Shelby, Vermillion) is returning to Phase 4 of the Restore Plan and Region 7 (Kankakee and Will) is advancing to Tier 1. Information about which tier and phase regions are in can be found at the top of the IDPH website homepage.

"I am excited that 10 out of our 11 regions have moved out of Tier 3 mitigations," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "However, this does not mean we can let our guard down. We must continue to practice actions to protect ourselves from the virus—wear our masks, avoid large gatherings, and get the vaccine when it is our turn. This is particularly critical as new variants circulate, which early studies show spread much more rapidly. We are headed in the right direction once again, so let's stay the course."

IDPH will continue to closely monitor test positivity, ICU bed availability, and the number of people in the hospital with COVID-19. Should data show regions trending in the wrong direction, based on the established mitigation metrics, regions could once again find themselves in a higher tier with increased measures.

Metrics for moving from a higher to lower tier are as follows:
 Moving from Tier 3 to Tier 2
 * Test positivity rate ≥ 8

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| Strict stay at home and social distancing guidelines are put in place, and only essential businesses remain open. Every region has experienced this phase once already and could return to it if mitigation efforts are unsuccessful. | Non-essential retail stores reopen for curbside pickup and delivery. Illinoisans are directed to wear a face covering when outside the home and can begin enjoying additional outdoor activities like golf, boating & fishing while practicing social distancing. | Manufacturing, offices, retail, barbershops and salons can reopen to the public with capacity and other limits and safety precautions. Gatherings of 10 people or fewer are allowed. Face coverings and social distancing are the norm. | Gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed, restaurants and bars reopen, travel resumes, child care and schools reopen under guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Face coverings and social distancing are the norm. | The economy fully reopens with safety precautions continuing. Conventions, festivals and large events are permitted, and all businesses, schools and places of recreation can open with new safety guidance and procedures. |

New case growth slows

Surge hospital capacity

10,000 tests per day statewide

Testing for any symptomatic health care workers and first responders

Case positivity rate and hospital capacity benchmarks met

Testing for patients, health care workers and at-risk residents

Begin contact tracing and monitoring within 24 hours of diagnosis

Case positivity rate and hospital capacity benchmarks met

Testing available in region regardless of symptoms or risk factors

Contact tracing within 24 hours of diagnosis for more than 90% of cases

Post-pandemic:

Vaccine, effective and widely available treatment, or the elimination of new cases over a sustained period of time through herd immunity or other factors

percent and below 12 percent for three consecutive days (7-day average)
 AND
 * Staffed ICU bed availability ≥ 20 percent for three consecutive days (7-day average)
 AND
 * Sustained decline in

COVID patients in hospital (7-day average for 7 of 10 days)
 Moving from Tier 2 to Tier 1
 * Test positivity rate between 6.5 percent and 8 percent for three consecutive days (7-day average)
 AND

* Staffed ICU bed availability ≥ 20 percent for three consecutive days (7-day average)
 AND
 * No sustained increase in COVID patients in hospital (7-day average for 7 of 10 days)
 Moving from Tier 1 to

Phase 4
 * Test positivity rate ≤ 6.5 percent for three consecutive days (7-day average)
 AND
 * Staffed ICU bed availability ≥ 20 percent for three consecutive days (7-day average)
 AND

* No sustained increase in COVID patients in hospital (7-day average for 7 of 10 days)
Information about mitigation and resurgence metrics can be found on the IDPH website at <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics>.



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