

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

## Douglas County Health Department announces COVID-19 immunization clinic changes ahead

Since the final days of December 2020, Douglas County Health Department has held weekly clinics in order to vaccinate willing residents as a safeguard against COVID-19. We are so very proud of and grateful for the 5,000-plus community members who have made that commitment to protect themselves, their families, friends, co-workers and fellow citizens by becoming fully vaccinated.

Because the number of first-dose appointment requests is decreasing, DCHD is now looking at changing the way it conducts vaccine clinics in an effort to best utilize staff resources while still providing this life-saving immunization to the public. After the May

15 scheduled mass vaccination clinic at North Ward Elementary School in Tuscola (appointments still available for Moderna first and second doses and Pfizer second doses), DCHD will not be conducting vaccinations the week of May 17. Instead, managers will be mapping out the new strategy.

COVID vaccination efforts will resume the week of May 25, and the likely scenario will be conducting drive-thru clinics by appointment several days a week at

DCHD's J600 site in Tuscola Outlet Mall. The same online registration process will probably remain, and more specific details will be made available sometime next week. Please note that should circumstances warrant it, there may be occasional mass vaccination clinics held in the future.

In the meantime, we encourage anyone who is eligible for vaccination to give serious consideration to doing so. It is free, essentially painless,

and requires just a small amount of your time. Besides the obvious health benefits, additional perks of full vaccination include often no quarantine is required if you are identified as a close contact to a COVID-positive person, and your presence doesn't count against capacity limits in many situations.

For more information, check the DCHD website at [dchealthdept.org](http://dchealthdept.org) or find us on Facebook.



## FSRC offering assistance for vaccine registration

Douglas County residents age 60 and older--The Family Service Senior Resource Center can assist you in registering for the COVID-19 vaccine! From navigating the online scheduling to printing your vaccine appointment ticket to finding transportation, we would be honored to work with you to improve your safety! We can even assist you with

laminating your vaccination card once you have received both doses! You can reach the Family Service Senior Resource Center by calling 217-352-5100 and asking to speak with Douglas County staff. Staff is also available to help with a variety of other resources and services available to older adults. We look forward to working with you!



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The Douglas County Family Service Resource Center with a resident they assisted in getting their COVID vaccine.

## LLC Board appoints new Vice President for Academic Services

The Lake Land College Board of Trustees appointed Ikemefuna "Ike" Nwosu as the vice president for academic services at the May 10, 2021 board of trustees meeting. His appointment includes one year of mentorship beginning July 1. He will assume the vice presidency on July 1, 2022 when the current Vice President for Academic Services Jon Althaus retires.

In this role, Nwosu will administer and supervise all academic operations of the college, including strategic planning, development, ad-

ministration, supervision and evaluation for academic programs and personnel.

Nwosu began his career at Lake Land College in 2006 as a biological sciences instructor, transitioning to Math and Science Division Chair in 2015. He also currently serves as a member of the Academic Services Leadership Team (ASLT).

Nwosu earned a bachelor's degree in biological sciences from the University of Zambia and attended Lake Land College to complete general coursework. He earned



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Pictured is Ikemefuna "Ike" Nwosu

a master's degree in biological sciences from Eastern Illinois University and is currently completing a doctorate of education in community college leadership at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan.

"Ike's experience and vision will be exceptionally valuable to his new role," Lake Land College President Josh Bullock said. "I am confident that his direction and insight will be great assets to Lake Land College and the role of vice president for academic services." Lake Land College

District 517, located in Mattoon, Illinois, serves the second largest community college district in the state, with a total population of 189,869. The Lake Land College district comprises all or part of 15 counties and 31 public school districts in rural east central Illinois. Counties served by Lake Land College include: Christian, Clark, Clay, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Macon, Montgomery, Moultrie and Shelby.



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The Douglas County Sheriff's Office congratulated Teresa Cain on her recent retirement from the department. Teresa provided 17 years of service and retired from her position as the full time cook at the Douglas County Jail this week. They noted that "Teresa has been a dedicated and extremely reliable employee for nearly two decades and her presence here will be missed."

## Illinois Amish Heritage Center to Open on Fridays and Saturdays Beginning in June

The Illinois Amish Heritage Center, located three miles east of Arthur, Illinois on Route 133, will be open to the public for guided tours and walk-throughs on Fridays and Saturdays this summer. Hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. starting Friday, June 4. Guided tours will take visitors through four historic Amish buildings - the 1882 Daniel Schrock house, the 1866 Moses Yoder house and workshop, and the 1920 Miller Amish German School.

Exhibits are being developed in all the historic buildings. The Schrock house will include exhibits on Amish history and religion, Amish quilts and coverlets, Amish clothing, and Amish culture, as



well as the historic features of the 1882 house. The 1866 Moses Yoder house is the oldest Amish house in Illinois. It is still under restoration and visitors will be able to see the structural research and restoration process. Exhibit panels will describe elements of the original house as it was built in 1866 by Moses Yoder. The Yoder workshop will include an exhibit on historic

Amish barns. The 1920 Miller Amish German School was originally located four miles west of Arthur on Route 133 and was moved to the IAHC in April of this year. The school served as a German school where Amish youth, after graduating from the eighth grade, went to learn the German language. This is important because Amish church services are conducted in German. The school is in pristine historical condition with original paint still on the walls, the student desks and teacher's desk still in place, the wood or coal burning stove in place, and even the original graniteware wash basin still on the shelf in the rear of the room. The German al-

phabet and daily schedule can be seen written on the chalk board in the front of the room. Exhibit panels will talk about the school and Amish education.

Advanced reservation for tours or walk-throughs is recommended by calling 217-268-3043. Cost for those 12 and older is \$5 for the walk through and \$10 for an hour-long guided tour. The Illinois Amish Heritage Center is located three miles east of Arthur and six miles west of Arcola, Illinois and I-57 on the north side of Illinois Route 133.

More information on the IAHC can be found on the website at: [www.illinoisamish.org](http://www.illinoisamish.org).

**Thank you Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center!**  
Your services to our community are absolutely incredible