



Press Release

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Health Department Announces Additional COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

On March 19th, Governor Pritzker announced the expansion of vaccine eligibility to all Illinois residents as the State pushes further to achieve the goal of herd immunity from COVID-19. According to the plan, on March 22nd, Higher education staff, government workers, and media are now eligible to receive the vaccine. On March 29th, food and beverage workers, construction trade workers, and religious leaders will become eligible to receive the vaccine. Beginning April 12, the State opens up vaccine eligibility to any resident who meets the age requirement of age 16 and up.

Phase 1A, 1B, and 1B+ had previously included individuals in healthcare, over the age of 65, frontline essential workers, and those between the age of 16 and 65 with preexisting conditions. Logan County Department of Public Health (LCDPH) urges individuals in those groups who have not been vaccinated, to contact their department to schedule an appointment. Details of who is currently eligible can be found on the State of Illinois Coronavirus Response website: <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-plan-overview>.

LCDPH is currently administering the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine which, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has demonstrated a 94.1% effectiveness rate in clinical trials. The FDA has approved the Moderna vaccine for individuals over the age of 18. To urgently support the State's goal for herd immunity, LCDPH is planning numerous vaccine clinics in the month of April to provide protection to individuals who live in Logan and neighboring counties. LCDPH does ask that you bring your insurance card to your appointment, but assures there will be no out-of-pocket cost to recipients. If you do not have an insurance card, you will not be denied the vaccine, nor will you be charged for any costs.

Clinics at LCDPH are currently planned for the following dates:

- March 27
- April 1
- April 7
- April 10

- April 13
- April 14 (evening hours available)

Eligible vaccine candidates are encouraged to register for an appointment online via the LCDPH website at <http://www.lcdph.org/covid-vaccine-clinics>.

To accommodate those who do not have access to the internet or have trouble with the online sign-up process, LCDPH is accepting phone registrations by calling 217-735-2317 (extension 312).

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