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## LCDPH Announces COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

The Logan County Department of Public Health (LCDPH) recognizes the COVID-19 vaccine as a critical tool to safely reach the other side of this pandemic. Through efficient and effective distribution of the vaccine, we can suppress the spread of the virus, save as many lives as possible, and rebuild our economy.

The vaccine is being distributed, using a phased approach in order to reach critical populations per the vaccination administration plan created by the <u>Illinois Department of Public Health</u> (IDPH).

LCDPH has been receiving allotments of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine from IDPH. The Moderna vaccine requires two doses. The second dose must take place approximately 28 days after the first dose in order to reach up to 95.6% protection from COVID-19.

Phase 1A distribution is complete in Logan County. Phase 1A includes hospitals, non-hospital healthcare, long-term care facilities and other congregate care sites. This week, eligible individuals in Phase 1B have also received access to the vaccine including first responders and education personnel.

As the state continues to provide Logan County allotments of the COVID-19 vaccine, Phase 1B distribution will continue to individuals age 65 and above and essential workers listed in Phase 1B (food and agriculture, manufacturing, corrections workers and inmates, United States Postal Service workers, public transit workers, grocery store workers and shelters/adult day care).

LCDPH is holding "by appointment only" COVID-19 vaccine clinics for individuals who work or live in Logan County and can show proof of eligibility for Phase 1A or Phase 1B. To check your eligibility, visit <a href="https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccine-faq">https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccine-faq</a>. The first weekend clinic will take place on Saturday, February 13 from 9am-2pm. Another clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17 from 10am-3pm.

LCDPH has chosen to require appointments for the clinics in order to create an efficient process, promote social distancing and create the best experience for our community. Phase 1A and Phase 1B eligible individuals <u>MUST</u> live or work in Logan County can make an appointment using the reservation link which will be available by noon, January 25 at <u>www.LCDPH.org</u> and the LCDPH Facebook page. Appointments will not be final until confirmed by the health department. LCDPH encourages online registration but individuals can call 217-735-2317 to schedule. Pardon any waiting times, as phone lines and voicemails may be congested.

LCDPH appreciates the community's patience as it rolls out the COVID-19 vaccine. LCDPH takes its duty to protect Logan County seriously. Residents can be confident that as the health department receives the vaccines, they will be administered efficiently and safely. All residents will have an opportunity to be vaccinated.

In addition to the listed clinics, LCDPH will offer vaccine clinics each week and is working with Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital to offer more COVID-19 vaccination clinics. All vaccination opportunities will be announced by LCDPH on their Facebook page and at <u>www.lcdph.org</u>.

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