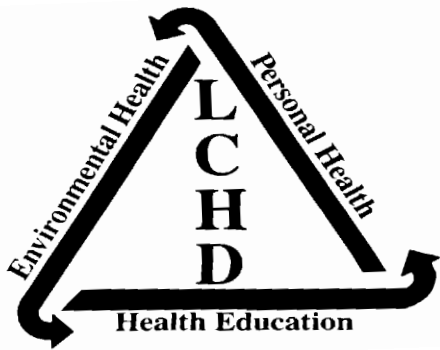


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### “LaSalle County Seeing Substantial COVID -19 Transmission”

Ottawa, IL -- According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), LaSalle County is now experiencing substantial transmission of the COVID -19 virus. In accordance with the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) we are recommending that all County residents, including fully vaccinated people, should wear a mask while in public indoor settings now that we are seeing substantial transmission of the COVID-19 virus in LaSalle County.

We recommend those who have not gotten vaccinated do so. Data continues to demonstrate that the vaccines are preventing severe illness, hospitalizations and death, and are effective against the Delta variant. According to CDC, data shows the Delta variant is much more contagious. Delta spreads more than twice as easily from one person to another compared to other strains. Although the Delta variant is causing some vaccine breakthrough infections, most breakthrough infections are mild, and the vaccines are preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death. Getting vaccinated for COVID-19 can prevent the spread of the virus, prevent illness, hospitalization and death.

The LaSalle County Health Department has COVID -19 vaccine available at the Health Department by appointment only, Monday through Friday. The Health Department has Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer available. Residents who still need to be vaccinated should call the Health Department at 815-433-3366 to make an appointment.

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