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“LaSalle County Health Department Offers Booster Doses of Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson”

On October 21, 2021, the CDC expanded eligibility for COVID-19 booster shots in certain populations. LaSalle County Health Department will begin offering booster doses on a weekly basis, **by appointment only**.

To schedule an appointment for a booster dose vaccination please visit our website www.lasallecounty.org and click on the “COVID-19 Vaccine Information” icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment for a booster dose of Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson.

For individuals who received a **Pfizer** or **Moderna** vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at **six months or more** after their initial series:

- ▶ 65 years and older
- ▶ Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
- ▶ Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- ▶ Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings

For individuals who received the **Johnson & Johnson** vaccine, booster shots are recommended for those who are 18 and older and who were vaccinated **two or more months ago**.

Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received and others may prefer to get a different booster. CDC’s recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.

In addition, we will continue to give additional doses (3rd doses) to individuals who are considered severely immunocompromised. If you are still in need of this 3rd dose, you should call the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 to schedule an appointment.

Important Things to Remember:

- You **MUST** have your vaccination record card for your appointment.
- If you do not have it, please visit IDPH Vax Verify at:
https://idphportal.illinois.gov/s/?language=en_US to get a copy of your vaccination record.

Day of Appointment Instructions:

- ✓ If you do not feel well the day of your appointment, do not come to the vaccination clinic.
- ✓ **Please arrive at your scheduled appointment time.**
- ✓ The Health Department is located at 717 Etna Rd., Ottawa. COVID-19 booster vaccinations will be given in the Vaccination Trailer (look for the yellow sign), which is located next to the COVID Testing Trailer and is in the Health Department's parking lot.
- ✓ All attendees will need to wear a face covering.
- ✓ All attendees must follow instructions and maintain social distancing. Please stay 6ft. apart when waiting in line.
- ✓ If the patient is under the age of 18, they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- ✓ **PLEASE BRING:**
 - ✓ **Bring a copy of your printed ticket or a screenshot of the ticket on your phone.**
 - ✓ **Bring your vaccination record card**
- You **MUST** have an APPOINTMENT to get vaccinated. Absolutely **NO walk-ins**; you will be turned away and asked to leave.
- If you need assistance, please bring someone with you. Otherwise, we ask that only people receiving the vaccine come to the clinic.
- Individuals should wear clothing to allow easy access to the upper portion of the arm for injection.

For additional information, please contact the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 or visit the Health Department's website at www.lasallecounty.org.

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