



Kane County Health Department Administers More than 2,100 COVID-19 Doses to Phase 1a Health Care Workers in Two Days

January 11, 2021 – The Kane County Health Department (KCHD) provided COVID-19 vaccine to over 2,100 health care workers at two clinics last week. KCHD was assisted by volunteers from fourteen area agencies.

“The clinics were a true community effort,” said KCHD Interim Executive Director Kathy Fosser. “We thank all the volunteers and community agencies who came together to help set up the clinics.” Providing assistance at the clinic were the Aurora Fire Department, the St. Charles Fire Department, St. Charles Emergency Management Agency, St. Charles Police Department, Geneva Fire Department, Batavia Fire Department, Tri-City Ambulance Service, Fox River Countryside Fire Protection District, the Elburn Fire Department, Southern Fox Valley EMS System, St. Charles Community Unit School District 303, the Kane County Sheriff’s Office, the Kane County Office of Emergency Management and the Kane County Medical Reserve Corps.

If you either work for a healthcare organization that is based in Kane County and/or are a resident of Kane County that works for a healthcare organization and you have not yet received information about when you can register for the COVID-19 vaccine, please email KCHD directly at: COVIDvaccine@co.kane.il.us

Everyone who received a vaccination at last week’s clinics will receive a notification with an electronic link for registering for the 2nd dose clinics that are currently scheduled for February 4th and 5th. Further details are forthcoming.

KCHD is currently planning on hosting additional mass-vaccination clinics for remaining 1a facilities and the start of 1b priority groups within the next 2 weeks. In addition, KCHD is working closely with other partner providers who will be able to provide vaccinations to individuals falling within the priority groups as well. KCHD will continue to provide information to the community regarding the vaccine roll out and when individuals can expect to receive access to the vaccine dependent on eligibility criteria.

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Vaccinations for the general public are not likely to begin until early spring. Kane County residents will be informed of availability at that time. The health department is currently not accepting vaccination appointments. To sign up for Vaccination Information Notification bulletins, please visit the Kane County Health Department website at KaneHealth.com.

The Kane County Health Department has been working diligently in accordance with the KCHD Mass-Vaccination Project Plan and the IDPH Mass-Vaccination Plan to plan for and execute the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines upon receiving shipments. To date, Kane County has distributed 16,045 doses of the vaccine to phase 1a healthcare facilities.

The first group to receive the vaccine under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations are Phase 1a healthcare workers and those residing and serving in healthcare facility settings who are at an increased risk of exposure. Vaccinations in long term care facilities are administered under a Federal program by Walgreen's and CVS Pharmacies. For the Illinois Department of Public Health's definition of Phase 1a and 1b eligible personnel, please see: <https://www.kanehealth.com/Pages/COVID-Vaccine.aspx>

KCHD is hosting a one-hour virtual meeting entitled Addressing Disparities: Improving the COVID-19 Response in Kane County, for community residents to gather input on how the health department can improve their response to COVID-19. The meetings are hosted by the KCHD COVID-19 Disparities Committee.

For the session held in English on Tuesday, January 12 from 6 – 7 p.m., register here: <http://ow.ly/ZQYX50D3Jqb>

For the session held in Spanish on Thursday, January 14 from 6 – 7 p.m., register here: <http://ow.ly/WxWa50D3JwW>

The public is advised to continue to take precautions. Wear a mask, wash your hands and maintain your social distance. Avoid social gatherings and get tested if you think you have been exposed.

For additional information and current updates on the COVID-19 situation, visit the KCHD website at KaneHealth.com or call the health department at 630-208-3801.

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