



## **Kane County Health Department to Administer COVID-19 Vaccine to Phase 1a Health Care Workers This Week**

**January 6, 2021** – The Kane County Health Department (KCHD) will provide COVID-19 vaccine to health care workers at clinics this week. Kane County-based health care workers were notified last week that they could make appointments for the vaccination. The clinics are not open to the public.

To date, Kane County has received 15,470 doses of the vaccine, which was distributed to the priority group of the five Kane County hospitals and other healthcare workers. KCHD is anticipating administering more than 1,500 doses to the highest risk Phase 1a workers this week. KCHD is partnering with Kane County health care providers to administer the vaccine quickly and efficiently.

The first group to receive the vaccine under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations are Phase 1a healthcare workers and those serving in healthcare facility settings who are at an increased risk of exposure. For the Illinois Department of Public Health's definition of Phase 1a eligible personnel, please see:

<https://www.kanehealth.com/Documents/Diseases/COVID-19/PHASE1a.pdf>

Health care workers who did not receive the initial call from KCHD are asked to contact [COVIDVaccine@co.kane.il.us](mailto:COVIDVaccine@co.kane.il.us).

Vaccinations in long term care facilities began last week under a national program administered by Walgreen's and CVS Pharmacies.

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, please visit the Kane County Health Department website at [KaneHealth.com](http://KaneHealth.com).

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.

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Drive-through community-based COVID-19 testing is available in Aurora at 2450 N. Farnsworth Ave., across from the Chicago Premium Outlets. The drive-through and walk-up testing site is open 7 days a week from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Testing is free and available to all regardless of age, COVID-19 symptoms, or insurance status. A parent or guardian must be present and able to provide consent for individuals under the age of 18.

Additional testing options are available in Kane County. A mobile testing unit managed by the Illinois Department of Public Health will be in Kane County this month to provide COVID-19 tests to the community.

Saturday, January 16 Hampshire High School, 1600 Big Timber Rd., Hampshire 60140

Sunday, January 17 Elgin Sports Complex, 709 Sports Way, Elgin 60123

Saturday, January 23 Dundee Crown High School, 1500 Kings Rd., Carpentersville 60110

Sunday, January 24 Elgin Sports Complex, 709 Sports Way, Elgin 60123

The mobile testing unit will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. while supplies last. Testing is free and open to all regardless of symptoms. If you have recently been exposed to a potential or confirmed COVID-19 case, you are encouraged to get tested, even if you are not experiencing symptoms. A phone number and name are required in order to receive testing results. Photo ID is not required.

For more information about all available testing sites in Kane County, visit the IDPH website at [Test-Illinois.com](https://www.test-illinois.com) Many healthcare providers in Kane County also have COVID-19 testing available. Please contact your provider or the facility to ask about testing criteria and appointment availability.

For additional information and current updates on the COVID-19 situation, visit the KCHD website at [KaneHealth.com](https://www.KaneHealth.com) or call the health department at 630-208-3801.

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