



## TALKING POINTS FOR PHONE CALLS AND EMAILS REGARDING COVID-19 VACCINE IN MADISON COUNTY

### General Questions re: Vaccine

- **There is no sign-up list for the vaccine!** Appointments will be available to self-schedule online when the vaccine is received each week for clinics. Watch our website [www.madisonchd.org](http://www.madisonchd.org).
- As of 1/26/2021; **10,397** total doses of vaccine administered.
- Phase 1b began in Illinois on Monday, January 25, 2021.
- Long-term care facilities in Madison County are scheduled and receiving vaccinations through the Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program with Walgreens and CVS.
- Right now, a very limited supply of vaccine is available; therefore, clinics will be somewhat limited.
- There will be plenty of vaccine (1<sup>st</sup> dose and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose) for everyone who wants a vaccine. It will just take time.
- Currently, we are giving the Moderna vaccine, which is 2 doses 28 days apart.
- Must live or work in Madison County to schedule a vaccination appointment here.
- We do not coordinate vaccine clinics at Walgreens in Edwardsville or Fairview Heights. Call them with questions about their clinics.
- Please be Patient. Vaccine distribution is just starting. Supplies should continue to increase to meet demand. This will take several months to accomplish.

### How Do I Schedule an Appointment for a Vaccine?

- Individuals eligible for Phase 1b and who completed the Madison County Vaccination Registration Survey (1/4/2021-1/20/2021) will receive a scheduling link for an appointment.
- Beginning next week, an Online Appointment Scheduler will be available for people who are eligible in Phase 1b to receive the vaccine. There will also be a specific phone number to schedule appointments for people who do not have access to a computer or who do not use a computer.
- During Phase 1b, there will be various vaccination locations and scheduling opportunities each week.
- We will be in Phase 1b for some time. There are over 50,000 people in Madison County eligible for Phase 1b.
- Vaccination information will be provided to local media, posted on our website [www.madisonchd.org](http://www.madisonchd.org), and shared on our social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram).



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### **Weekly Vaccine Clinics, by appointment only, will be at these locations:**

Gateway Convention Center, Collinsville Illinois (up to 3 days/week)

Thursday - First Doses; Friday - Second doses; Saturday - Educators only

Lewis & Clark Community College Commons, Godfrey Illinois (up to 2 days/week)

Tuesday – First Doses; Wednesday - Second Dose

With almost 10,000 educators in Madison County, we have established special Saturday clinics at Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville starting February 13, 2021 for educators by appointment only. This department has worked with Public School Superintendents, Private and Parochial schools, and the Regional Office of Education. School nurses will assist in providing vaccines.

Hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and local medical providers will also support vaccination efforts during Phase 1b by offering clinics, vaccinating essential workers, and supporting MCHD efforts.

Smaller clinics will be scheduled in vulnerable areas of Madison County where access might be a barrier.

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Additional vaccine locations:

<https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location>

### **Vaccination Phases**

- **Proof of Phase eligibility is required!**
- Phase 1a is for:
  - Healthcare providers
  - Long term care facility residents and staff
- Phase 1b is for:
  - People who are 65 years old and older
  - Essential workers including:
    - First Responders
    - Educators (Congregate Child Care, Pre K-12<sup>th</sup> grade)
    - Food processing plants
    - Veterinary Health
    - Livestock Services and Agriculture
    - Manufacturing
    - Correction Workers & Inmates
    - Grocery Store Workers
    - Shelters/Adult Day Care

(as of 1/26/2021)