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Illinois Department of Public Health Announces College Vaccination Days to Encourage Students to Receive COVID-19 Vaccinations

Vaccinations available at state-supported mass vaccination sites for College and University Students Across Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – With young people driving the increase in COVID-19 cases in Illinois, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is announcing “College Vaccination Days” to encourage all community college and public and private university students across Illinois to get vaccinated at mass vaccination sites. This weekend and next week state-supported mass vaccination sites across Illinois will have COVID-19 vaccination appointments available for college and university students. IDPH is partnering with colleges and universities in Illinois to help them direct their students to state-supported sites.

Beginning in April, the highest case count in Illinois was among those in their 20s. Over the past month, cases among those 18-24 years of age doubled.

“Our young adults have a key role to play in bringing this pandemic to an end, and I’m proud to make it easier for our community college and public and private university students to access these life-saving vaccines,” **said Governor JB Pritzker.** “Getting vaccinated is about protecting yourself, but it’s also about protecting your professors, your parents, your peers, campus staff, and the greater community you call home.”

“College campuses are microcosms of the communities in which they are located, and if we see an increase in cases on campus, we will see an increase in cases in the community,” **said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike.** “Especially as we are starting to see variants become more prevalent and the number of cases and hospitals increasing statewide, we need to vaccinate as many people as possible as quickly as possible. With young people driving our increase in cases, this is an important opportunity for our college and university students to protect themselves and their communities.”

The following mass vaccination sites will have appointments available specifically for college and university students on the following days. Colleges and universities will have the links where students can register for an appointment.

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| Date | Location | Address |
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| Saturday April 17 | Adams County – Oakley Linsey Center | 300 Civic Center Plaza Quincy |
| Sunday April 18 | Kane County Former Carson Pirie Scott | 970 North Lake St. Aurora |
| | Kane County Elgin Eastside Recreation Center | 1800 E. Chicago St. Elgin |
| | Kane County Former Sam’s Club | 501 N. Randall Rd. Batavia |
| | Madison County – Gateway Convention Center | 1 Gateway Drive Collinsville |
| | Sangamon County Orr Building – State Fairgrounds | 801 E. Sangamon Ave. Springfield |
| | St. Clair County Belle-Clair Fairgrounds | 200 S. Belt East Belleville |
| | Winnebago County Former K-Mart | 1321 Sandy Hollow Rd. Rockford |
| Monday April 19 | Cook County Arlington Heights Health Center | 3250 N. Arlington Heights Rd. Arlington Heights |
| | Cook County Former K-Mart | 1155 E. Oakton St. Des Plaines |
| | Cook County Forest Park - Former HOBO | 7600 Roosevelt Rd. Forest Park |
| | Cook County Matteson – Former Target | 4647 Promenade Way Matteson |
| | Cook County South Suburban College | 15800 State St. South Holland |
| | Cook County Tinley Park Convention Center | 18451 Convention Center Drive Tinley Park |
| | Cook County Triton College | 2000 5 th Ave. River Grover |
| Tuesday April 20 | DuPage County Fairgrounds Building 1 | 2015 Manchester Rd. Wheaton |
| | Grundy County Shabbona Middle School | 725 School St. Morris |
| | Lake County Lake County Fairgrounds | 1060 E. Peterson Rd. Grayslake |
| | Will County Former Toys R Us | 3128 Voyager Lane Joliet |



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Mass vaccination sites in DeKalb, McDonough, and McLean counties have been and will continue to provide vaccinations to students as part of the Rapid Response Vaccination Teams that are deployed to areas seeing increasing cases.

All mass vaccination locations will be administering either Moderna, or Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. At the recommendation of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, IDPH is pausing the use of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine and it will not be administered at mass vaccination sites until further guidance from the CDC. Students can make appointments to get their second doses of the vaccine when getting their first dose.

For information on how to make an appointment to receive the vaccine at other mass vaccination sites or other locations, visit coronavirus.illinois.gov. For those having difficulty navigating online services to make vaccination appointments, the State's Vaccine Appointment Call Center can help. The call center, at 1-833-621-1284, is available seven days a week from 6 a.m. to midnight, can take TTY calls, and uses both English and Spanish speaking call agents with the availability for translation into other languages. Answers to frequently asked questions about the COVID-19 vaccines can be found on the [IDPH website](#).

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