

## **Booster COVID Vaccination Shots Potentially Coming to Kane County Next Week**

September 24, 2021 – The Kane County Health Department (KCHD) anticipates providing COVID vaccines booster shots at the Kane Vax Hub in Batavia beginning next week.

This morning, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky recommended boosters for a broader group of people — those ages 18 to 64 who are at increased risk of Covid-19 because of their workplaces or institutional settings — in addition to older adults, long-term care facility residents and some people with underlying health conditions.

KCHD is awaiting criteria and guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health before proceeding with administering the booster shots.

At the present time, the Pfizer vaccine is approved for all individuals aged 12 and older. The Moderna and Janssen vaccines are approved for individuals over the age of 18.

Currently, CDC is recommending that moderately to severely immunocompromised people receive an additional dose. This includes people who have:

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response

People should talk to their healthcare provider about their medical condition, and whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for them. The Kane Vax Hub has third doses available of the Pfizer vaccine, Comiranty.

The Kane Vax Hub at 501 N. Randall Street in Batavia is open Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. To schedule an appointment, visit KaneVax.org. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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

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