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Champaign County COVID-19 Vaccinations Continue

Champaign-Urbana Public Health District and Community Healthcare Partners Continue to Offer COVID Vaccinations to those in Eligible Phases as well as Additional Essential Workers

CHAMPAIGN, IL – The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD), in partnership with Carle Health, OSF HealthCare, Christie Clinic, Promise Healthcare, and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign will be hosting community-based COVID-19 vaccination clinics for anyone who lives or works in Champaign County that fall within Phases 1A and 1B, as well as food and beverage workers, construction trade workers, religious leaders, higher education staff, media, and government, and Champaign County residents 16 years of age or older with underlying health conditions or disabilities, who have not yet received their first dose of the vaccine.

Vaccination clinics for the week of March 29, 2021 will be available by appointment only at the following locations:

OSF HealthCare hosting at the Rantoul Youth Center, located at 1306 Country Club Lane, Rantoul.

To register:

- Online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F44A4AE22AAFF2-cuphd>.
- Phone appointments: (217) 892-6844.
- Email address for questions and assistance: vaccinations@myrantoul.com.
- If you do not feel well the day of your appointment, please call to reschedule.

Kohl's Plaza:

Those interested in receiving their vaccination at Kohl's Plaza in Champaign should request to be notified of available appointments online at: <https://tinyurl.com/CarleCCvax>.

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Newly eligible for those who live or work in Champaign County:

- Food and Beverage Workers
- Construction Trade Workers
- Religious Leaders
- Higher Education Staff
- Government Workers
- Media

Still eligible:

Phase 1A:

- Healthcare Personnel: Hospital and Non-Hospital Settings

Phase 1B:

- Residents age 65 and older with or without underlying health conditions
- Residents age 40-64 with underlying health conditions
- First Responders
- Corrections Officers
- Education (in-person status not required)
 - State of Illinois approved Early Childhood and Licensed Daycares.
 - K-12 (public, private, and parochial) Schools.
- Essential frontline workers who work or live in Champaign County:
 - Grocery Store Workers: Baggers, Cashiers, Stockers, Pick-Up, Customer Service.
 - Food and Agriculture Workers: Processing, Plants, Veterinary Health, Livestock Services, Animal Care.
 - Shelter/Adult Day Care Workers.
 - Postal Service Workers (includes UPS, Amazon, etc.)
 - Manufacturing Workers: Industrial production of goods for distribution to retail, wholesale or other manufacturers.
 - Public Transit Workers: Flight Crew, Bus Drivers, Train Conductors, Taxi Drivers, Para-Transit Drivers, In-Person Support, Ride Sharing Services.

Phase 1B Expanded:

Champaign County residents 16-39 years of age or older with underlying health conditions, as defined by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), or disabilities are also eligible. Underlying health conditions are:

- Cancer
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)
- Diabetes
- Heart Condition
- Immunocompromised State from a Solid Organ Transplant
- Obesity

- Pregnancy
- Pulmonary Disease
- Sickle Cell Disease
- Smoking

Additional notes:

While current eligibility guidelines include residents age 16 or older with underlying health conditions or disabilities, each vaccination site may vary based on manufacturer's approval.

In most cases, you will receive your second dose where you received your first. Follow instructions on scheduling your second dose from the site.

Appointments are available on a first come, first served basis. There will not be a waitlist; however, additional appointments will be available next week based on vaccine availability.

You cannot receive the COVID vaccine if you have received any other vaccinations within 14 days prior to your appointment. You may be asked to show an ID for verification of employment.

Patients will need to wear a face covering, practice social distancing, and plan to allow at least 15 minutes for observation after the vaccination. Please limit the number of individuals in your party that are not receiving the vaccine and wear clothing to allow easy access to the upper portion of the arm for the injection.

The vaccine itself is free but providers may seek appropriate reimbursement from the recipient's plan or program (e.g., private health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid) for a vaccine administration fee. You will not be turned away if you do not have insurance or charged the balance of the bill for the vaccine. If you have questions about your specific coverage, please call the number on the back of your insurance card.

The Illinois Department of Public Health has compiled a comprehensive list of frequently asked questions about the COVID-19 vaccination. Information can be found at:

<http://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccine-faq>.

Additional information on COVID-19 vaccinations can be found at: <https://www.c-uphd.org/covid-vaccinations.html>.

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