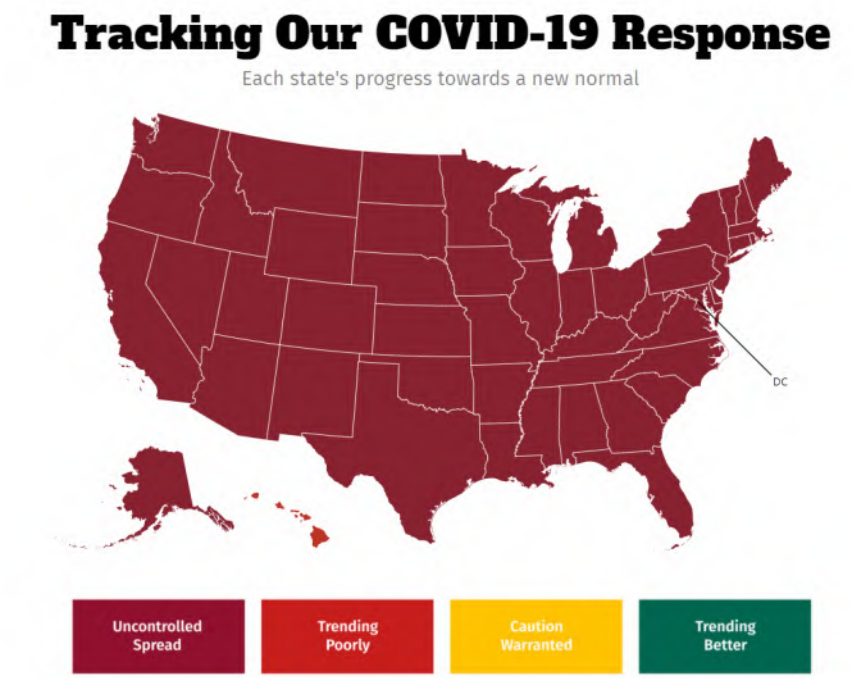
COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

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COVID-19 Situational Update



Map from https://www.covidexitstrategy.org/ which provides state by state data including 14-DAY TREND OF COVID+, LAST 14 DAYS OF COVID+ (ROLLING), INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS, % OF TEST TARGET (US: 500K/DAY), ICU AVAILABILITY, NEW CASES PER MILLION PER DAY, and COVID+ RATE

COVID Numbers at a Glance

This week 01/08/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Percent Recovered	Positivity Rate
8959	6012	241	2706	67.11%	6.2 %

Last week 12/28/2020

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Percent Recovered	Positivity Rate
8239	5379	223	2637	65.29 %	6.6 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

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12/28/2020

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	81,009,062	1,768,798
US	19,161,619	333,394
Illinois	942,362	16,074
LaSalle County	8239	223

01/08/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	88,222,239	1,901,910
US	21,595,391	365,625
Illinois	1,017,322	17,395
LaSalle County	8959	241

Current LaSalle County Case Data as of 01/08/2021*

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	149	144	3.27%	0.00
10-19	329	446	8.65%	0.00
20s	724	800	17.01%	0.41
30s	654	678	14.87%	2.90
40s	617	680	14.48%	6.22
50s	675	748	15.88%	20.75
60s	537	529	11.90%	35.68
70s	278	317	6.64%	30.29
80s	166	259	4.74%	3.73
90s	76	138	2.39%	0.00
100s	1	14	0.17%	0.00
UNK				
Total	4206	4753		
%	46.95	53.05		
TOTAL CASES		**8959**		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	**517**
February	0	NA
March	6	NA
April	50	NA
May	98	NA
June	67	NA
July	261	NA
August	778	NA
September	504	NA
October	968	NA
November	3433	NA
December	**2277**	NA
Total	8442	

Deaths Reported by Month Summary

Month	2020	2021
January	0	**10**
February	0	NA
March	1	NA
April	0	NA
May	12	NA
June	4	NA
July	1	NA
August	30	NA
September	9	NA
October	11	NA
November	61*	NA
December	**102**	NA
Total	231	

Deaths by Age	**241***
20's	0
30's	0
40's	1
50's	7
60's	15
70's	50
80's	86
90's	73
100s	9
Males	123
Females	118

*Two previously reported cases were counted twice. The total has been adjusted

Cases by City/Village

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Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	20	0.24%
Dana	12	0.15%
Earlville	152	1.85%
Grand Ridge	65	0.79%
LaSalle	858	10.42%
Leland	107	1.30%
Leonore	NA	NA
Lostant	50	0.61%
Marseilles	569	6.91%
Mendota	902	10.95%
Millington	20	0.24%
Oglesby	374	4.54%
Ottawa	1684	20.44%
Peru	987	11.98%
Ransom	27	0.33%
Rutland	11	0.13%
Sandwich	251	3.05%
Serena	38	0.46%
Seneca	195	2.37%
Sheridan	456	5.54%
Somonauk	127	1.54%
Streator	1092	13.26%
Tonica	66	0.80%
Troy Grove	22	0.27%
Utica	129	1.57%
Wenona	15	0.18%
Other**	9	0.11%
TOTAL CASES	**8239**	

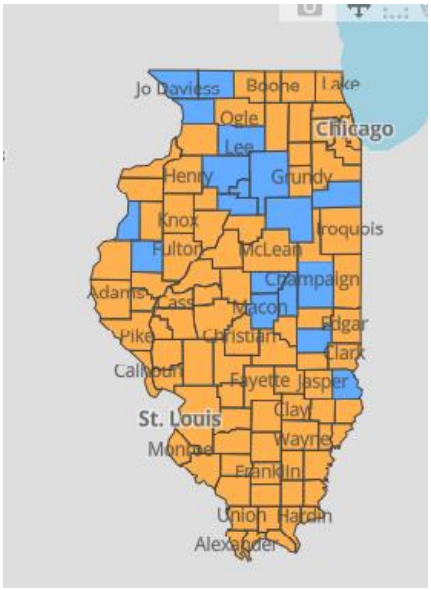
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Town	Current Total	Increase since last week	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	23	3	0.26%
Dana	14	2	0.16%
Earlville	163	11	1.82%
Grand Ridge	68	3	0.76%
LaSalle	913	55	10.19%
Leland	123	16	1.37%
Leonore	5	NA	0.06%
Lostant	56	6	0.63%
Marseilles	617	48	6.89%
Mendota	961	59	10.73%
Millington	30	10	0.33%
Oglesby	393	19	4.39%
Ottawa	1779	95	19.86%
Peru	1018	31	11.36%
Ransom	30	3	0.33%
Rutland	12	1	0.13%
Sandwich	304	53	3.39%
Serena	42	4	0.47%
Seneca	222	27	2.48%
Sheridan	532	76	5.94%
Somonauk	157	30	1.75%
Streator	1237	145	13.81%
Tonica	74	8	0.83%
Troy Grove	22	0	0.25%
Utica	140	11	1.56%
Wenona (LC Cases)	15	0	0.17%
Other**	9	0	0.10%
TOTAL CASES	**8959**		

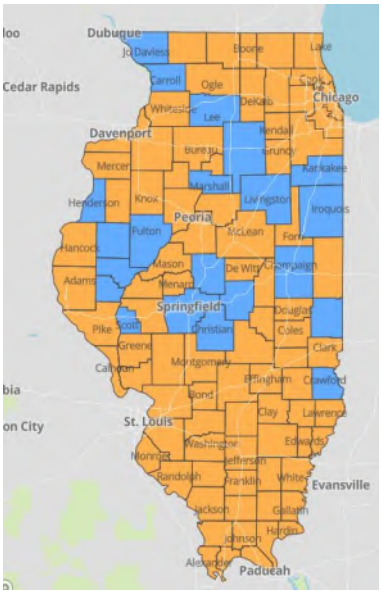
*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

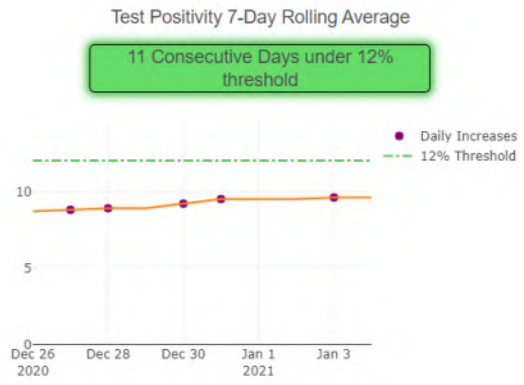
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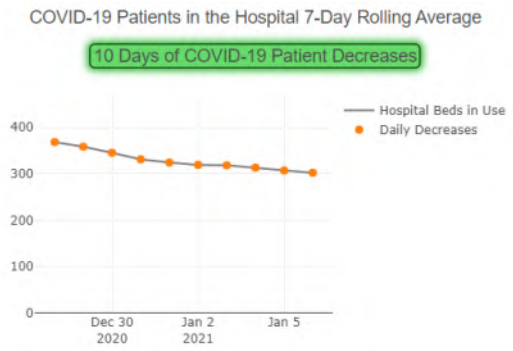


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Region 2 Summary - 01/07/2021

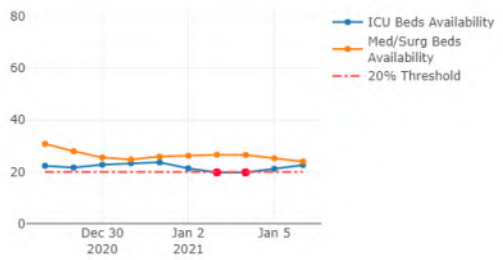




Hospital Bed Availability 3-Day Rolling Average

ICU Beds:11 Consecutive Days Over 20% Threshold

Med/Surg Beds:11 Consecutive Days Over 20% Threshold



County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 12/20-12/26/2020

This newsletter spans two different time period. Both are provided for reference.

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **297 per 100K** *Improved from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **8** * Improved from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **6.0%** *Improved from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **6094** *Less tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **4.9%** *Decrease in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **15** *Increase in admissions from previous week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **33.2%** *Increase in reported clusters	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **20%** *No change in availability from last week	

County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 12/27-01/02/2021

New Cases Per 100,000	Number of Deaths	Test Positivity (%)
Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **345 per 100K** *Increase from last week	Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **5** * Improved from last week	(%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **6.2%** *Increased from last week
Tests Performed	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults**	**Number of CLI Admissions**
Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **6361** *more tests than last week	Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **5.2%** *Increase in visits from last week	Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **10** *Decrease in admissions from last week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **21.2%** *Decrease in reported clusters	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **22%** *Increase in availability from last week	

Local Testing Information

LaSalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

* COVID -19 Testing

The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. Testing will be performed Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, and Saturdays 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

Illinois Valley Community Hospital

IVCH is proud to offer Covid-19 testing for both those with symptoms or who have had an exposure to a COVID-19 case.
Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their IVCH primary care provider for an order or may call the IVCH Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must

be ordered by a provider. Testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only.
Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.
IVCH Care Today and the Emergency Room do not provide routine COVID-19 testing.

Morris Hospital

Morris Hospital offers nasal swab testing by appointment for symptomatic individuals with a physician's order. Testing is available for individuals of all ages from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Appointments are required – no exceptions. Testing is NOT available at this time for asymptomatic individuals due to a nationwide shortage of the testing reagent. Testing is performed through the drive-up testing site on the Morris Hospital campus at the corner of Lisbon & High Streets on the far southwest corner of the hospital campus. When you arrive on the hospital campus, please follow the Drive-Thru Testing directional signs on Lisbon Street or High Street. Patients are required to have photo ID, insurance card and sign a release at the time of their test.

After a physician places an order for your test, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital will call you to schedule. Please allow up to 72 hours for test results to get sent to the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
    - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
    - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
    - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center

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- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to our OSF Saint Paul Medical Center lab.
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

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St. Margaret's Hospital

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing

A list of public and private testing sites can be found on the IDPH website at http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.

Location	Address	Times
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W Euclid Ave Arlington Heights	8:00am – 4:00pm while daily supplies last

Auburn Gresham	Foreman Mills Shopping Center 122 W. 79th Street Chicago	8:00am – 4:00pm while daily supplies last
Aurora	1650 Premium Outlet Blvd Aurora	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
***Bloomington**	1106 Interstate Drive Bloomington	9:00am-5:00pm while daily supplies last
Champaign	Market Place Shopping Ctr 2000 N. Neil Street Champaign	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
***East St. Louis**	Jackie Joyner Kersee Ctr. Argonne Drive East St. Louis	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd. Chicago	7:00am-3:00pm while daily supplies last
***Peoria**	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot Peoria	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Rockford	1601 Parkview Avenue Rockford	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State St South Holland	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Waukegan	102 W. Water Street Waukegan	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last

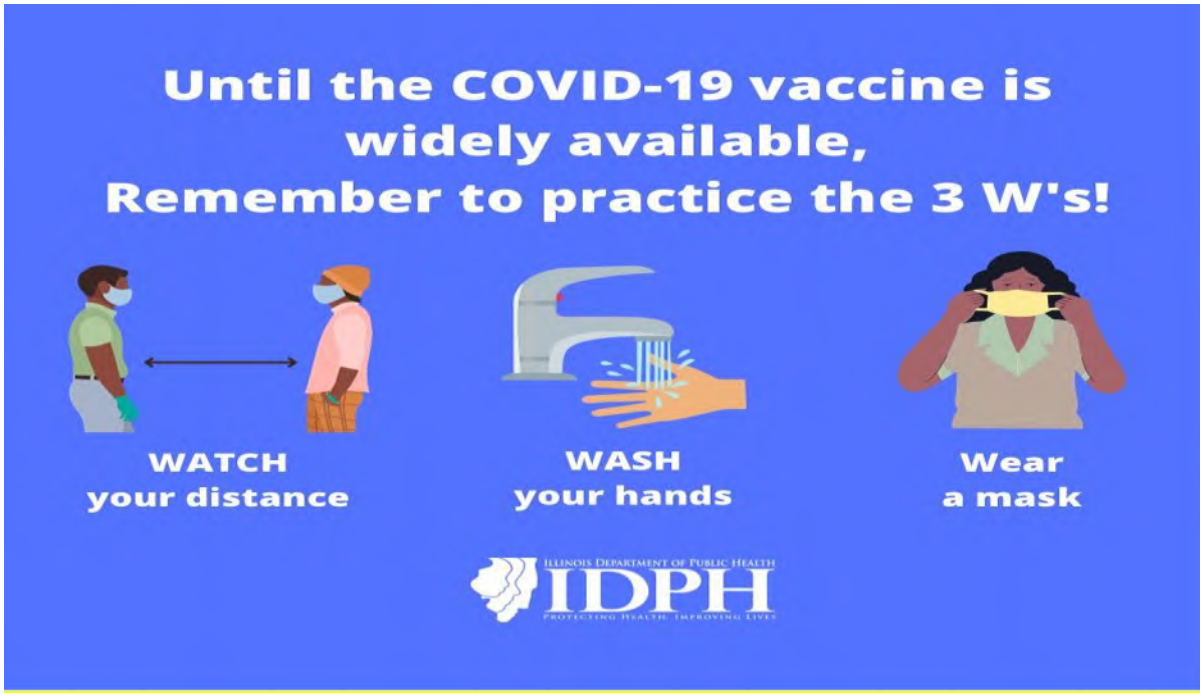
* Walk-up testing is available at Bloomington, East St. Louis, and Peoria.



Will COVID-19 vaccines cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests?

Vaccines currently in clinical trials in the United States won't cause you to test positive on viral tests, which are used to see if you have a current infection.

If your body develops an immune response, which is the goal of vaccination, there is a possibility you may test positive on some antibody tests. Antibody tests indicate you had a previous infection and that you may have some level of protection against the virus. Experts are currently looking at how COVID-19 vaccination may affect antibody testing results.



Source: CDC Facts About COVID-19 Vaccines

The LaSalle County Health Department Collaborates with Local Hospitals and the Illinois Veteran's Home at LaSalle to Distribute the Second Shipment of COVID-19 Vaccine

The LaSalle County Health Department received their second shipment of COVID-19 vaccine on Monday, December 28, 2020. The most recent shipment was 1900 doses of the Moderna vaccine. Illinois Valley Community Hospital (IVCH), OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center and OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center have agreed to continue to work collaboratively with the LaSalle County Health Department as vaccinations continue for healthcare workers in LaSalle County. Hospital system personnel and most EMS workers will be vaccinated through the hospital systems, and other healthcare providers not affiliated with a hospital will coordinate with the LaSalle County Health Department and will be provided information and direction on receiving the vaccination at one of our local hospitals. "IVCH is happy to be working with the health department to make sure our healthcare workers are immunized with the COVID-19 vaccine," said Joan Fernandez, the hospital's community relations and marketing director. "We appreciate the health department's efforts in organizing the distribution of the vaccine to all LaSalle County hospitals."

In addition, vaccine was also provided to the Illinois Veteran's Home at LaSalle to begin the process of vaccinating staff and residents at the facility. This week, nursing home and long-term care facilities are scheduled to begin receiving their vaccinations through a federal contract between the federal government and participating pharmacies.

The COVID-19 vaccine will be administered in LaSalle County in accordance with the phases defined by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and as recommended by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). The LaSalle County Health Department understands the general public has questions about when it will be their turn to receive the vaccine. Please note, as vaccine availability increases, vaccination recommendations will expand to include more groups. The goal is for everyone to be able to easily get a COVID-19 vaccination as soon as large quantities of vaccine are available. As vaccine supply increases but remains limited, ACIP, and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) will expand the groups recommended for vaccination.

Currently, no "list" exists that members of the public need to be placed on at this point. Please be patient with us as we prepare for the biggest public health response in modern history. Watch for more information from the LaSalle County Health Department through our website: www.lasallecounty.org, social media pages, and with our local media partners.

The LaSalle County Health Department Collaborates with Local Hospitals to Distribute the Second Shipment of Pfizer Vaccine

The LaSalle County Health Department, in coordination with the LaSalle County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and the LaSalle County Sheriff's Office received and delivered their second shipment of Pfizer vaccine to all three hospitals in the county on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. Hospitals will begin providing the second dose of Pfizer vaccine to their front-line healthcare workers who received their first dose in mid-December. "The partnership with our local hospitals has been instrumental in ensuring efficient and safe distribution of the vaccine to our county's healthcare workers in this initial phase of vaccine distribution, known as Phase 1a," said Julie Kerestes, Public Health Administrator of LaSalle County Health Department.

Hospital system personnel and most EMS workers will be vaccinated through the hospital systems, and other healthcare providers not affiliated with a hospital will coordinate with the LaSalle County Health Department and will be provided information and direction on receiving the vaccination at one of our local hospitals.

COVID-19 Vaccine in LaSalle County

Current Vaccination Phase

Phase 1a: Healthcare personnel and Long-Term Care Facility Residents

Currently, vaccine supply is limited. Following guidelines from the CDC, only people who are eligible in **Phase 1a, healthcare personnel and long-term care facility residents,** can receive their vaccine at this time.

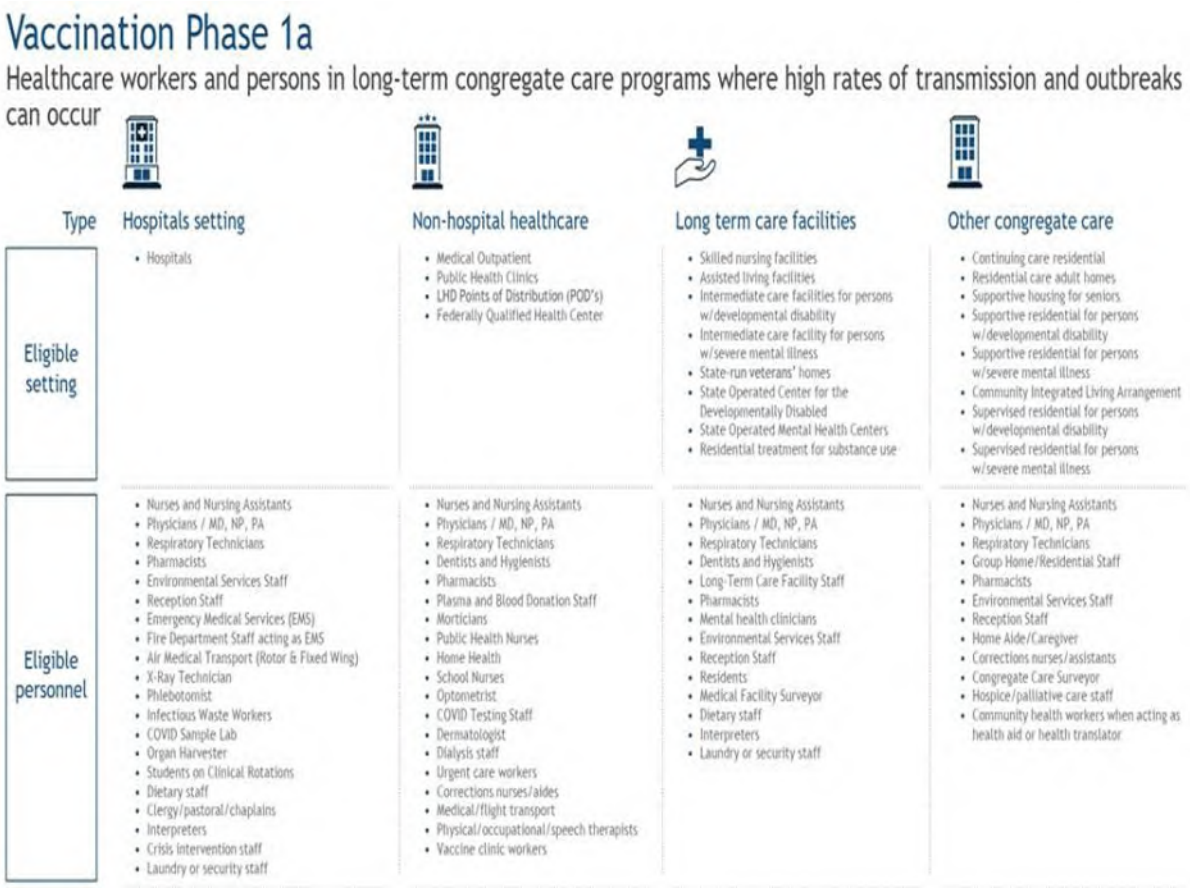
- **Healthcare personnel** are defined as paid and unpaid people serving in health care settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials.
- **Long-term care facility residents** are defined as adults who reside in facilities that provide a variety of services, including medical and personal care, to persons who are unable to live independently.

ATTENTION:

Any healthcare employee working in LaSalle County not affiliated with a hospital system, is encouraged to visit the LaSalle County Health Department at www.lasallecounty.org, click the red COVID-19 Vaccine icon on the right side of the page, there you will find a red "Healthcare Employee Vaccine Sign-Up" link where you can register to receive a vaccination.

LaSalle County is in Phase 1a of vaccine administration, which includes healthcare personnel and long-term care facilities. It is unknown how long we will remain in this phase, as timing depends on the quantity of vaccine received each week and the number of interested persons in this phase.

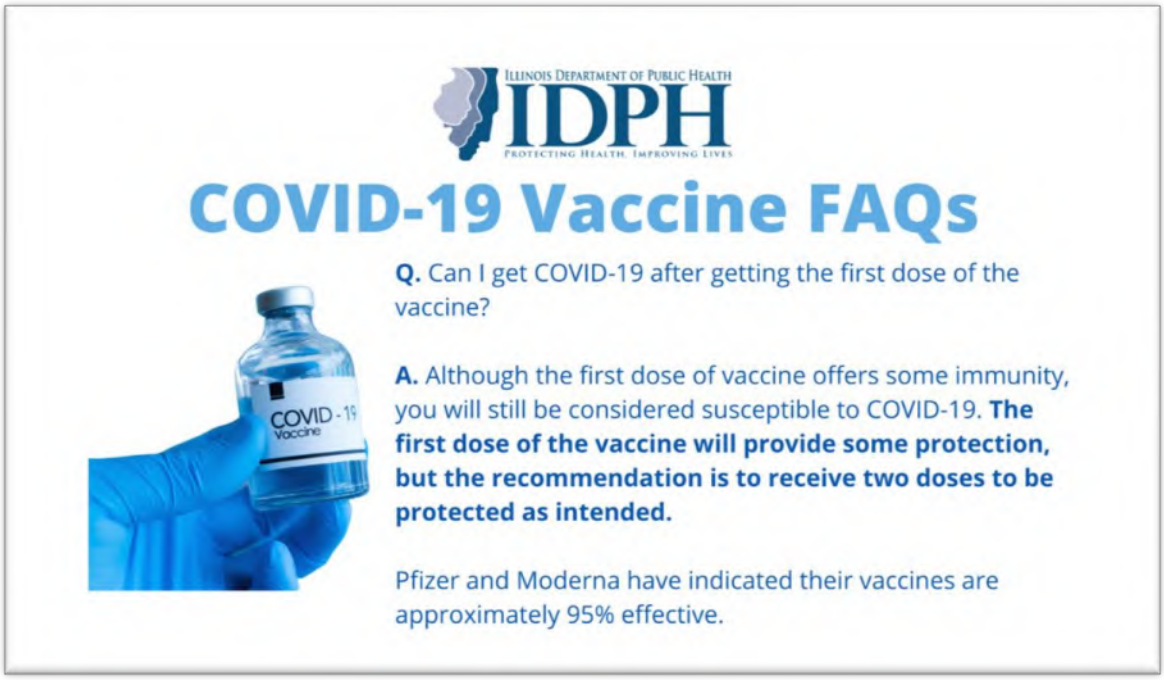
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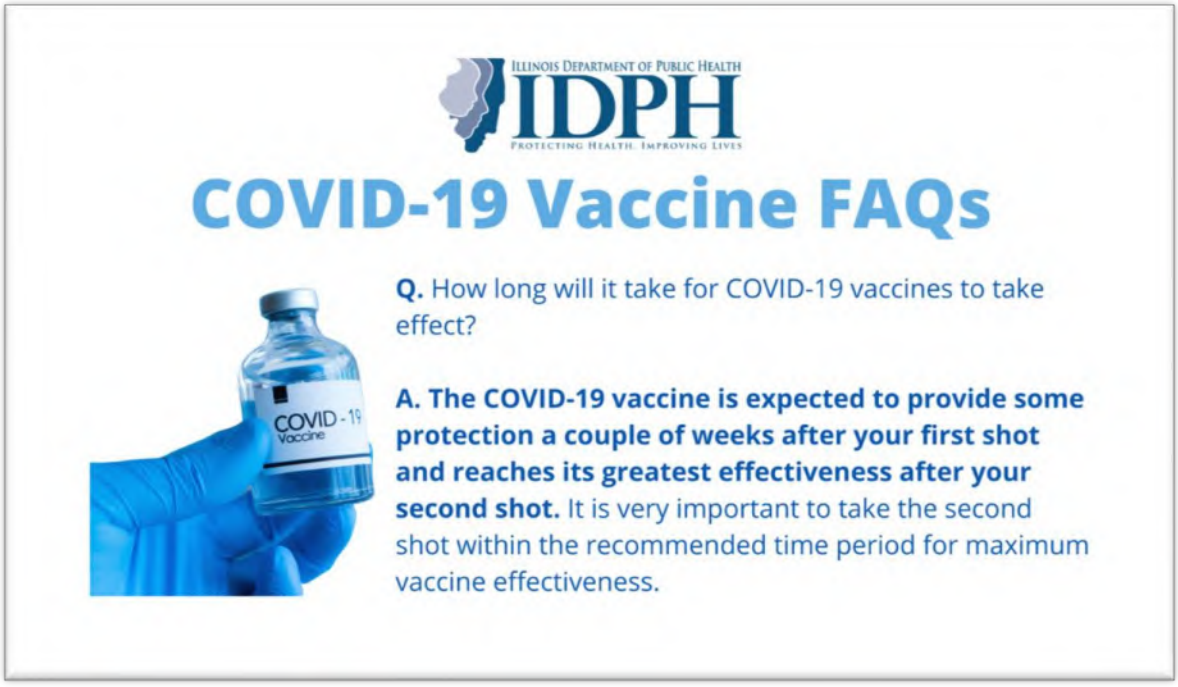


The LaSalle County Health Department is currently planning for Phase 1b and working to determine eligible organizations and number of doses needed at future clinics. The LaSalle County Health Department is **not** keeping a list of interested community members for future phases. As LaSalle County moves to Phase 1B, information and directions will be made available as to how to register for the vaccine once eligible. We will be reaching out to eligible organizations and/or providing information through our local media partners, social media pages, and website with information regarding clinics when we move forward into Phase 1b. More information about future phases will be available soon. The LaSalle County Health Department will be diligent in updating the public regarding the COVID-19 vaccination plan for the county. Please watch for more information from the LaSalle County Health Department through our website: www.lasallecounty.org, social media pages, and with our local media partners.

Get the FACTS about COVID-19 Vaccines

Now that there are authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines in the United States, accurate vaccine information is critical.





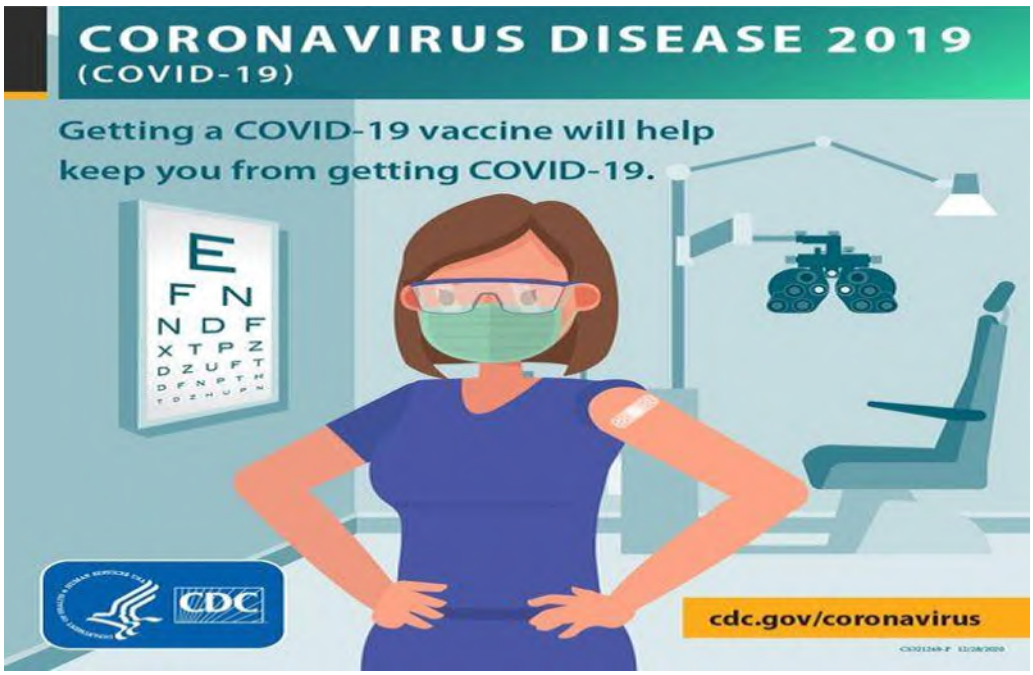
FACT: Getting vaccinated can help prevent getting sick with COVID-19

While many people with COVID-19 have only a mild illness, others may get a severe illness or they may even die. There is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect you, even if you are not at increased risk of severe complications. If you get sick, you also may spread the disease to friends, family, and others around you while you are sick. COVID-19

vaccination helps protect you by creating an antibody response without having to experience sickness. Learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines work.

FACT: Receiving an mRNA vaccine will not alter your DNA

mRNA stands for messenger ribonucleic acid and can most easily be described as instructions for how to make a protein or even just a piece of a protein. mRNA is not able to alter or modify a person's genetic makeup (DNA). The mRNA from a COVID-19 vaccine never enter the nucleus of the cell, which is where our DNA are kept. This means the mRNA does not affect or interact with our DNA in any way. Instead, COVID-19 vaccines that use mRNA work with the body's natural defenses to safely develop protection (immunity) to disease. Learn more about how COVID-19 mRNA vaccines work.

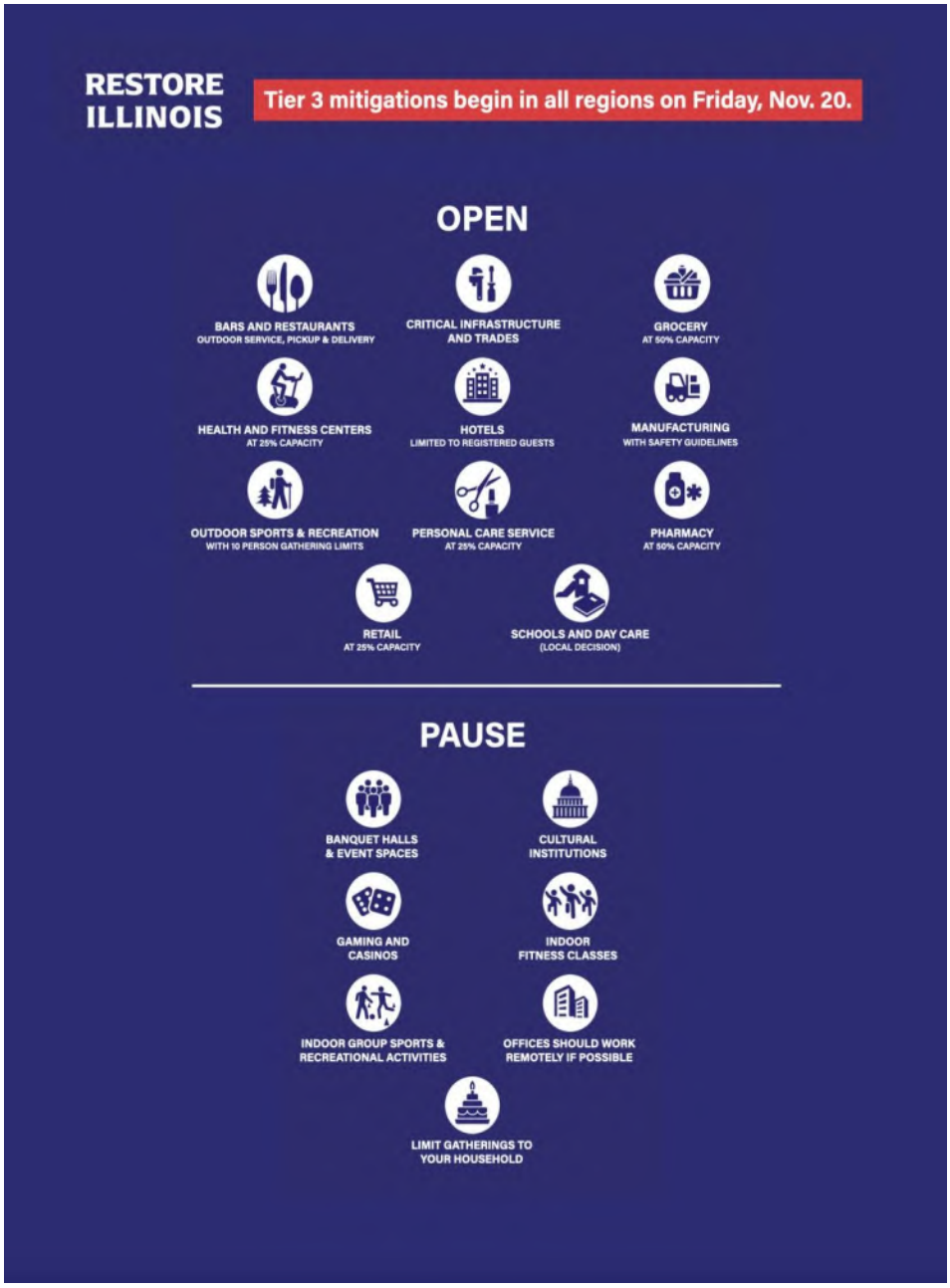


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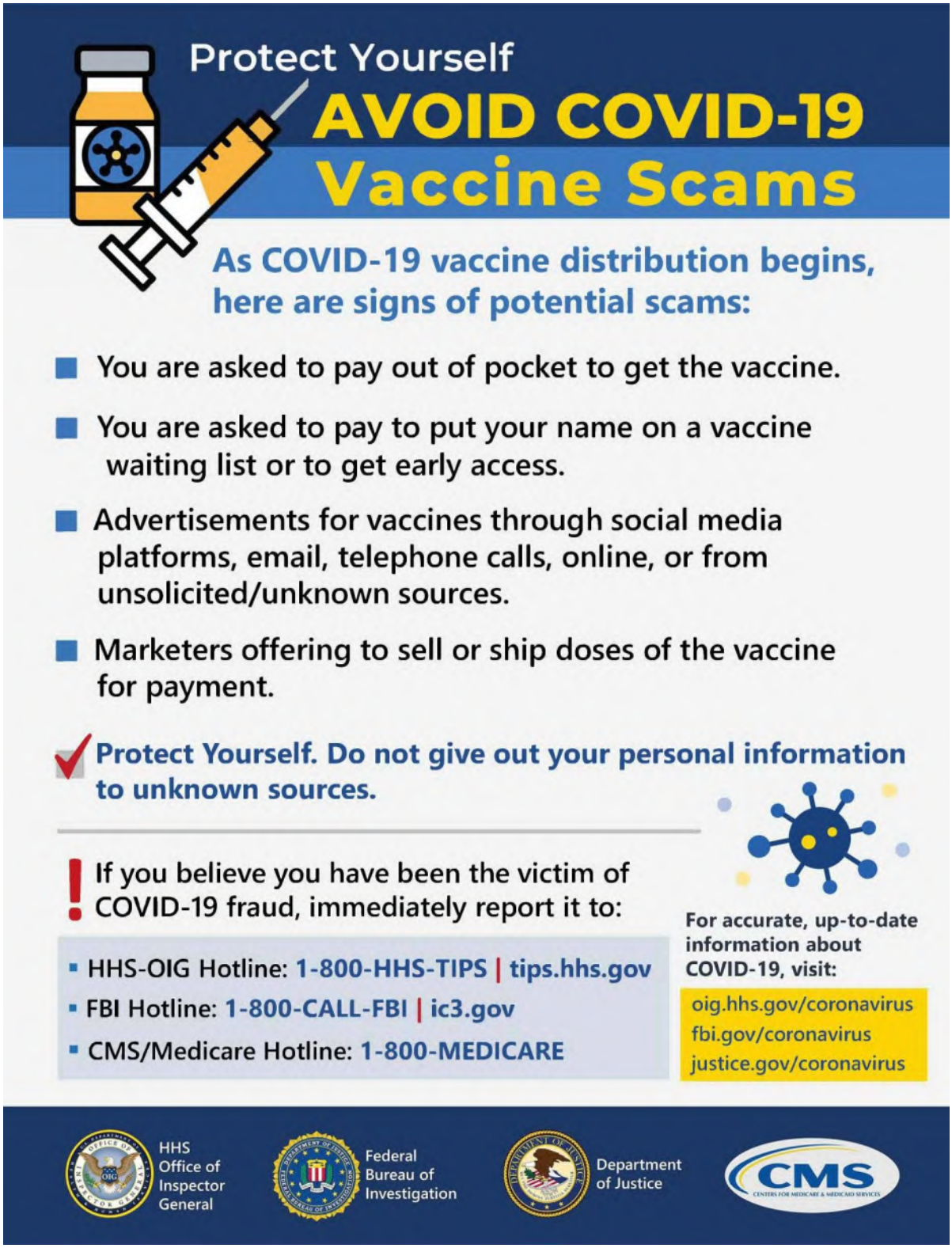
Illinois is still in Tier 3 COVID-19 Resurgence Mitigations, however beginning on January 15th, any region meeting IDPH metrics may move out of Tier 3. Help make that possible by wearing a mask and keeping your distance. We can do this if we're #allinillinois.





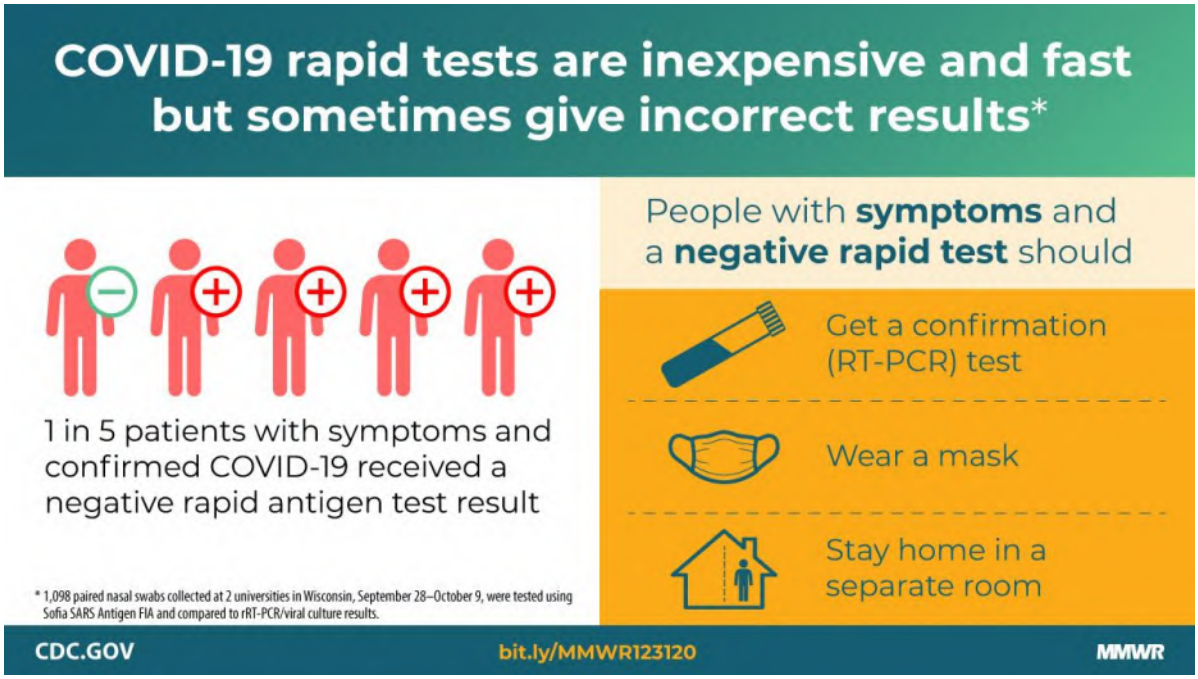
Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Protect Yourself and Avoid COVID-19 Vaccine Scams



Performance of an Antigen-Based Test for Asymptomatic and Symptomatic SARS-CoV-2 Testing at Two University Campuses — Wisconsin, September–October 2020

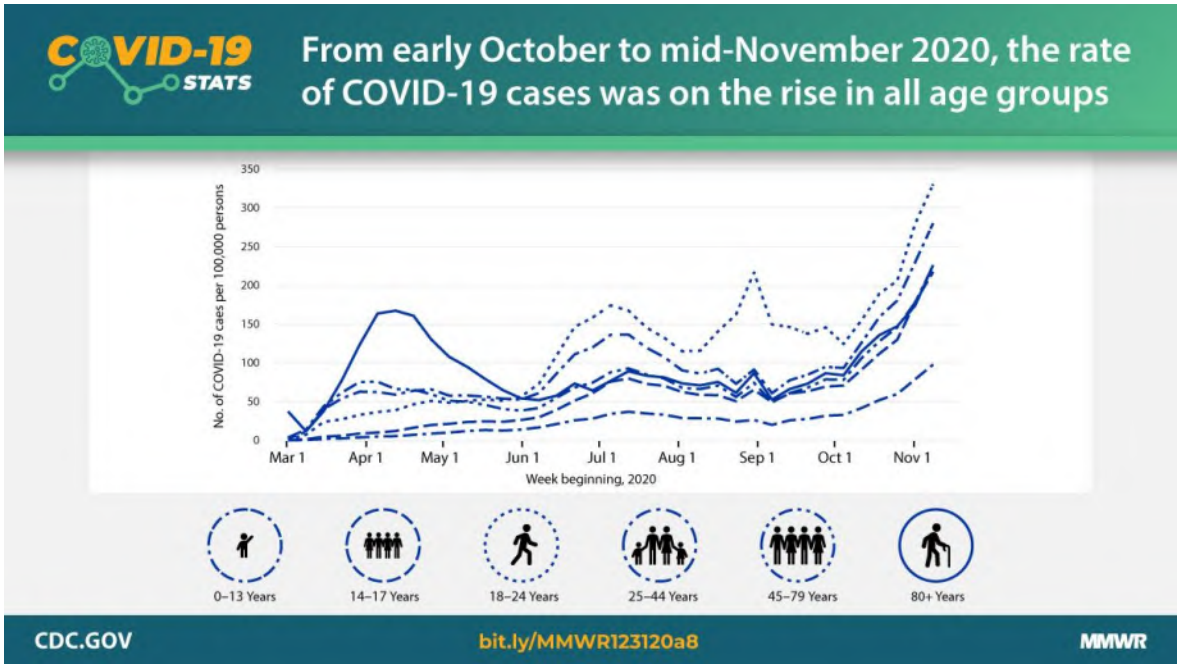
A new CDC report finds that if you have a negative antigen test for COVID-19 but are experiencing symptoms, you should get a test confirming the previous result. You should also continue to take measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including wearing a mask and staying home in a separate room while waiting for your results. Learn more: https://bit.ly/MMWR123120.



Source: Pray IW, Ford L, Cole D, et al. Performance of an Antigen-Based Test for Asymptomatic and Symptomatic SARS-CoV-2 Testing at Two University Campuses – Wisconsin, September-October 2020. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2021;69:1642-1647.
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COVID-19 Stats: COVID-19 Incidence, by Age Group — United States, March 1–November 14, 2020

A new COVID-19 Stats illustrates how COVID-19 rates changed over time by age group. Rates were on the rise in people of all ages from early October to mid-November. Protect yourself and loved ones: wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and avoid gatherings. Learn more: http://bit.ly/695152a8.



Source: COVID-19 Stats: COVID-19 Incidence, by Age Group – United States, March 1-November 14, 2020. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2021;69:1664. DOI: http://bit.ly/695152a8

2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

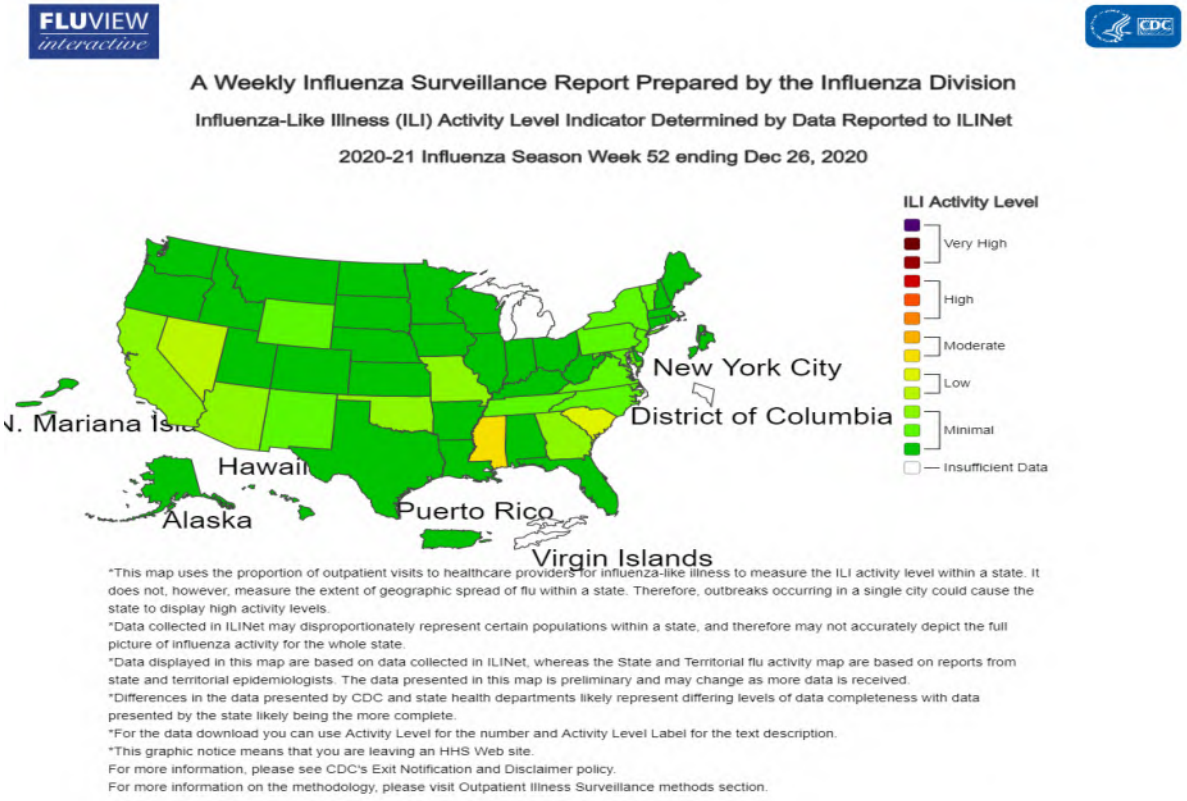
- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant
- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

While LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2020, we are starting to get reports of some flu activity in the County.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed by visit the following link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#:~:text=2020%20%2D%202021%20Flu%20Activity%20Report,care%20sites%20throughout%20the%20state.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United

States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm



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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

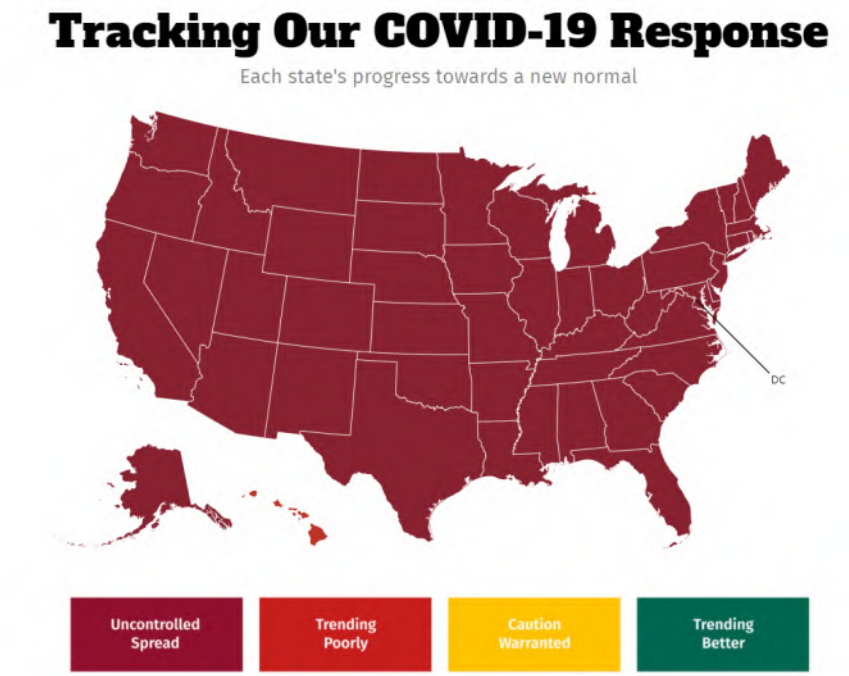
COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

January 15, 2021

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COVID-19 Situational Update



Map from https://www.covidexitstrategy.org/ which provides state by state data including 14-DAY TREND OF COVID+, LAST 14 DAYS OF COVID+ (ROLLING), INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS, % OF TEST TARGET (US: 500K/DAY), ICU AVAILABILITY, NEW CASES PER MILLION PER DAY, and COVID+ RATE

COVID Numbers at a Glance

This week 01/15/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
9392	6394	248	2750	4291	8 %

This week 01/08/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
8959	6012	241	2706	*Not Reported	6.2 %

the spread of COVID-19

- If you are looking to spend time with people who don't live with you, outdoors is the safer choice
- Requirement for Proof of Negative COVID-19 Test or Recovery from COVID-19 for All Air Passengers Arriving in the United States
- 2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

01/08/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	88,222,239	1,901,910
US	21,595,391	365,625
Illinois	1,017,322	17,395
LaSalle County	8959	241

01/15/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	93,363,092	1,999,849
US	23,337,896	389,191
Illinois	1,059,324	18,049
LaSalle County	9392	248

Current LaSalle County Case Data as of 01/15/2021*

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	155	150	3.25%	0.00
10-19	345	478	8.76%	0.00
20s	751	842	16.96%	0.40
30s	688	710	14.89%	2.82
40s	654	711	14.53%	6.05
50s	695	787	15.78%	20.97
60s	567	557	11.97%	35.48
70s	299	331	6.71%	30.65
80s	171	267	4.66%	3.63
90s	77	142	2.33%	0.00
100s	1	14	0.16%	0.00
UNK				
Total	4403	4989		
%	46.88	53.12		
TOTAL CASES				

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	**950**
February	0	
March	6	
April	50	
May	98	
June	67	
July	261	
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	950

Deaths Reported by Month Summary

Month	2020	2021
January	0	**17**
February	0	
March	1	
April	0	
May	12	
June	4	
July	1	
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	17

Deaths by Age	**248**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	1
50's	7
60's	15
70's	52
80's	88
90's	76
100s	9
Males	127
Females	121

*Two previously reported cases were counted twice. The total has been adjusted

Cases by City/Village

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Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	23	0.26%
Dana	14	0.16%
Earlville	163	1.82%
Grand Ridge	68	0.76%
LaSalle	913	10.19%
Leland	123	1.37%
Leonore	5	0.06%
Lostant	56	0.63%
Marseilles	617	6.89%
Mendota	961	10.73%
Millington	30	0.33%
Oglesby	393	4.39%
Ottawa	1779	19.86%
Peru	1018	11.36%
Ransom	30	0.33%
Rutland	12	0.13%
Sandwich	304	3.39%
Serena	42	0.47%
Seneca	222	2.48%
Sheridan	532	5.94%
Somonauk	157	1.75%
Streator	1237	13.81%
Tonica	74	0.83%
Troy Grove	22	0.25%
Utica	140	1.56%
Wenona	15	0.17%
Other**	9	0.10%
TOTAL CASES	**8959**	

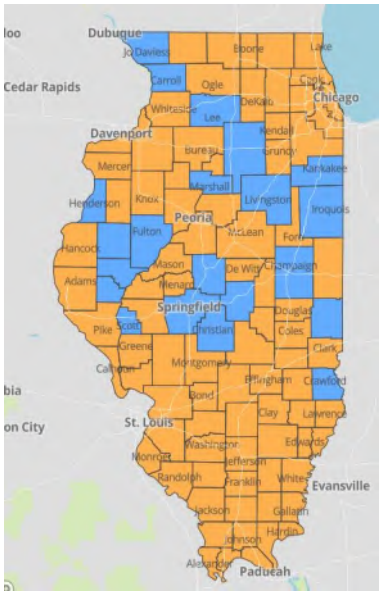
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Town	Current Total	Increase since last week	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	23	0	0.24%
Dana	15	1	0.16%
Earlville	172	9	1.83%
Grand Ridge	78	10	0.83%
LaSalle	952	39	10.14%
Leland	130	7	1.38%
Leonore	5	0	0.05%
Lostant	57	1	0.61%
Marseilles	640	23	6.82%
Mendota	1002	41	10.67%
Millington	30	0	0.32%
Oglesby	401	8	4.27%
Ottawa	1855	76	19.75%
Peru	1038	20	11.05%
Ransom	32	2	0.34%
Rutland	13	1	0.14%
Sandwich	323	19	3.44%
Serena	46	4	0.49%
Seneca	237	15	2.52%
Sheridan	568	36	6.05%
Somonauk	168	11	1.79%
Streator	1342	105	14.29%
Tonica	78	4	0.83%
Troy Grove	22	0	0.23%
Utica	141	1	1.50%
Wenona (LC Cases)	15	0	0.16%
Other**	9	0	0.10%
TOTAL CASES	**9392**	**433**	

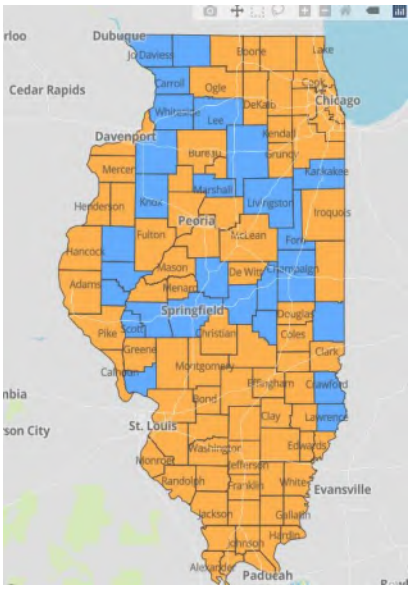
*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

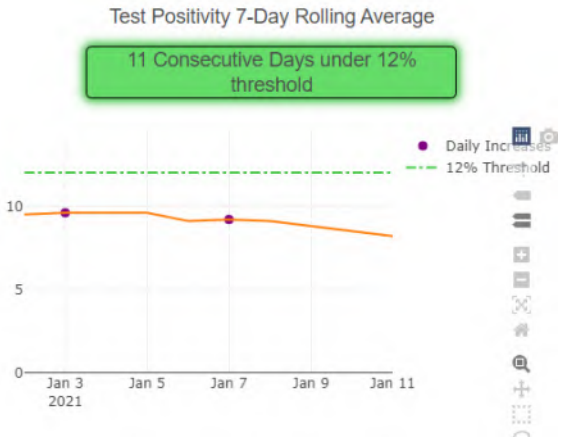
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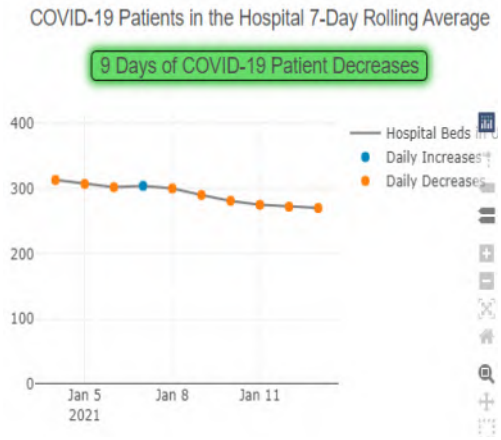


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Region 2 Summary - 01/14/2021

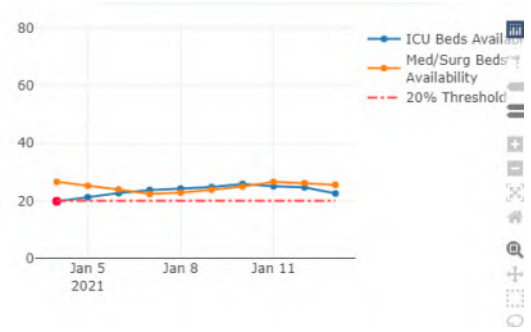




Hospital Bed Availability 3-Day Rolling Average

ICU Beds:9 Consecutive Days Over 20% Threshold

Med/Surg Beds:11 Consecutive Days Over 20% Threshold



County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 01/03-01/10/2021

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **405 per 100K** *Increase from last week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **5** * same as last week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **8 %** *Increased from last week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **5757** *less tests than last week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **5.9%** *Increase in visits from last week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **15** *Increase in admissions from last week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **10.1 %** *Decrease in reported clusters	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **23 %** *Increase in availability from last week	

Local Testing Information

LaSalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

* COVID -19 Testing

The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. Testing will be performed Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, and Saturdays 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

Illinois Valley Community Hospital

IVCH is proud to offer Covid-19 testing for both those with symptoms or who have had an exposure to a COVID-19 case.
Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their IVCH primary care provider for an order or may call the IVCH Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm

weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only.
Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.
IVCH Care Today and the Emergency Room do not provide routine COVID-19 testing.

Morris Hospital

Morris Hospital offers nasal swab testing by appointment for symptomatic individuals with a physician's order. Testing is available for individuals of all ages from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Appointments are required – no exceptions. Testing is NOT available at this time for asymptomatic individuals due to a nationwide shortage of the testing reagent. Testing is performed through the drive-up testing site on the Morris Hospital campus at the corner of Lisbon & High Streets on the far southwest corner of the hospital campus. When you arrive on the hospital campus, please follow the Drive-Thru Testing directional signs on Lisbon Street or High Street. Patients are required to have photo ID, insurance card and sign a release at the time of their test.

After a physician places an order for your test, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital will call you to schedule. Please allow up to 72 hours for test results to get sent to the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
    - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
    - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
    - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

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- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to our OSF Saint Paul Medical Center lab.
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

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St. Margaret's Hospital

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing

A list of public and private testing sites can be found on the IDPH website at http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.

Location	Address	Times
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W Euclid Ave Arlington Heights	8:00am – 4:00pm while daily supplies last
Auburn Gresham	7938 South Halsted Street Chicago Closed 1/26/21	8:00am – 4:00pm while daily supplies last
Aurora	2450 Farnsworth Ave Aurora	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
***Bloomington**	1106 Interstate Drive Bloomington	9:00am-5:00pm while daily supplies last
Champaign	Market Place Shopping Ctr 2000 N. Neil Street Champaign	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
***East St. Louis**	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square, Fairview Heights	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd. Chicago	7:00am-3:00pm while daily supplies last
***Peoria**	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot Peoria	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Road Rockford	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State St South Holland	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Waukegan	102 W. Water Street Waukegan	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last

* Walk-up testing is available at Bloomington, East St. Louis, and Peoria.



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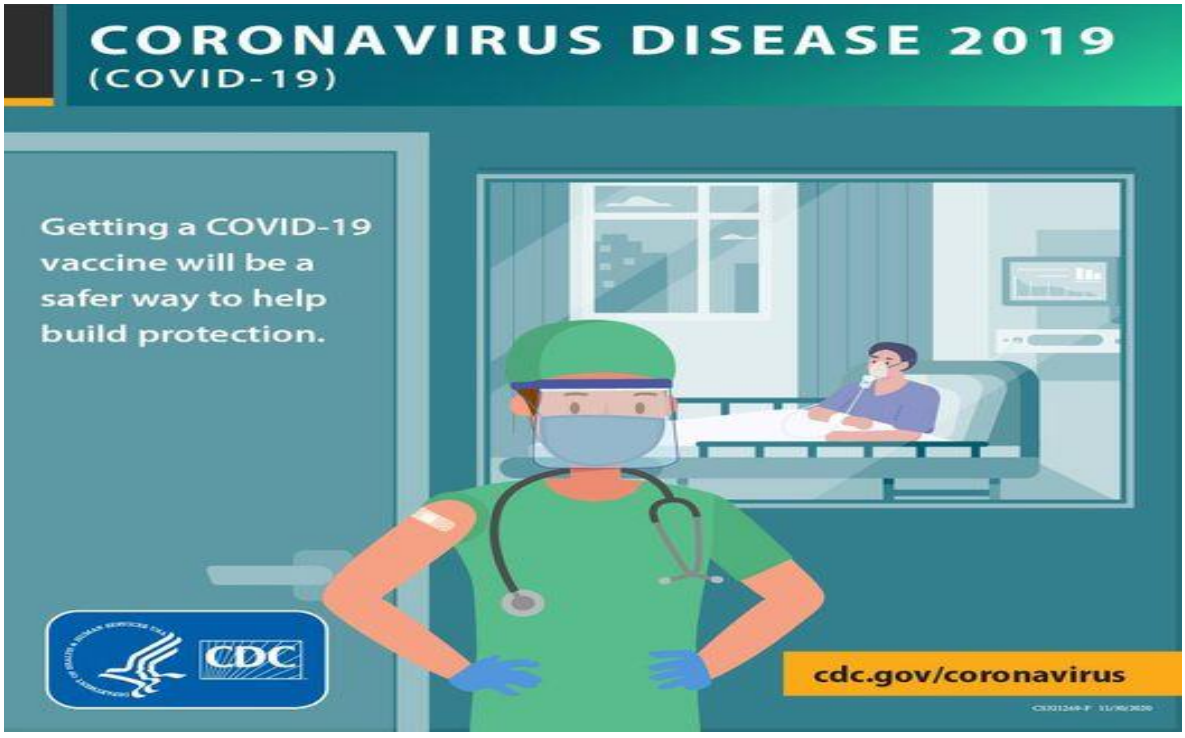
If I have already had COVID-19 and recovered, do I still need to get vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes. If you've had COVID-19, you have some natural protection, or immunity, from the virus, but we don't know how long that lasts. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine can help you build immunity without getting sick. COVID-19 vaccines are just one of many important tools to help us stop this pandemic. It's important for everyone to continue to use all the tools available.

Remember to:

✔Get the vaccine when it's your turn.
😊Wear a mask over your nose AND mouth.
↔Stay 6 feet from others and avoid crowds.
🖐Wash your hands often.

Learn more about vaccine benefits: https://bit.ly/3fcCcoX.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Individuals Eligible for Phase 1B Are Encouraged to Complete COVID-19 Vaccine Notification Sign-up Available on LaSalle County Health Department's Website

The LaSalle County Health Department anticipates being able to move into Phase 1B as early as next week. Phase 1B will include frontline essential workers and residents age 65 and over. In the beginning stages of Phase 1B, priority will be given to individuals 65 years and older, as they have experienced the highest mortality rate. In preparation and planning, LaSalle County Health Department is collecting information on the number of persons in Phase 1b (as defined by ACIP and IDPH) who are eligible and who intend to receive the vaccine through LaSalle County.

To be notified of COVID-19 vaccination clinics, we are asking **anyone eligible for Phase 1B** to complete the "COVID-19 Vaccine Notification Sign-up" Form. Please visit the LaSalle County's website at www.lasallecounty.org. and click the red COVID-19 Vaccine icon on the right side of the page. There you will find a green "COVID-19 Phase 1B Vaccine Notification Sign-up" link where you can complete the form.

After completing this form, individuals will be notified by an email from the LaSalle County Health Department when a clinic has been scheduled. Please complete the form as soon as possible as clinic plans are being finalized. The email will contain a link to register for the clinic and the ability to choose an appointment time. Clinics and appointments will be based on vaccine availability and are subject to change. Scheduled appointments are necessary due to social distancing requirements and the recommended wait time after receiving the vaccine.

The LaSalle County Health Department understands the general public has questions about when it will be their turn to receive the vaccine. Please note, as vaccine availability increases, vaccination recommendations will expand to include more groups. The goal is for everyone to be able to easily get a COVID-19 vaccination as soon as large quantities of vaccine are available. As vaccine supply increases but remains limited, ACIP, and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) will expand the groups recommended for vaccination.

The LaSalle County Health Department will be diligent in updating the public regarding the COVID-19 vaccination plan for the county. Please watch for more information from the LaSalle County Health Department through our website: www.lasallecounty.org, social media pages, and with our local media partners

What to Expect After Individuals Eligible for Phase 1B Complete the COVID-19 Vaccine Notification Form

The LaSalle County Health Department would like to provide further instruction on what to expect after individuals eligible for Phase 1B complete the COVID-19 Vaccine Notification Form.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- You will receive an email that you have successfully completed the notification form.
- In the near future, as clinics are scheduled you will receive emails with specific instructions and links on how to schedule your vaccination appointment. **These emails will be sent from LaSalle County Health Department.**
- After you register for your appointment you will receive an email with a "ticket." **You need to bring this ticket with you, along with a photo I.D.**
- **You do not need to bring your insurance card or Medicare/Medicaid card.**

Any individual who needs assistance completing the COVID-19 Vaccine Notification form or does not have computer/internet access, please contact Bridges Senior Center or Mendota Area Senior Services (MASS). These agencies have agreed to provide assistance to anyone 65 years and older.

- **Bridges Senior Center – (815) 431-8034**
- **Mendota Area Senior Services (MASS) – (815) 539-7700**

TRANSPORTATION ASSITANCE

The LaSalle County Health Department encourages anyone needing transportation assistance to contact the following organizations.

Mendota Area Senior Services (MASS) provides door-to-door transportation services for any resident of LaSalle County age 60 or older. Service is available Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 5 pm for any purpose. All MASS vehicles are handicapped accessible.
To schedule a ride, call 815-539-7700 or 815-539-9673 24 hours in advance. Same day service may be available based on vehicle availability.

North Central Area Transit (NCAT) provides door-to-door, origin to destination public bus transportation for LaSalle County. **To schedule your ride, call 833-433-NCAT (6228) by 10:00am the day before your requested trip** with the addresses of your pickup and drop off locations and the times you need to travel.
Service is available Monday – Friday, 7:30am – 4:30pm to ANYONE for ANY PURPOSE. One-way fares are $2.50 for in town rides and $5.00 or more for out of town. All NCAT vehicles are lift equipped, making our fleet completely accessible. Masks are required. Visit www.ridencat.com for more information about NCAT services.

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Posts COVID-19 Vaccination Data

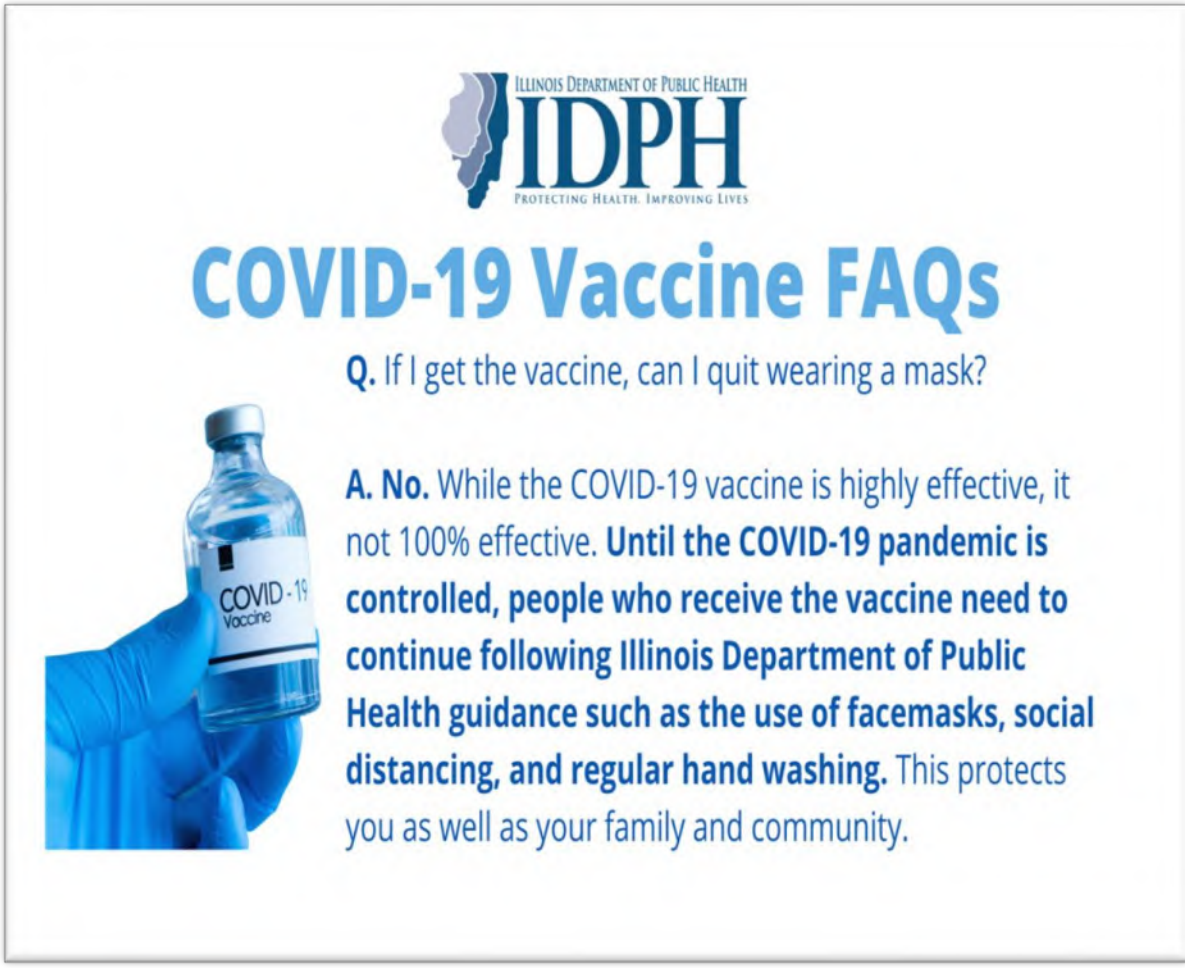
On January 12, 2020, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) began reporting coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccination data on its website, with data to be updated daily and additional data to be provided as available. It is important to note that vaccine distribution figures are reported in real time, while vaccine administration figures are reported with as much as a 72-hour lag.

Data on the IDPH website include the number of doses administered, the vaccination rate per population, and what percent of the population is fully vaccinated. These data are broken down by county. Additionally, the website includes information on the COVID-19 Community Vulnerability Index (CCVI), also broken down by county. The CCVI looks at indicators such as socioeconomic status, household composition, type of housing and transportation, epidemiological facts, as well as access to health care. Additional data and means to track vaccination rates will be added as available.

Vaccination data can be found on the IDPH website at www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccinedata.

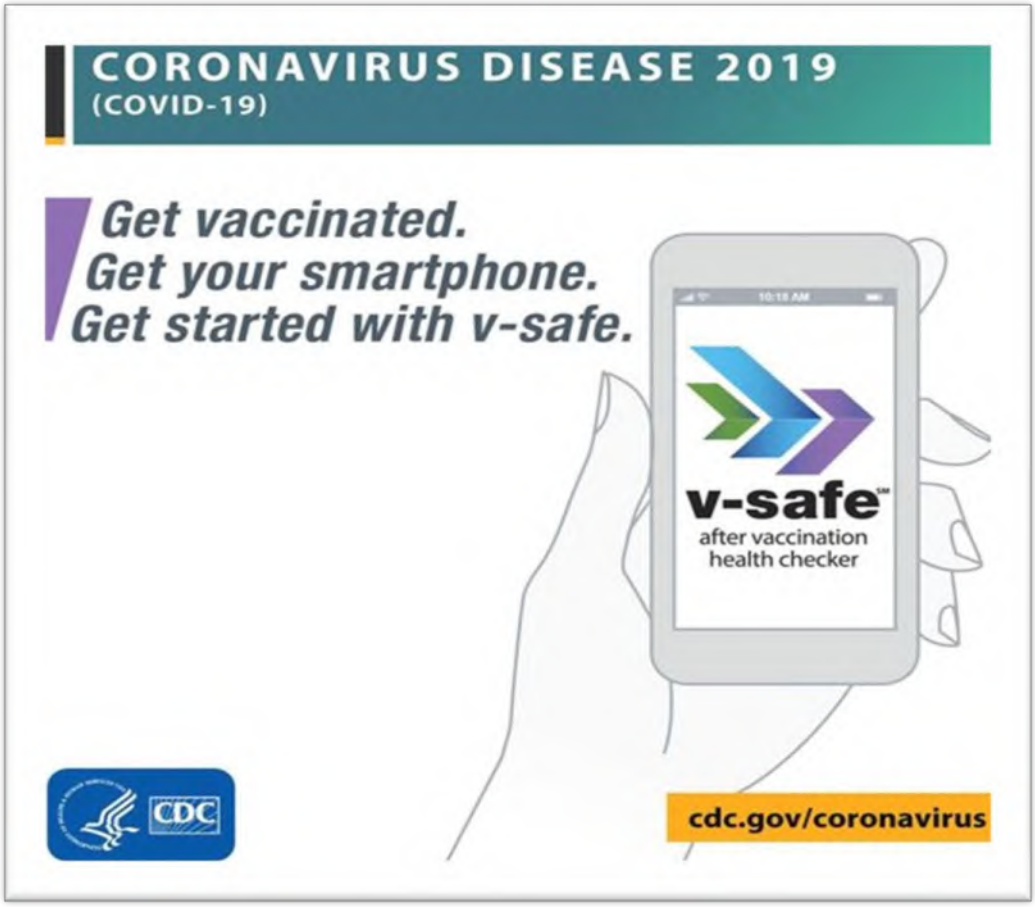
Get the FACTS about COVID-19 Vaccines

Now that there are authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines in the United States, accurate vaccine information is critical.



V-safe After Vaccination Health Checker

V-safe is a smartphone-based system that allows you to complete health check-ins after getting your COVID-19 vaccine. Enrollment is easy, and your vaccination provider should give you an information sheet with the registration instructions. Let CDC know how you feel by completing a short survey to help keep vaccines safe. Learn more: https://bit.ly/3gNkdpZ.



RESTORE ILLINOIS

As of January 15, 2020, Region 2, which includes LaSalle County is in Tier 2 COVID-19 Resurgence Mitigations.

RESTORE ILLINOIS

Tier 2 Resurgence Mitigations

As detailed in the July 15 Restore Illinois resurgence plan, Tier 2 mitigations may be applied if a region's positivity rate remains above the 8 percent positivity threshold after 14 days under Tier 1 mitigations. If a region continues to experience a sustained resurgence of COVID-19 after 14 days with Tier 2 mitigations in place, stricter measures may be necessary to curtail further spread.

Regions experiencing a sustained resurgence of COVID-19 after 14 days in Tier 1 mitigations will operate under these Tier 2 mitigation requirements:

SETTING	MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS
Bars	• All bars close at 11pm and may reopen no earlier than 6am the following day • No indoor service • All bar patrons should be seated at tables outside • No ordering, seating, or congregating at bar (bar stools should be removed) • Tables should be 6 feet apart • No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting • No dancing or standing indoors • Reservations required for each party • No seating of multiple parties at one table • No tables exceeding 6 people *
Restaurants	• All restaurants close at 11pm and may reopen no earlier than 6am the following day • No indoor dining or bar service • Tables should be 6 feet apart No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting • Reservations required for each party • No seating of multiple parties at one table • No tables exceeding 6 people *

Meetings, social events and gatherings (including weddings, funerals, potlucks, etc.)	• Limit to 10 guests in both indoor and outdoor settings *
	  • Applicable to professional, cultural and social group gatherings.
	  • Not applicable to students participating in-person classroom learning, sports or polling places.
	  • This does not reduce the overall facility capacity dictated by general business guidance such as office, retail, etc.
	• No party buses
	• Gaming and Casinos close at 11:00pm, are limited to 25 percent capacity, and follow mitigations for bars and restaurants, if applicable

Organized group recreational activities (including sports, but excluding fitness centers*)	• Limit to lesser of 25 guests or 25% of overall room capacity both indoors & outdoors * • Groups limited to 10 or fewer people * • All Sports Guidance effective August 15, 2020, remains in effect • Outdoor Activities (not included in the above exposure settings) continue per current DCEO guidance

*DENOTES NEW MITIGATION TO TIER 2

RESTORE ILLINOIS

In addition, IDPH recommends the following actions be taken:

- Display prominent masking and distancing signage
- Discourage non-essential travel to other states and international locations
- Discourage groups greater than 4 individuals in ages 12 -17 from congregating outside of school
- Promote work from home when possible

IDPH will continue to track the positivity rate in regions requiring additional mitigations over a 14-day monitoring period to determine if mitigations can be relaxed, if additional mitigations are required, or if current mitigation should remain in place. If the positivity rate averages less than or equal to 6.5 percent over a 3-day period, the region will return to Phase 4 mitigations under the Restore Illinois Plan. If the positivity rate averages between 6.5 percent and 8 percent, IDPH will continue to monitor the region to determine if additional mitigations are needed. If the positivity rate averages greater than or equal to 8 percent after 14 days, more stringent mitigations may be applied to further reduce spread of the virus, which could include reducing capacity on organized group recreation, fitness or other activities supported by local contact tracing and outbreak data and temporary suspension of certain activities.

Follow the latest regional metrics at: https://dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics.

For more information on guidance for businesses, please visit the FAQ on DCEO's website.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Wear a mask when you're in public to help slow the spread of COVID-19

When selecting a mask, you have many choices. Tips below:

• Choose a mask with two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric.
• Choose a mask that covers your mouth and nose and fits snugly against the sides of your face.
• If you wear glasses, find a mask that fits closely over your nose or one that has a nose wire to limit fogging.
• Wear a gaiter with two layers, or fold it to make two layers.

Learn more about masks: https://bit.ly/30QOzQF.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

If you are looking to spend time with people who don't live with you, outdoors is the safer choice

COVID-19 spreads more easily indoors than outdoors. You are less likely to be exposed to COVID-19 when you:

- Attend outdoor activities.
- Stay at least 6 feet apart.
- Limit the amount of time spent with people who don't live with you.

More tips for participating in activities: https://bit.ly/3mKHutV.



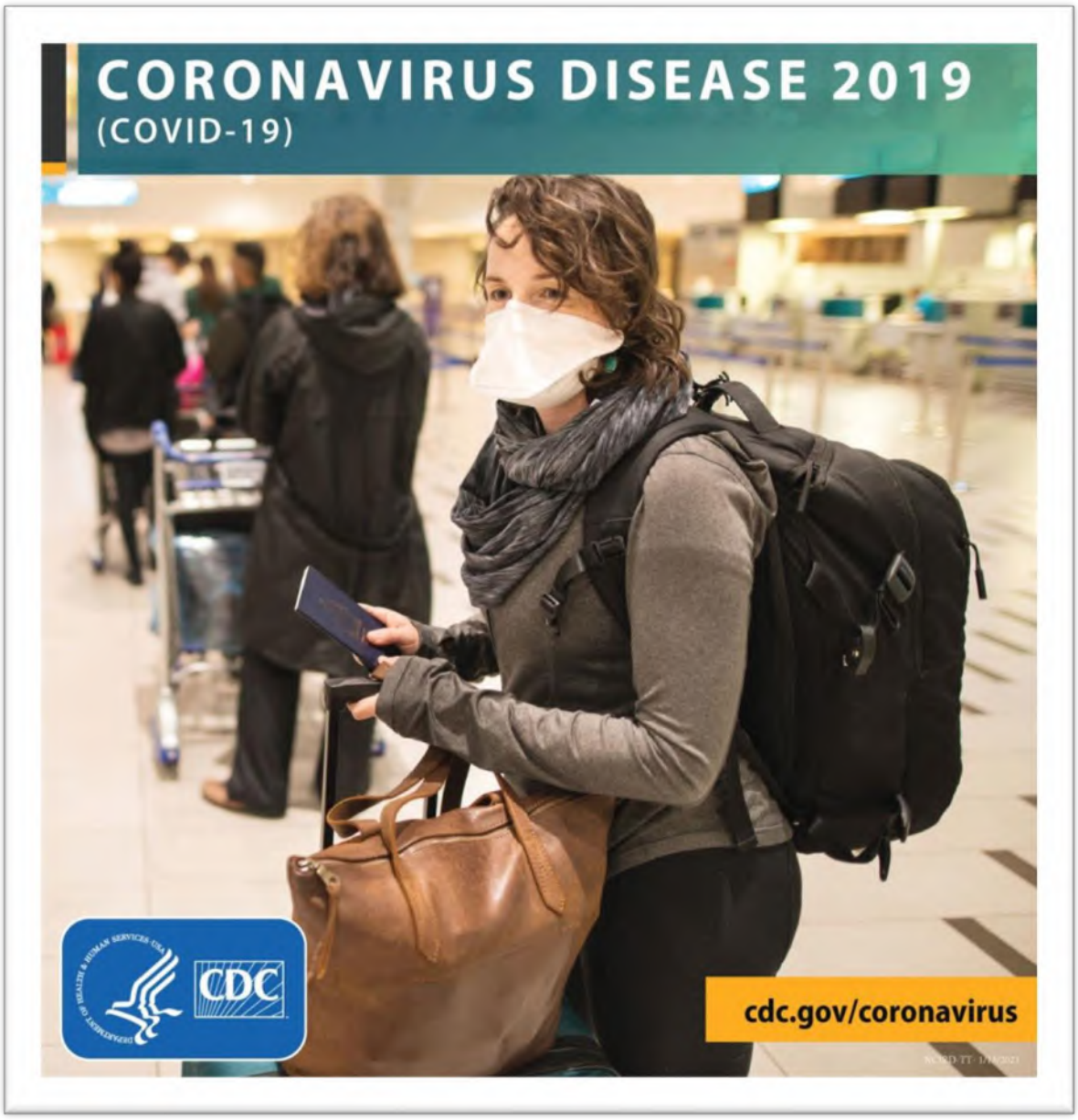
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Requirement for Proof of Negative COVID-19 Test or Recovery from COVID-19 for All Air Passengers Arriving in the United States

If you plan to travel internationally, get tested before you travel by air into the United States (US), or be prepared to show proof of a recent positive viral test and a letter from your healthcare provider or a public health official stating that you were cleared to travel.

On January 12, 2021, CDC issued an Order requiring all air passengers arriving to the US from a foreign country to get tested no more than 3 days before their flight departs and to provide proof of the negative result or documentation of having recovered from COVID-19

to the airline before boarding the flight. This Order will go into effect on January 26, 2021. Learn more: https://bit.ly/2LtikmY.



2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

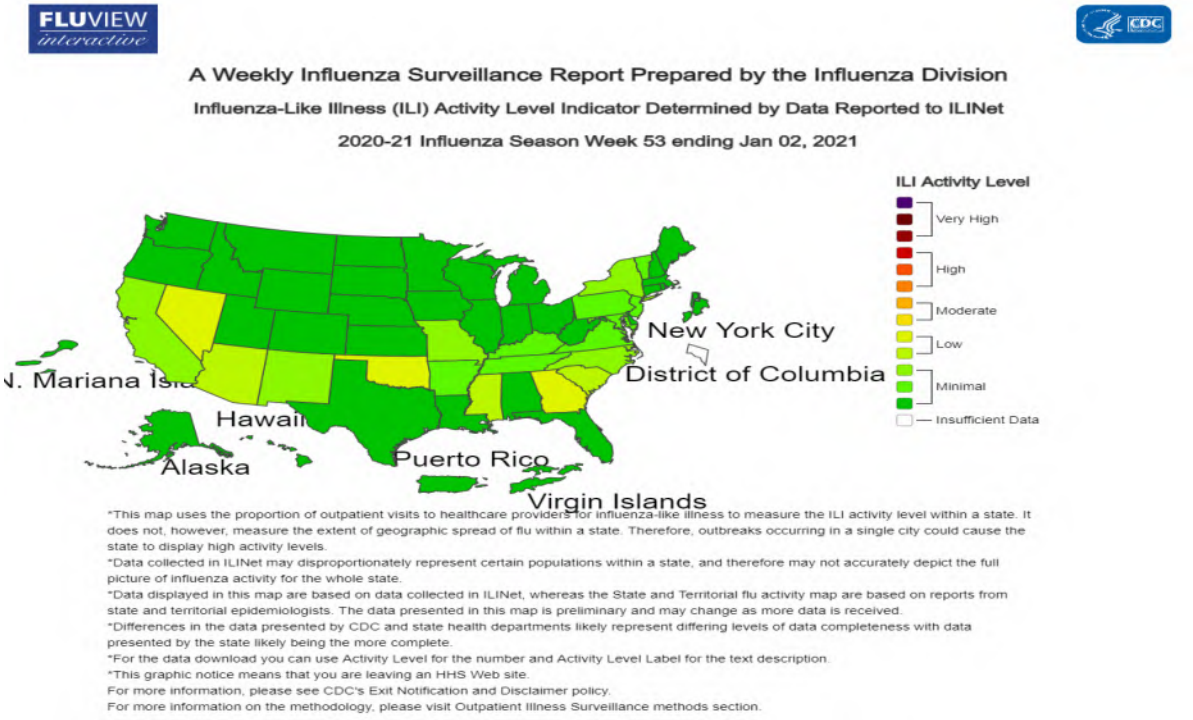
- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant

- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2020. Sporadic cases being reported.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed by visit the following link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#:~:text=2020%20%2D%202021%20Flu%20Activity%20Report,care%20sites%20throughout%20the%20state.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm



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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

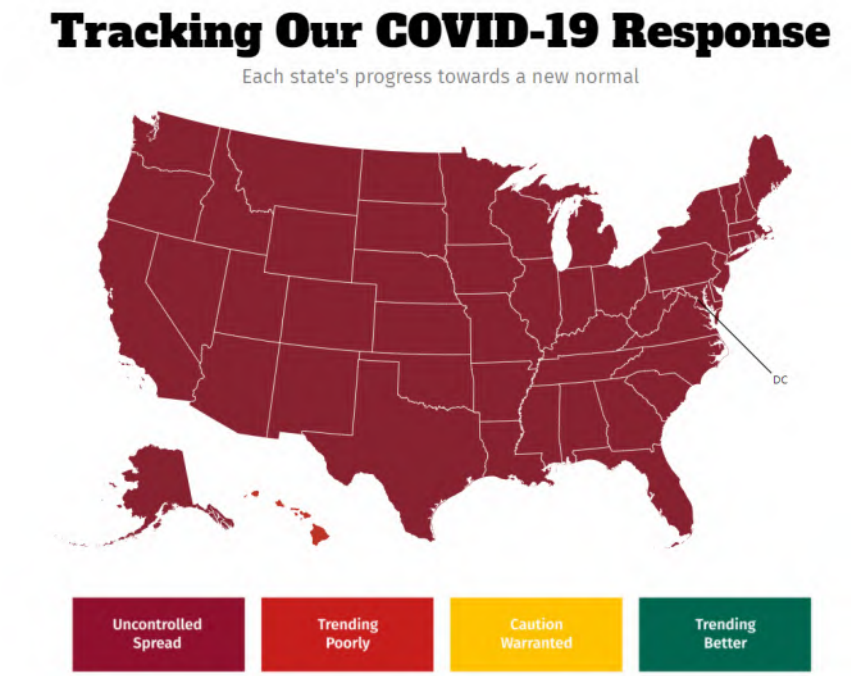
COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

January 22, 2021

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COVID-19 Situational Update



Map from https://www.covidexitstrategy.org/ which provides state by state data including 14-DAY TREND OF COVID+, LAST 14 DAYS OF COVID+ (ROLLING), INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS, % OF TEST TARGET (US: 500K/DAY), ICU AVAILABILITY, NEW CASES PER MILLION PER DAY, and COVID+ RATE

COVID Numbers at a Glance

This week 01/22/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
9779	6694	253	2832	5753	7.2 %

This week 01/15/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
9392	6394	248	2750	4291	8 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

01/15/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	93,363,092	1,999,849
US	23,337,896	389,191
Illinois	1,059,324	18,049
LaSalle County	9392	248

01/22/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	97,645,892	2,094,191
US	24,633,805	410,383
Illinois	1,093,375	18,615
LaSalle County	9779	253

Current LaSalle County Case Data as of 01/22/2021*

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	157	162	3.26%	0.00
10-19	369	497	8.86%	0.00
20s	783	872	16.92%	0.00
30s	724	737	14.94%	0.00
40s	692	738	14.62%	0.79
50s	726	819	15.80%	2.77
60s	580	576	11.82%	6.32
70s	311	348	6.74%	20.55
80s	178	273	4.61%	35.97
90s	78	144	2.27%	30.04
100s	1	14	0.15%	3.56
UNK				
Total	4599	5180	100.00	
%	47.03	52.97		
TOTAL CASES			9779	

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	**1337**
February	0	
March	6	
April	50	
May	98	
June	67	
July	261	
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	1337

Deaths Reported by Month Summary

Month	2020	2021
January	0	**22**
February	0	
March	1	
April	0	
May	12	
June	4	
July	1	
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	22

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. The total has been adjusted

Deaths by Age	253
20's	0
30's	0
40's	2
50's	7
60's	16
70's	52
80's	91
90's	76
100s	9
Males	131
Females	122

Cases by City/Village

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Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	23	0.24%
Dana	15	0.16%
Earlville	172	1.83%
Grand Ridge	78	0.83%
LaSalle	952	10.14%
Leland	130	1.38%
Leonore	5	0.05%
Lostant	57	0.61%
Marseilles	640	6.82%
Mendota	1002	10.67%
Millington	30	0.32%
Oglesby	401	4.27%
Ottawa	1855	19.75%
Peru	1038	11.05%
Ransom	32	0.34%
Rutland	13	0.14%
Sandwich	323	3.44%
Serena	46	0.49%
Seneca	237	2.52%
Sheridan	568	6.05%
Somonauk	168	1.79%
Streator	1342	14.29%
Tonica	78	0.83%
Troy Grove	22	0.23%
Utica	141	1.50%
Wenona	15	0.16%
Other**	9	0.10%
TOTAL CASES	**9392**	

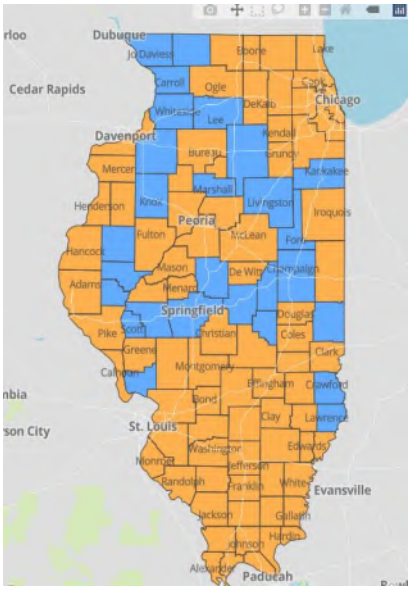
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Town	Current Total	Increase since last week	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	23	0	0.24%
Dana	16	1	0.16%
Earlville	175	3	1.79%
Grand Ridge	81	3	0.83%
LaSalle	966	14	9.88%
Leland	135	5	1.38%
Leonore	5	0	0.05%
Lostant	58	1	0.59%
Marseilles	653	13	6.68%
Mendota	1042	40	10.66%
Millington	30	0	0.31%
Oglesby	409	8	4.18%
Ottawa	1917	62	19.61%
Peru	1065	27	10.89%
Ransom	35	3	0.36%
Rutland	15	2	0.15%
Sandwich	352	29	3.60%
Serena	49	3	0.50%
Seneca	246	9	2.52%
Sheridan	599	31	6.13%
Somonauk	180	12	1.84%
Streator	1453	111	14.86%
Tonica	79	1	0.81%
Troy Grove	22	0	0.22%
Utica	150	9	1.53%
Wenona (LC Cases)	15	0	0.15%
Other**	9	0	0.09%
TOTAL CASES	**9779**	**387**	

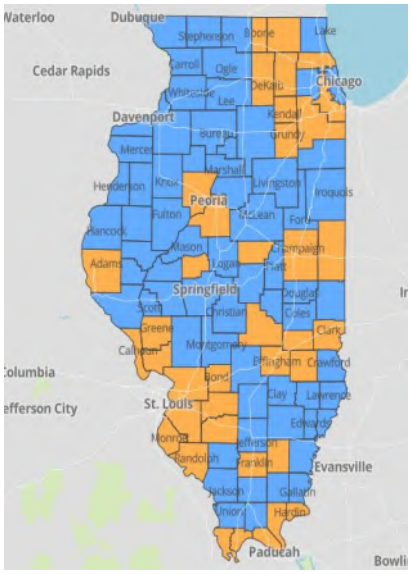
*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

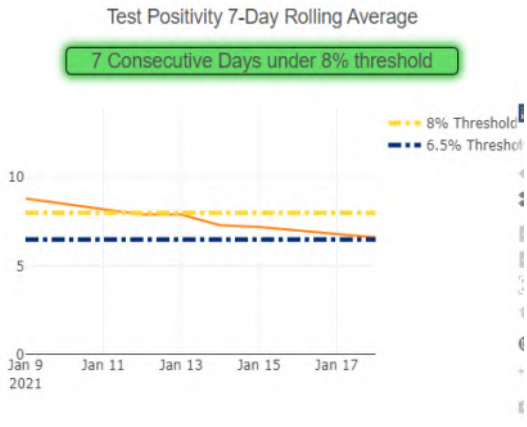
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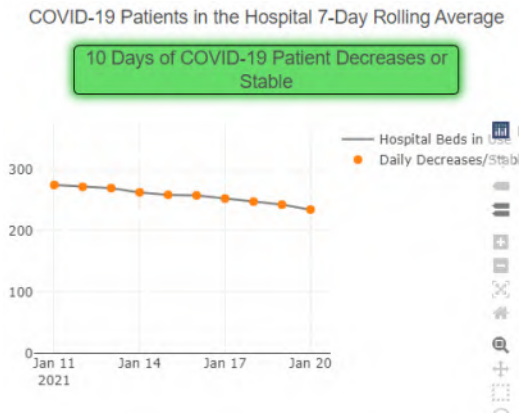


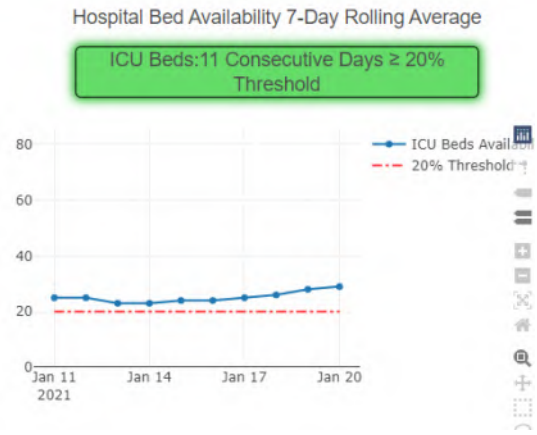
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Region 2 Summary - 01/21/2021







County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 01/11-01/16/2021

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **399 per 100K** *Decrease from last week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **5** * same as last week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **7.2 %** *Decrease from last week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **6625** *more tests than last week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **6.7%** *Increase in visits from last week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **14** *Decrease in admissions from last week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **6.9 %** *Decrease in reported clusters	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **24 %** *Increase in availability from last week	

Local Testing Information

LaSalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

* COVID -19 Testing

The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. Testing will be performed Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, and Saturdays 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

Illinois Valley Community Hospital

IVCH is proud to offer Covid-19 testing for both those with symptoms or who have had an exposure to a COVID-19 case.
Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their IVCH primary care provider for an order or may call the IVCH Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm

weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only.
Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.
IVCH Care Today and the Emergency Room do not provide routine COVID-19 testing.

Morris Hospital

Morris Hospital offers nasal swab testing by appointment for symptomatic individuals with a physician's order. Testing is available for individuals of all ages from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Appointments are required – no exceptions. Testing is NOT available at this time for asymptomatic individuals due to a nationwide shortage of the testing reagent. Testing is performed through the drive-up testing site on the Morris Hospital campus at the corner of Lisbon & High Streets on the far southwest corner of the hospital campus. When you arrive on the hospital campus, please follow the Drive-Thru Testing directional signs on Lisbon Street or High Street. Patients are required to have photo ID, insurance card and sign a release at the time of their test.

After a physician places an order for your test, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital will call you to schedule. Please allow up to 72 hours for test results to get sent to the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
    - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
    - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
    - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

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- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

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St. Margaret's Hospital

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing

A list of public and private testing sites can be found on the IDPH website at http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.

Location	Address	Times
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W Euclid Ave Arlington Heights	8:00am – 4:00pm while daily supplies last
Auburn Gresham	7938 South Halsted Street Chicago Closed 1/26/21	8:00am – 4:00pm while daily supplies last
Aurora	2450 Farnsworth Ave Aurora	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
***Bloomington**	1106 Interstate Drive Bloomington	9:00am-5:00pm while daily supplies last
Champaign	Market Place Shopping Ctr 2000 N. Neil Street Champaign	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
***East St. Louis**	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square, Fairview Heights	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd. Chicago	7:00am-3:00pm while daily supplies last
***Peoria**	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot Peoria	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Road Rockford	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State St South Holland	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Waukegan	102 W. Water Street Waukegan	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last

* Walk-up testing is available at Bloomington, East St. Louis, and Peoria.

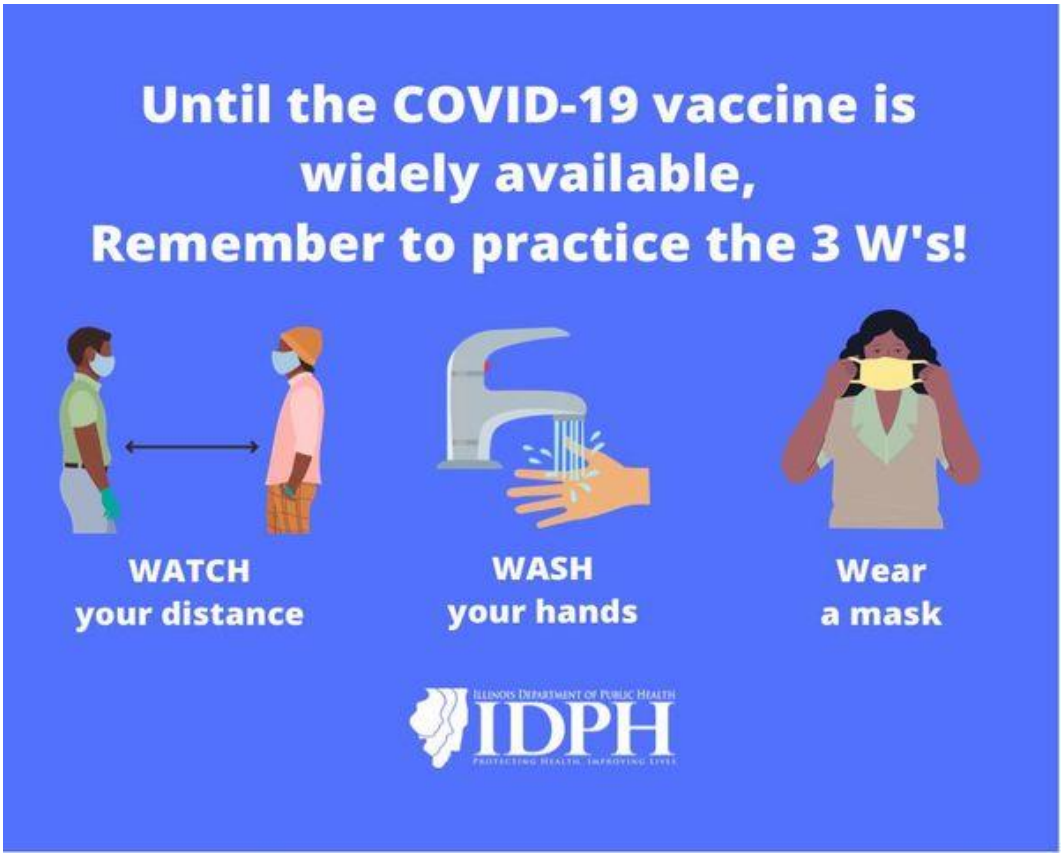


The email sent to me to register for a COVID-19 Vaccination Appointment went to my junk/spam folder and I was not able to register for an appointment. Do I need to fill out another notification form?

No, please do not fill out another notification form. Your information and email will remain in the system and you will receive another email notification to register for a vaccine appointment at a later date.

I received my first COVID-19 vaccination. How do I know when my appointment is to receive the 2nd dose?

You will receive an email from LaSalle County Health Department closer to the date your 2nd dose of vaccine is due. This email will have instructions to make your appointment to receive your 2nd dose. There will be no new appointments for first dose that day, only second doses will be registered and given at the clinic. Please watch your email for additional information. You will need to print your new ticket and bring it with you to your appointment along with your form of Identification.



COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Current Vaccination Phase

Phase 1b: Individuals over 65 years of age and Frontline Essential Workers

Eligible persons for this phase include:

- Individuals over 65 years of age
- Front line Workers (fire, law enforcement, 911 workers, security personnel, school officers)
- Education (Pre-K through 12th grade, and child care: teachers, principals, support, day care workers)
- Food and Agriculture (Processing, Plants, Veterinary Health, Livestock Services, Animal Care)
- Manufacturing (Industrial Production of Goods for Distribution to Retail, Wholesale and Other Manufacturing)
- Corrections Workers and Inmates (Prison/Jail Officers, Juvenile Facility Staff, workers Providing In-Person Support, Inmates)
- United States Postal Services Workers
- Public Transit Workers (Flight Crew, Bus Drivers, Train Conductors, Taxi Drivers, Ride Sharing Services)
- Grocery Store Workers (Baggers, Cashiers, Stockers, Pick-Up, Customer Service)
- Shelters/Adult Day Care (Homeless Shelter, Women's Shelter, Adult Day/Drop-in Program, Sheltered Workshop, Psycho-Social Rehab)

Important Reminders About Phase 1B Vaccine Notification Sign-Up and Scheduling COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments

LaSalle County Health Department has had an amazing response to our Phase 1B notification sign-up. There have been over 15,000 individuals in Phase 1B who have registered to receive vaccination notifications. Anyone who signed up to receive COVID-19 vaccination notifications, **please be patient.** The Health Department is only receiving a small amount of vaccine into the county at this time. Therefore, we can only schedule clinics for the amount of vaccine we receive.

Due to the large volume, the emails containing instructions on how to register for an appointment at a COVID-19 vaccination clinic must be sent out in batches, and will be sent out in the order in which they were received. We can only send out emails for appointments based on the number of vaccines we have available. **This means not everyone has received an email yet.**

Important Things to Remember:

- If you registered for the notification form and received a confirmation email, we have your information.
- **DO NOT CALL** the LaSalle County Health Department to schedule your vaccine appointment or to ask when you will receive an email with details on how to register for COVID-19 vaccination appointments.
- LaSalle County Health Department intends to hold weekly COVID-19 vaccination clinics. Clinics are designed to use our allotment of weekly vaccines into the county until our vaccine supply increases.
- Keep checking your email, additional clinics will continue to be added in the coming weeks.
- Check your spam and junk folders.

If you are eligible under Phase1B, and have not signed up for the COVID-19 Vaccination Notification form, please visit the LaSalle County website at www.lasallecounty.org. Click on the red COVID-19 Vaccine Information icon and complete the notification form. **Only individuals working or living in LaSalle County may receive vaccine through LaSalle County.** The LCHD will include you as a potential recipient of vaccine in LaSalle County. **THIS DOES NOT SCHEDULE YOUR VACCINATION APPOINTMENT.** This allows us to contact you through email with details as to how to register as COVID-19 vaccination appointments become available. Link to Notification Form - https://hipaa.jotform.com/203514554490049

LaSalle County has moved into Phase 1B for COVID-19 Vaccinations. On January 19, 2021, the LaSalle County Health Department held their first COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic for individuals 65 years and older. There were 710 vaccinations given at the clinic. This clinic, which was held at Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC) was scheduled **by appointment only** to maintain safety and social distancing requirements.

Need Assistance Completing the COVID-19 Vaccine Notification Form?

Any individual who needs assistance completing the COVID-19 Vaccine Notification form or does not have computer/internet access, please contact Bridges Senior Center or Mendota Area Senior Services (MASS). These agencies have agreed to provide assistance to anyone 65 years and older.

- **Bridges Senior Center – (815) 431-8034**
- **Mendota Area Senior Services (MASS) – (815) 539-7700**

The LaSalle County Health Department encourages anyone needing transportation assistance to their scheduled COVID-19 Vaccination Appointment to contact the following organizations:

- **Mendota Area Senior Services (MASS)** provides door-to-door transportation services for any resident of LaSalle County age 60 or older. Service is available Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 5 pm for any purpose. All MASS vehicles are handicapped accessible.

  To schedule a ride, call 815-539-7700 or 815-539-9673 24 hours in advance. Same day service may be available based on vehicle availability.

- **North Central Area Transit (NCAT)** provides door-to-door, origin to destination public bus transportation for LaSalle County. **To schedule your ride, call 833-433-NCAT (6228) by 10:00am the day before your requested trip** with the addresses of your pickup and drop off locations and the times you need to travel.

  Service is available Monday – Friday, 7:30am – 4:30pm to ANYONE for ANY PURPOSE. One-way fares are $2.50 for in town rides and $5.00 or more for out of town. All NCAT vehicles are lift equipped, making our fleet completely accessible. Masks are required. Visit www.ridencat.com for more information about NCAT services.

All Regions out of Tier 3 Mitigations

Regions 10 and 11 on track to advance to Tier 1 on Saturday

On Friday, January 22, 2021, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced Region 4 (Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair, Washington) is moving to Tier 2 effective today. All 11 regions have now moved out of Tier 3 mitigations. If metrics continue to improve or are stable, regions 10 and 11 are on track to advance to Tier 1 on Saturday, January 23, 2021. Information about which tier and phase regions are in can be found at the top of the IDPH website homepage.

"With all regions of Illinois now out of Tier 3, we can now see that the entire state is headed down the right path," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "During the summer, we were on this same path. We know that we must continue to take precautions and be smart about how we relax some of the mitigation measures, which are in place to protect our health and safety."

"We are pleased to hear our region as whole is trending in the right direction," said St. Clair County Board Chairman Mark Kern. "We will continue to advocate to our residents to mask up, wash their hands, and stay safe so we can continue to increase capacity at our hospitals and reduce our positivity rates. We appreciate the work and partnership of IDPH and Governor Pritzker."

IDPH will continue to closely monitor test positivity, ICU bed availability, and the number of people in the hospital with COVID-19. Should data show regions trending in the wrong

direction, based on the established mitigation metrics, regions could once again find themselves in a higher tier with increase measures.

Metrics for moving from a higher to lower tier are as follows:

Moving from Tier 3 to Tier 2

- Test positivity rate ≥ 8% and below 12% for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- Staffed ICU bed availability ≥ 20% for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- Sustained decline in COVID patients in hospital (7-day average for 7 of 10 days)

Moving from Tier 2 to Tier 1

- Test positivity rate between 6.5% and 8% for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- Staffed ICU bed availability ≥ 20% for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- No sustained increase in COVID patients in hospital (7-day average for 7 of 10 days)

Moving from Tier 1 to Phase 4

- Test positivity rate ≤ 6.5% for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- Staffed ICU bed availability ≥ 20% for three consecutive days (7-day average); AND
- No sustained increase in COVID patients in hospital (7-day average for 7 of 10 days)

Information about mitigation and resurgence metrics can be found on the IDPH website at http://www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

RESTORE ILLINOIS

On Sunday, January 17, 2021 Region 2 Moved to Tier 1. This includes LaSalle County.

RESTORE ILLINOIS

Tier 1 Resurgence Mitigations

UPDATED 1/15/2021

Tier 1 mitigations may be applied to regions that are experiencing a sustained resurgence of COVID-19 or regions that have been under more stringent mitigations but have not yet achieved metrics that allow for a resumption of Phase 4 Restore Illinois activities. If a region again experiences a sustained resurgence of COVID-19 with Tier 1 mitigations in place, a return to stricter measures may be necessary to curtail further spread. **Tier 1 mitigations include the following:**

SETTING	MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS
Bars and restaurants	• All bars and restaurants close at 11pm and may reopen no earlier than 6am the following day • Indoor service limited to the lesser of 25 guests or 25% capacity per room • Establishments offering indoor service must serve food • Indoor service reservations limited to 2-hour maximum duration and maximum 4 persons per party (dining only with members of the same household recommended) • All bar and restaurant patrons should be seated at tables • No ordering, seating, or congregating at bar (bar stools should be removed) • Tables should be 6 feet apart • No standing or congregating indoors or outdoors while waiting for a table or exiting • No dancing or standing indoors • Reservations required for each party • No seating of multiple parties at one table • Includes private clubs and country clubs

Meetings, social events and gatherings (including weddings, funerals, potlucks, etc.)	• Limit to lesser of 25 guests or 25% of overall room capacity both indoors and outdoors
	  • Applicable to professional, cultural and social group gatherings.
	  • Not applicable to students participating in-person classroom learning, or sports.
	  • This does not reduce the overall facility capacity dictated by general Phase 4 business guidance such as office, personal care, retail, etc.
	• No party buses

Organized group recreational activities (fitness centers, sports, etc.)	• Sports should follow the mitigation measures set forth in the All Sport Guidelines, which outlines appropriate levels of practice and competition based on individual sport risk • Face coverings must be worn at all times in fitness centers, including while engaged in individual exercise regardless of person or machine spacing • Recreation, fitness centers and outdoor activities (not included in the above exposure settings) follow Phase 4 guidance

IDPH will continue to track the positivity rate in regions requiring additional mitigations to determine if mitigations can be relaxed, if additional mitigations are required, or if current mitigation should remain in place.

- For regions experiencing a resurgence of COVID-19, Tier 1 mitigations may be applied in either of the two scenarios:
  - If a region's test positivity rate is greater than or equal to 8 percent for three consecutive days over a 14-day monitoring period (measured with the 7-day rolling average)
  - If a region experiences both a sustained test positivity rate (measured with the 7-day rolling average over 7 of 10 days) and hospital capacity is threatened, which is measured by either:
    A. A sustained increase in the number of COVID patients in the hospital (measured with the 7-day average over 7 of 10 days), *or*
    B. Staffed ICU or medical/surgical bed availability falls below 20 percent for three consecutive days (measured with the 3-day rolling average)

- For regions experiencing declining spread of COVID-19, Tier 1 mitigations will go into effect if a region meets the following three metrics:
  - Test positivity rate below 8 percent for three consecutive days (measured with the 7-day rolling average)
  - Available intensive care unit (ICU) and medical/surgical bed capacity greater than or equal to 20 percent for three consecutive days (measured with the 3-day rolling average)
  - No sustained increase in the number of COVID-19 patients in hospitals (measured with the 7-day rolling average over 7 of 10 days)

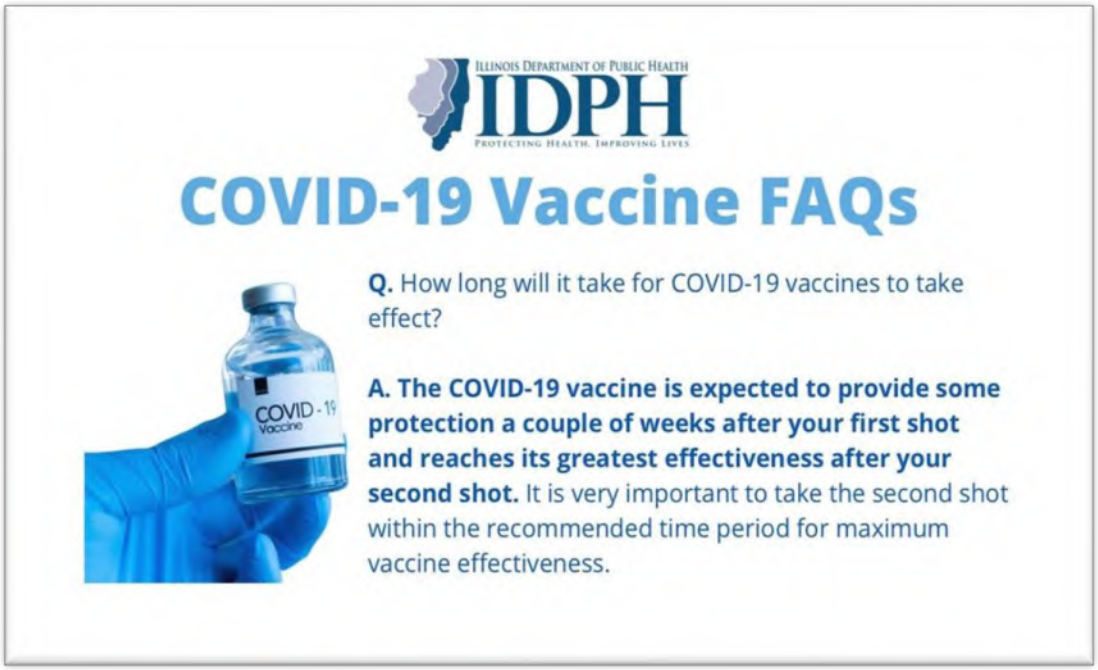
Please see the Illinois Gaming Board's website for Tier 1 and Tier 2 mitigations for casino gambling and video gaming.

Follow the latest regional metrics at: https://dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics.

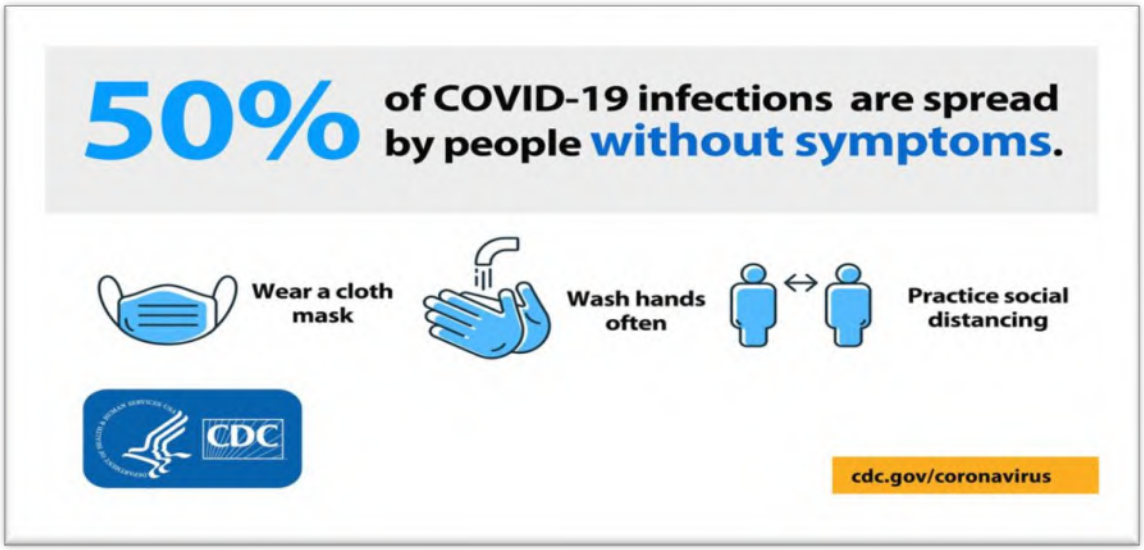
For more information on guidance for businesses, please visit the FAQ on DCEO's website.

Get the FACTS about COVID-19 Vaccines

Now that there are authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines in the United States, accurate vaccine information is critical.



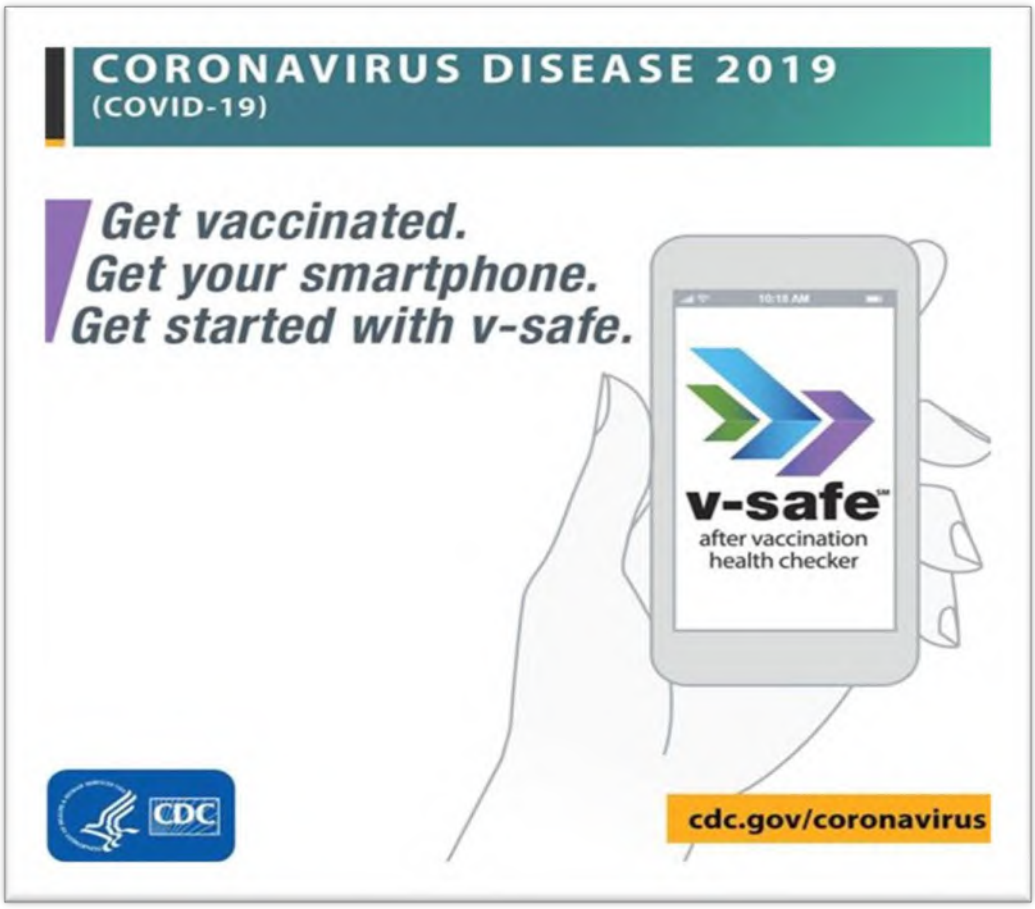
New research shows that more than half of all COVID-19 cases are spread by infected people without any symptoms. Wear a mask, wash your hands, and stay 6 feet from others—even if you're feeling well.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

V-safe After Vaccination Health Checker

V-safe is a smartphone-based system that allows you to complete health check-ins after getting your COVID-19 vaccine. Enrollment is easy, and your vaccination provider should give you an information sheet with the registration instructions. Let CDC know how you feel by completing a short survey to help keep vaccines safe. Learn more: https://bit.ly/3gNkdpZ.



2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

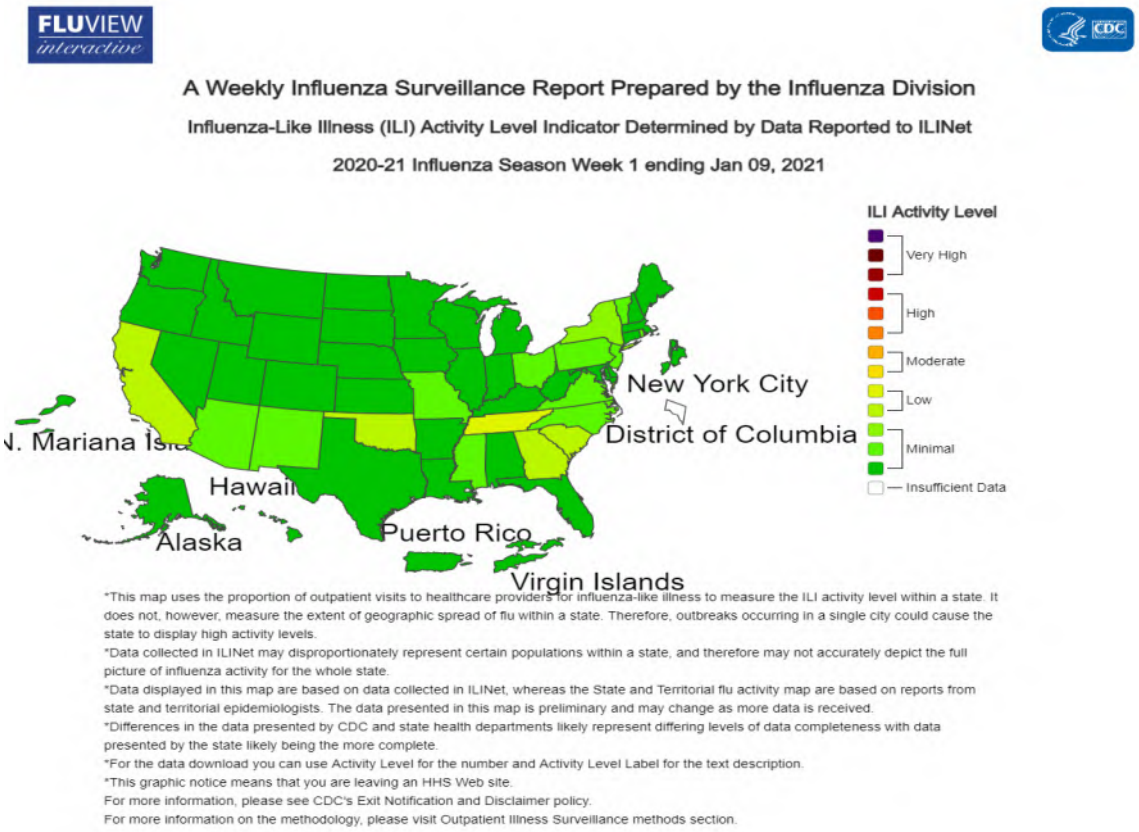
- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant
- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2020.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed by visit the following link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-

surveillance#:~:text=2020%20%2D%202021%20Flu%20Activity%20Report,care%20sites%20throughout%20the%20state.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

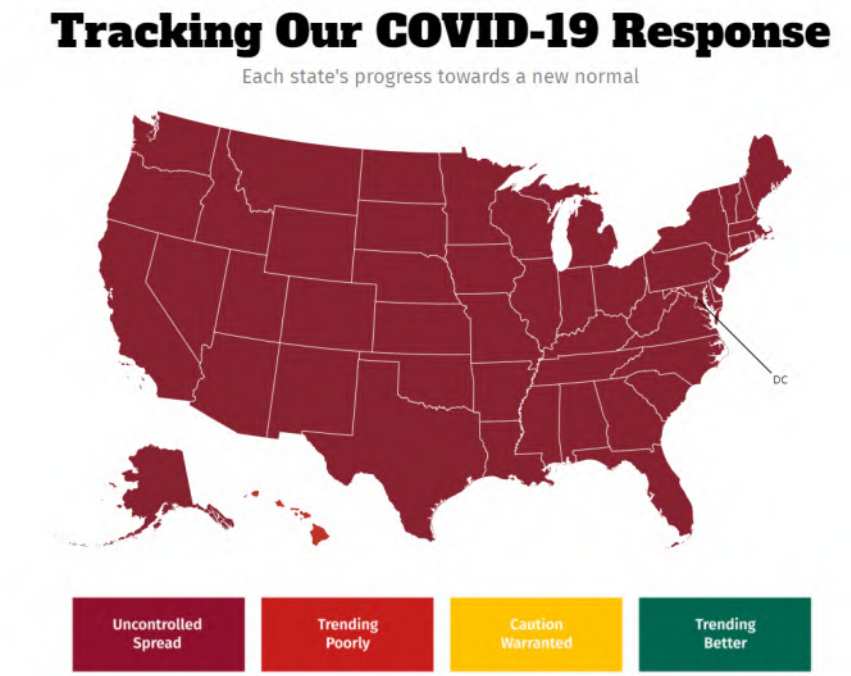
COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

January 29, 2021

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COVID-19 Situational Update



Map from https://www.covidexitstrategy.org/ which provides state by state data including 14-DAY TREND OF COVID+, LAST 14 DAYS OF COVID+ (ROLLING), INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS, % OF TEST TARGET (US: 500K/DAY), ICU AVAILABILITY, NEW CASES PER MILLION PER DAY, and COVID+ RATE

COVID Numbers at a Glance

This week 01/29/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
10,084	6960	257	2867	8742	4.7 %

This week 01/22/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
9779	6694	253	2832	5753	7.2 %

- Celebrating the Superbowl Safely
- 2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

01/22/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	97,645,892	2,094,191
US	24,633,805	410,383
Illinois	1,093,375	18,615
LaSalle County	9779	253

01/29/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	101,605,084	2,194,204
US	25,777,721	433,431
Illinois	1,120,528	19,138
LaSalle County	10,048	257

Current LaSalle County Case Data as of 01/29/2021*

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	167	173	3.37	0.00
10-19	386	517	8.95	0.00
20s	811	896	16.93	0.00
30s	756	760	15.03	0.00
40s	713	758	14.59	0.78
50s	744	834	15.65	2.72
60s	596	594	11.80	6.61
70s	322	358	6.74	21.01
80s	185	276	4.57	35.80
90s	78	145	2.21	29.57
100s	1	14	0.15	3.50
UNK				
Total	4759	5325		
%	47.19	52.81		
TOTAL CASES				

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	**1642**
February	0	
March	6	
April	50	
May	98	
June	67	
July	261	
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	1642

Deaths Reported by Month Summary

Month	2020	2021
January	0	**26**
February	0	
March	1	
April	0	
May	12	
June	4	
July	1	
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	26

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. The total has been adjusted

Deaths by Age	257
20's	0
30's	0
40's	2
50's	7
60's	17
70's	54
80's	92
90's	76
100s	9
Males	134
Females	123

Cases by City/Village

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Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	23	0.24%
Dana	16	0.16%
Earlville	175	1.79%
Grand Ridge	81	0.83%
LaSalle	966	9.88%
Leland	135	1.38%
Leonore	5	0.05%
Lostant	58	0.59%
Marseilles	653	6.68%
Mendota	1042	10.66%
Millington	30	0.31%
Oglesby	409	4.18%
Ottawa	1917	19.61%
Peru	1065	10.89%
Ransom	35	0.36%
Rutland	15	0.15%
Sandwich	352	3.60%
Serena	49	0.50%
Seneca	246	2.52%
Sheridan	599	6.13%
Somonauk	180	1.84%
Streator	1453	14.86%
Tonica	79	0.81%
Troy Grove	22	0.22%
Utica	150	1.53%
Wenona	15	0.15%
Other**	9	0.09%
TOTAL CASES	**9779**	

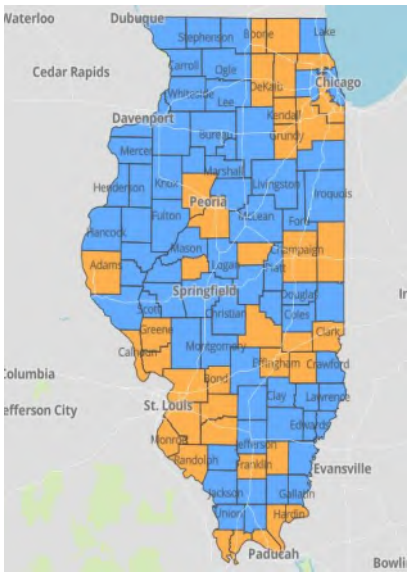
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Town	Current Total	Increase since last week	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	23	0	0.23%
Dana	18	2	0.18%
Earlville	181	6	1.80%
Grand Ridge	83	2	0.82%
LaSalle	977	11	9.69%
Leland	137	2	1.36%
Leonore	5	0	0.05%
Lostant	60	2	0.60%
Marseilles	670	17	6.64%
Mendota	1073	31	10.64%
Millington	30	0	0.30%
Oglesby	419	10	4.16%
Ottawa	1982	65	19.66%
Peru	1084	19	10.75%
Ransom	37	2	0.37%
Rutland	15	0	0.15%
Sandwich	364	12	3.61%
Serena	49	0	0.49%
Seneca	252	6	2.50%
Sheridan	618	19	6.13%
Somonauk	185	5	1.83%
Streator	1536	83	15.23%
Tonica	81	2	0.80%
Troy Grove	22	0	0.22%
Utica	157	7	1.56%
Wenona (LC Cases)	16	1	0.16%
Other**	10	1	0.10%
TOTAL CASES	**10084**	**305**	

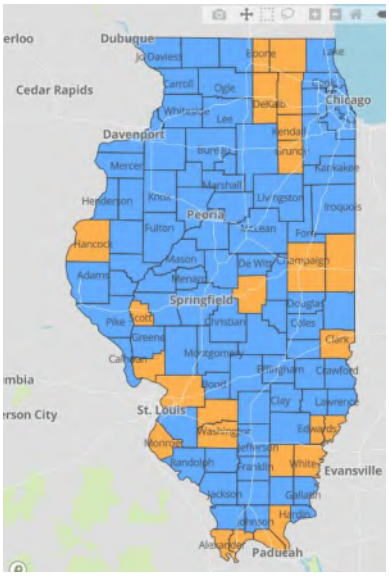
*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

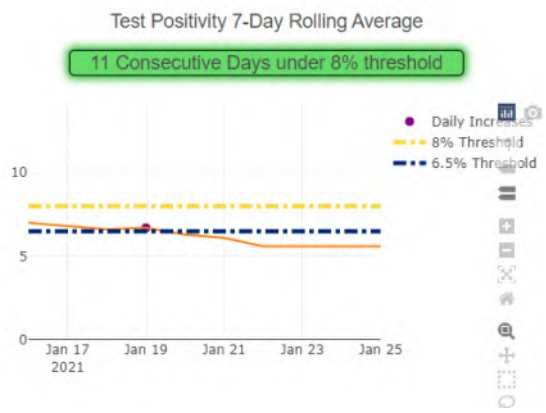
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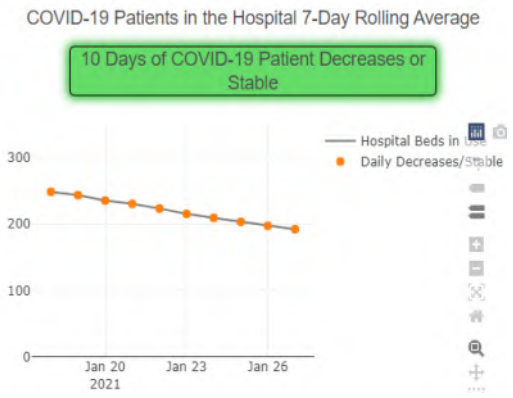


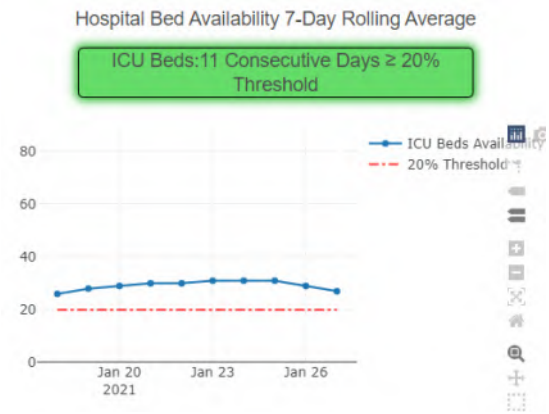
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Region 2 Summary - 01/28/2021







County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 01/17-01/23/2021

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **365 per 100K** *Decrease from last week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1** * Decrease from last week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **4.7 %** *Decrease from last week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **7708** *more tests than last week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **6.9%** *Increase in visits from last week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **18** *Increase in admissions from last week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **12.4 %** *Increase in reported clusters	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **31 %** *Increase in availability from last week	

Local Testing Information

LaSalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

*** COVID -19 Testing**
The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Testing will be performed Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, and Saturdays 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

Illinois Valley Community Hospital

IVCH is proud to offer Covid-19 testing for both those with symptoms or who have had an exposure to a COVID-19 case.
Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their IVCH primary care provider for an order or may call the IVCH Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only.

Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.
IVCH Care Today and the Emergency Room do not provide routine COVID-19 testing.

Morris Hospital

Morris Hospital offers nasal swab testing by appointment for symptomatic individuals with a physician's order. Testing is available for individuals of all ages from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Appointments are required – no exceptions. Testing is NOT available at this time for asymptomatic individuals due to a nationwide shortage of the testing reagent. Testing is performed through the drive-up testing site on the Morris Hospital campus at the corner of Lisbon & High Streets on the far southwest corner of the hospital campus. When you arrive on the hospital campus, please follow the Drive-Thru Testing directional signs on Lisbon Street or High Street. Patients are required to have photo ID, insurance card and sign a release at the time of their test.

After a physician places an order for your test, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital will call you to schedule. Please allow up to 72 hours for test results to get sent to the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
    - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
    - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
    - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

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- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

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St. Margaret's Hospital

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing

A list of public and private testing sites can be found on the IDPH website at http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.

Location	Address	Times
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W Euclid Ave Arlington Heights	8:00am – 4:00pm while daily supplies last
Auburn Gresham	7938 South Halsted Street Chicago Closed 1/26/21	8:00am – 4:00pm while daily supplies last
Aurora	2450 Farnsworth Ave Aurora	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
***Bloomington**	1106 Interstate Drive Bloomington	9:00am-5:00pm while daily supplies last
Champaign	Market Place Shopping Ctr 2000 N. Neil Street Champaign	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
***East St. Louis**	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square, Fairview Heights	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd. Chicago	7:00am-3:00pm while daily supplies last
***Peoria**	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot Peoria	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Road Rockford	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State St South Holland	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Waukegan	102 W. Water Street Waukegan	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last

* Walk-up testing is available at Bloomington, East St. Louis, and Peoria.



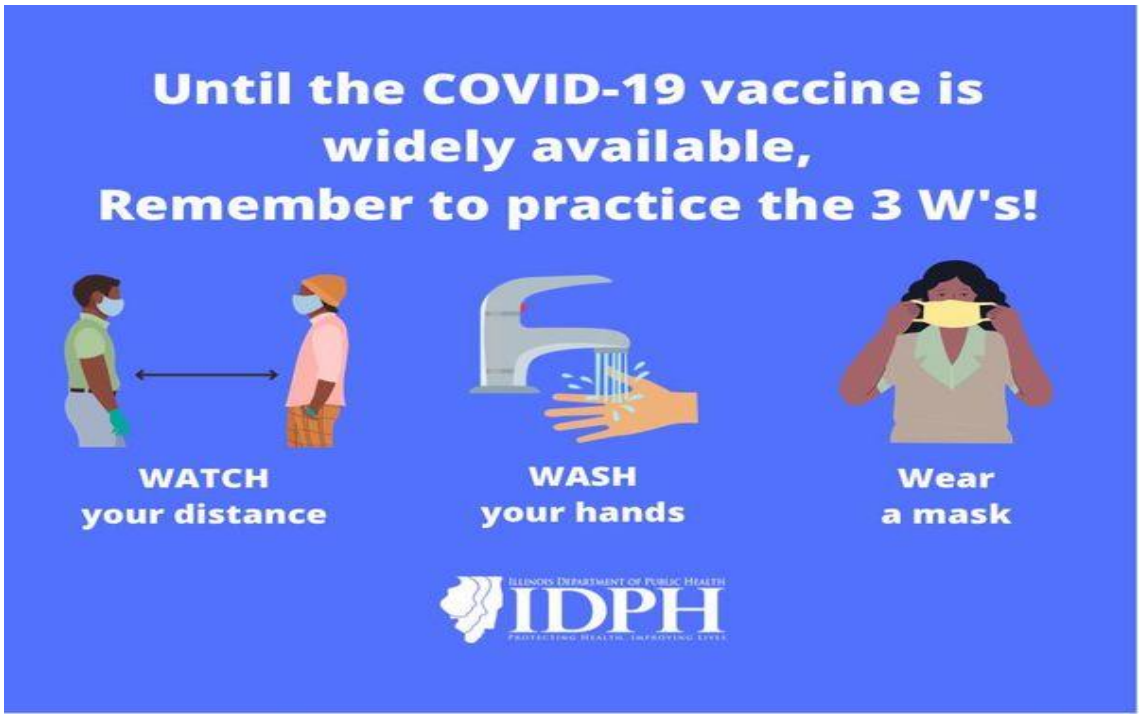
I need assistance completing the COVID-19 Vaccine Notification Form because I do not have an email address or access to a computer/internet. What should I do?

Any individual who needs assistance completing the COVID-19 Vaccine Notification form or does not have computer/internet access, please contact Bridges Senior Center or Mendota Area Senior Services (MASS). These agencies have agreed to provide assistance to anyone 65 years and older. **Please note, this process does not get an individual in sooner.**

- **Bridges Senior Center – (815) 431-8034**
- **Mendota Area Senior Services (MASS) – (815) 539-7700**

How does LaSalle County ensure no doses of COVID-19 vaccine are wasted?

Not letting doses go to waste is the top priority. If there are extra doses due to cancellations at a clinic, plans are in place to ensure those doses get into arms and are utilized. Due to the large response from individuals who signed up for the COVID-19 Vaccine Notification form, Health Department staff has an extensive list to use to find an eligible person in Phase 1B who is available to come to a clinic to receive a vaccination. Appointments at COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics are planned and organized based on the number of vaccines we have available. LaSalle County has not wasted a dose of COVID-19 vaccine.



COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Current Vaccination Phase

****People in Phase 1B who choose to sign-up for our notification form are put on a list in the order in which they signed up. Phase 1B individuals who signed up were asked to clarify the sub-group which qualified them for this phase. LaSalle County is currently prioritizing the sub-group 65 years and older. This is due to the fact that this age group has experienced more severe illness and death. Therefore, this group has been selected and emails are currently going to individuals 65 years and older in the order in which they signed up. No other sub-group is receiving emails at this time. As we move further along with getting the majority of this sub-group vaccinated, we will begin to email appointment availability to other individuals who signed up on the notification list.****

Phase 1b: Individuals over 65 years of age and Frontline Essential Workers

Eligible persons for this phase include:

- Individuals over 65 years of age
- Front line Workers (fire, law enforcement, 911 workers, security personnel, school officers)
- Education (Pre-K through 12th grade, and child care: teachers, principals, support, day care workers)
- Food and Agriculture (Processing, Plants, Veterinary Health, Livestock Services, Animal Care)
- Manufacturing (Industrial Production of Goods for Distribution to Retail, Wholesale and Other Manufacturing)
- Corrections Workers and Inmates (Prison/Jail Officers, Juvenile Facility Staff, workers Providing In-Person Support, Inmates)
- United States Postal Services Workers
- Public Transit Workers (Flight Crew, Bus Drivers, Train Conductors, Taxi Drivers, Ride Sharing Services)
- Grocery Store Workers (Baggers, Cashiers, Stockers, Pick-Up, Customer Service)
- Shelters/Adult Day Care (Homeless Shelter, Women's Shelter, Adult Day/Drop-in Program, Sheltered Workshop, Psycho-Social Rehab)

LaSalle County Hosts Phase 1B Vaccination Clinics for Individuals 65+

The LaSalle County Health Department transitioned to Phase 1b and began weekly vaccination clinics for individuals 65+ starting on January 19, 2021 at Illinois Valley Community College. Clinics are designed to use our allotment of weekly vaccines into the county until our vaccine supply increases. We appreciated the help of our dedicated volunteers and the partnership with Illinois Valley Community College as we continue to make progress in the fight against COVID-19.













COVID Vaccination Clinic for Tuesday, January 26, 2021 was Rescheduled due to Weather

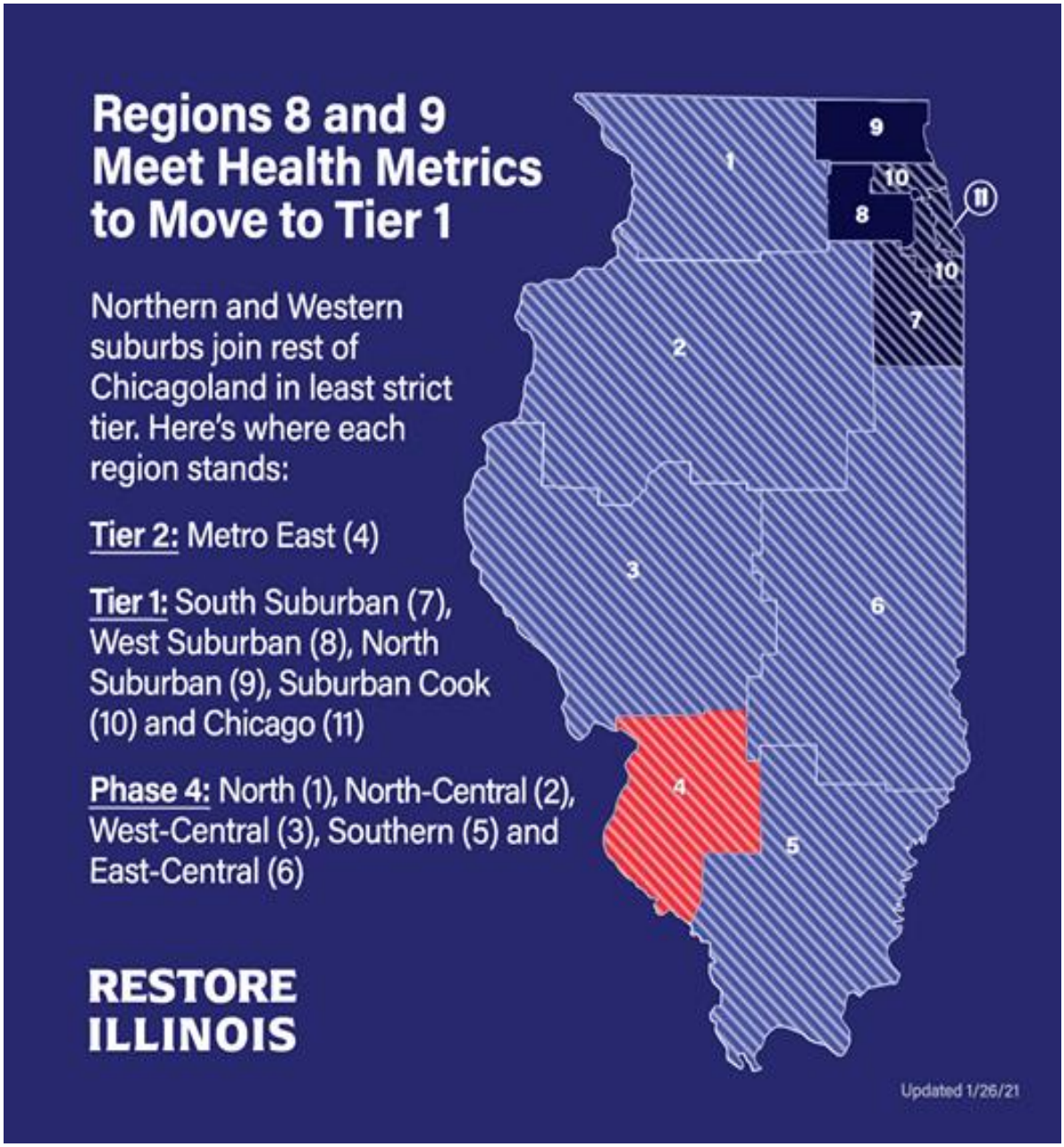
The COVID-19 “By Appointment Only” Vaccination Clinic at Illinois Valley Community College on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 was rescheduled. This was due to the Winter Storm Warning that was not expected to expire until noon on Tuesday. The LaSalle County Health Department apologizes for any inconvenience that this may have caused but we want to ensure the safety of our citizens. Please know that your appointment has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at the same time and location.
Individuals will receive an additional email (remember to check your spam and junk folders) which will contain an updated ticket link. For those who choose not to print a new ticket, please know that your original ticket (1/26/21) will work at the rescheduled February 9th clinic. If you need to cancel because this date does not work for you, the email will contain instructions to do so as well. Thank you for your understanding!

RESTORE ILLINOIS – LaSalle County Moves to Phase 4

On Monday, January 25, 2021, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced Region 1 (Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside, Winnebago) and **Region 2** (Bureau, Fulton, Grundy, Henderson, Henry, Kendall, Knox, **La Salle**, Livingston, Marshall, McDonough, McLean, Mercer, Peoria, Putnam, Rock Island, Stark, Tazewell, Warren, Woodford) moved to Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan effective today. Information about which tier and phase regions are in can be found at the top of the IDPH website homepage.

A Phase 4 Guidelines Overview can be found on the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity website.

IDPH will continue to closely monitor test positivity, ICU bed availability, and the number of people in the hospital with COVID-19. Should data show regions trending in the wrong direction, based on the established mitigation metrics, regions could once again find themselves in a higher tier with increased measures.



PHASE 4: REVITALIZATION

PHASE 4 GUIDELINES OVERVIEW

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ALL INDUSTRIES

- All employees who can work from home should continue to do so
- Continue to wear face covering that covers nose and mouth, maintain social distance of 6 ft., and frequently wash hands
- Continue employee health screenings upon entry into the workplace and mid-shift screenings for employees with shifts >5 hours (virtual screening permitted)
- Follow guidelines on capacity limits and group sizes (to be continually reassessed throughout Phase 4)

FILM PRODUCTION

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% of sound stage/location occupancy
- Crowd scenes should be limited to 50 people or fewer
- All individuals should maintain 6 ft. of social distancing unless job duty cannot be performed without proximity (e.g. actors performing, hair, make-up, costumes)
- One-time nasal swab for RT-PCR testing of all cast and crew should be obtained within 48 to 72 hours prior to the start of work on set or location
- Craft services and catering should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines
- Live audiences permitted in line with Theatre/Performing Arts guidelines

HEALTH AND FITNESS

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Group fitness classes of up to 50 people with at least 6 ft. social distancing between individuals permitted; multiple groups permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Workout stations and equipment should be 6 ft. apart without barriers or 3 ft. apart with impermeable barriers in between
- For open gym spaces, have 1 employee per every 4,000 sq. ft. to monitor social distancing and sanitize equipment between use
- Sanitize equipment before and after each individual use and sanitize locker rooms and showers at least every hour
- Keep ancillary accommodations (e.g., saunas, hot tubs, steam rooms) closed, though childcare areas are permitted to reopen in line with DHFS childcare guidelines

MUSEUMS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Museums should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

INDOOR/OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Reopening select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks); indoor playgrounds and trampoline parks should remain closed
- Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers or 50% of facility capacity
- Outdoor recreation allowing group sizes of up to 50, and permitting multiple groups given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Activity stations should be spaced at least 6 ft. apart or limited in number to ensure social distancing
- Shared equipment should be disinfected before and after each use
- Clubhouses and other communal gathering places allowed to reopen
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

MANUFACTURING

- Employees must receive COVID training before returning to work
- All employers should have a wellness screening program. Employers should conduct in-person COVID-19 screening of employees upon entry and a mid-shift screening if employee shift is greater than 5 hours
- Stagger and space shifts, and designate shift entrances and exits (when possible) to minimize interactions of employees across unique shift groupings
- Workstations should be disinfected between every shift and in between employee handoffs
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted

MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- Limit to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of room capacity
- Multiple groups may meet in the same facility if they are socially distanced and in separate rooms
- Groups should be static for duration of meeting or event. If event includes multiple sessions, participants should remain in one room, and speakers/presenters should rotate between rooms or be digitally displayed (e.g. projected, livestreamed) in multiple rooms
- Dance floors should remain closed
- Food service should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines

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OFFICES

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted
- Continue health screenings, though employers may screen office employees via in-person conversation or questionnaire once at their workstation, or using virtual method

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

- Indoor dining and drinking now permitted for parties of up to 10 people
- Seated areas should be arranged so that tables allow for 6 ft. between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths which are less than 6 ft. apart
- Standing areas (in restaurants or bars) should be limited to no more than 25% of standing area capacity
- Buffets and self-service food stations (e.g. hot and cold bars, bulk items, baked goods) should adhere to additional minimum guidelines
- Self-service beverage fountains are permissible with the additional precautions

RETAIL AND SERVICE COUNTER

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Mall food courts may reopen in line with Indoor Dining and Drinking guidelines

PERSONAL CARE

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- If services require customer to remove his or her mask, employee must wear both a face mask and eye protection (e.g., face shield, protective glasses)
- No time restrictions on massage or other services

OUTDOOR SEATED SPECTATOR EVENTS

- Outdoor spectator events only; indoor spectator events not permitted at this time
- Tickets events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Maximum of 20% of seating capacity for spectators
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

THEATERS AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers for ticketed events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Indoor capacity limit of 50 people or less or 50% of space capacity (applies to each screening room); outdoor capacity limited to 20% of overall space capacity
- Patrons should wear face coverings over their nose and mouth, except while seated within a venue (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering)
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

YOUTH AND RECREATIONAL SPORTS

- Competitive gameplay and tournaments permitted for moderate and lower risk sports. Intra-team scrimmages for higher risk sports
- Limit of 50 spectators for events
- Sporting venues may host multiple groups of participants engaged in active exercise or gameplay provided the venue has space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

ZOOS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Indoor exhibits are limited to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of the building capacity
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Zoos should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
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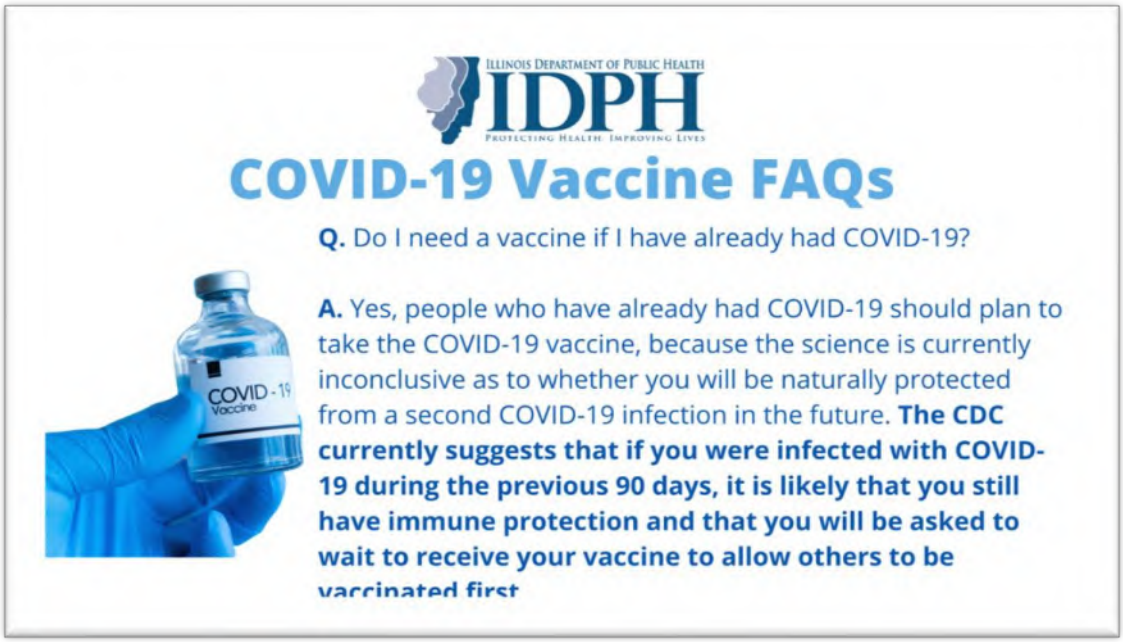


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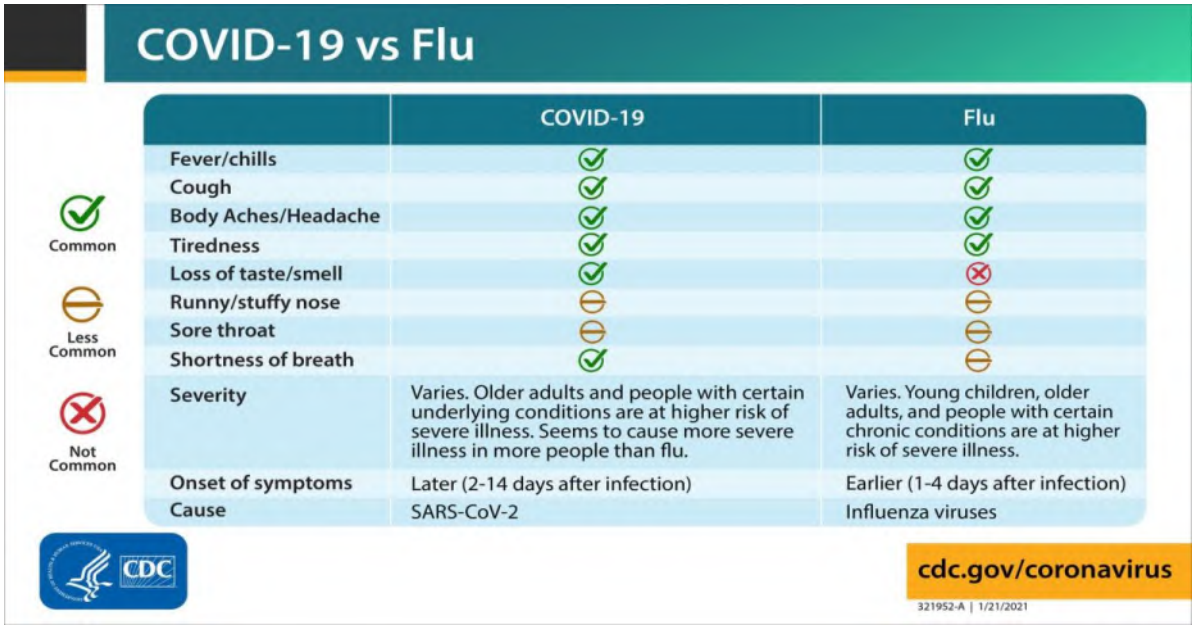
Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS about COVID-19 Vaccines

Now that there are authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines in the United States, accurate vaccine information is critical.



COVID-19 and flu are both contagious respiratory illnesses that can have similar symptoms, but they are caused by different viruses. Use this chart to learn some of the similarities and differences.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Celebrating the Superbowl Safely

As we head into Superbowl weekend, we would like to remind people about the importance of social distancing and wearing your mask as important prevention tools in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. While our area did not see a large uptick in new cases after the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, our Region (Region 2), along with the rest of Illinois, was also under stricter mitigations then what we are under currently. As more things are allowed to open back up in Phase 4, it is natural to expect to see an increase in new cases. The more people a person is in contact with, the more likely someone is to be exposed to the coronavirus. However, we all have the tools necessary to keep our numbers heading in the right direction. Lower numbers in our county are a result of people doing the right things when it comes to mask wearing, social distancing, and starting to vaccinate.

Staying home and watching the game with the people you live with or watching virtually with family and friends continues to be the safest choice, and poses the lowest risk. Large gatherings of families and friends, crowded parties put people at increased risk for COVID-19. Anyone with COVID-19 or who has been exposed to the virus, as well as people who have an increased risk for severe illness should not attend a Superbowl gathering.

If someone is hosting a gathering, even amid the virus, please consider the following steps recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to keep everyone safe:

- If you are sick or have been near someone who thinks they may have or have been exposed to COVID-19, cancel the gathering.
- Provide single-use options, like salad dressing and condiment packets, and disposable items like plates and utensils.
- Limit the number of guests.
- Have extra unused masks available for your guests and encourage everyone to wear them inside and outside.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and items between use.
- If celebrating indoors, bring in fresh air by opening windows and doors, if possible. You can use a window fan in one of the open windows to blow air out of the window. This will pull fresh air in through the other open windows.
- Have a separate space for guests to wash their hands or provide hand sanitizer.
- Avoid shouting or singing.
- Alcohol consumption may make an individual less aware of following social distancing, masking, and hygiene advice.

According to the CDC the risk of COVID-19 spreading at events and gatherings increases as follows:

Lowest risk: Virtual-only activities, events, and gatherings.

More risk: Smaller outdoor and in-person gatherings in which individuals from different households remain spaced at least 6 feet apart, wear masks,

do not share objects, and come from the same local area (e.g., community, town, city, or county).

Higher risk: Medium-sized in-person gatherings that are adapted to allow individuals to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart and with attendees coming from outside the local area.

Highest risk: Large in-person gatherings where it is difficult for individuals to remain spaced at least 6 feet apart and attendees travel from outside the local area.

2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

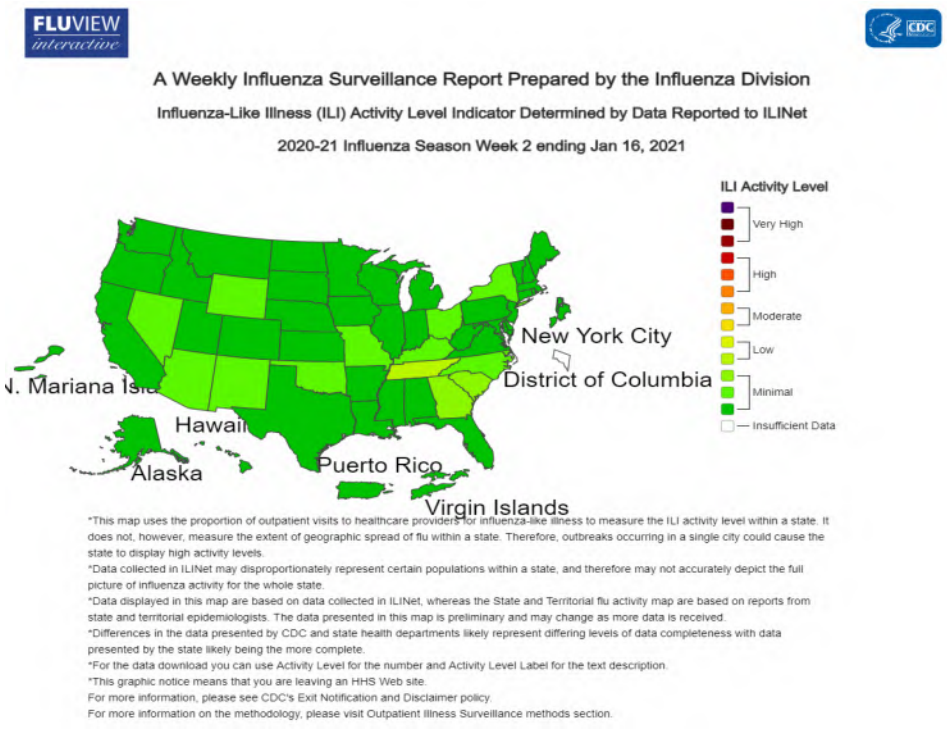
While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant
- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2020.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed by visit the following link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#:~:text=2020%20%2D%202021%20Flu%20Activity%20Report,care%20sites%20throughout%20the%20state.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

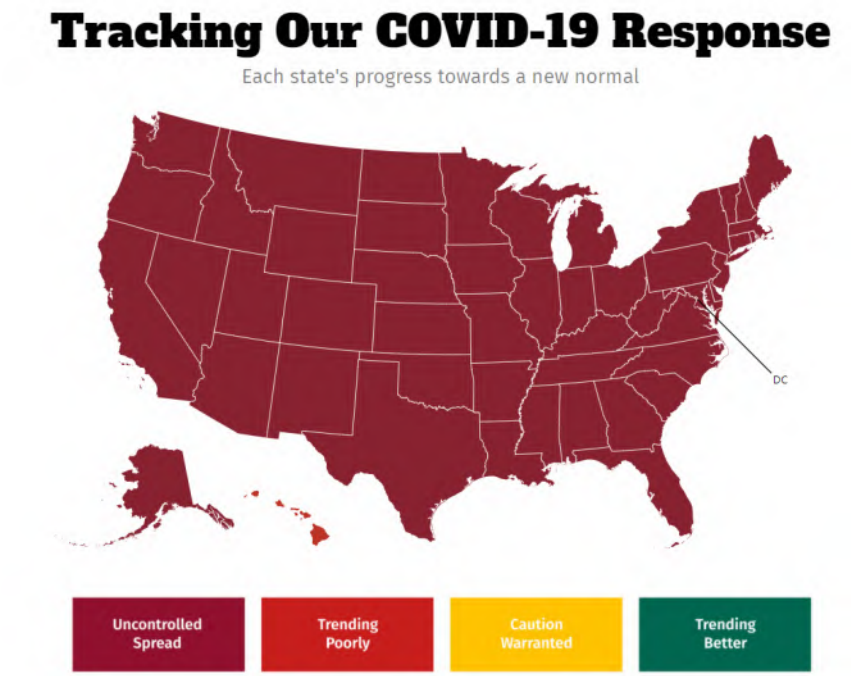
COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

February 05, 2021

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COVID-19 Situational Update



Map from https://www.covidexitstrategy.org/ which provides state by state data including 14-DAY TREND OF COVID+, LAST 14 DAYS OF COVID+ (ROLLING), INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS, % OF TEST TARGET (US: 500K/DAY), ICU AVAILABILITY, NEW CASES PER MILLION PER DAY, and COVID+ RATE

COVID Numbers at a Glance

This week 02/05/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
10306	7220	260	2826	12,663	4.9 %

This week 01/29/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
10,084	6960	257	2867	8742	4.7 %

Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) associated with COVID-19

- 2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

01/29/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	101,605,084	2,194,204
US	25,777,721	433,431
Illinois	1,120,528	19,138
LaSalle County	10,048	257

02/05/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	105,015,991	2,287,3372
US	26,681,420	455,915
Illinois	1,141,219	19,526
LaSalle County	10306	260

Current LaSalle County Case Data as of 02/05/2021

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	170	180	350	0.00
10-19	404	522	926	0.00
20s	820	916	1736	0.00
30s	769	778	1547	0.00
40s	732	776	1508	1.15
50s	759	856	1615	2.69
60s	611	606	1217	6.54
70s	329	365	694	21.15
80s	188	282	470	35.77
90s	81	147	228	29.23
100s	1	14	15	3.46
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Total	4864	5442		
%	47.20	52.80		
TOTAL CASES			10306	

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	**182**
March	6	
April	50	
May	98	
June	67	
July	261	
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	1864

Deaths Reported by Month Summary

Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	**3**
March	1	
April	0	
May	12	
June	4	
July	1	
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**29**

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. The total has been adjusted

Deaths by Age	**260**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	3
50's	7
60's	17
70's	55
80's	93
90's	76
100s	9
Males	137
Females	123

Cases by City/Village

01.29.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	23	0.23%
Dana	18	0.18%
Earlville	181	1.80%
Grand Ridge	83	0.82%
LaSalle	977	9.69%
Leland	137	1.36%
Leonore	5	0.05%
Lostant	60	0.60%
Marseilles	670	6.64%
Mendota	1073	10.64%
Millington	30	0.30%
Oglesby	419	4.16%
Ottawa	1982	19.66%
Peru	1084	10.75%
Ransom	37	0.37%
Rutland	15	0.15%
Sandwich	364	3.61%
Serena	49	0.49%
Seneca	252	2.50%
Sheridan	618	6.13%
Somonauk	185	1.83%
Streator	1536	15.23%
Tonica	81	0.80%
Troy Grove	22	0.22%
Utica	157	1.56%
Wenona	16	0.16%
Other**	10	0.10%
TOTAL CASES	**10084**	

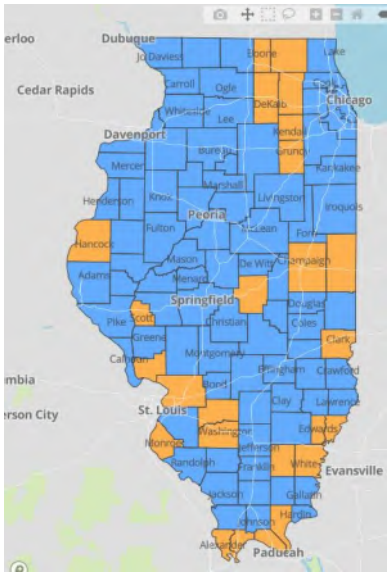
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Town	Current Total	Increase since last week	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	23	0	0.22%
Dana	20	2	0.19%
Earlville	182	1	1.77%
Grand Ridge	86	3	0.83%
LaSalle	1000	23	9.70%
Leland	139	2	1.35%
Leonore	5	0	0.05%
Lostant	60	0	0.58%
Marseilles	687	17	6.67%
Mendota	1107	34	10.74%
Millington	30	0	0.29%
Oglesby	429	10	4.16%
Ottawa	2026	44	19.66%
Peru	1103	19	10.70%
Ransom	37	0	0.36%
Rutland	15	0	0.15%
Sandwich	368	4	3.57%
Serena	51	2	0.49%
Seneca	253	1	2.46%
Sheridan	623	5	6.05%
Somonauk	187	2	1.81%
Streator	1581	45	15.34%
Tonica	84	3	0.82%
Troy Grove	22	0	0.21%
Utica	162	5	1.57%
Wenona (LC Cases)	16	0	0.16%
Other**	10	0	0.10%
TOTAL CASES	10306	**222**	

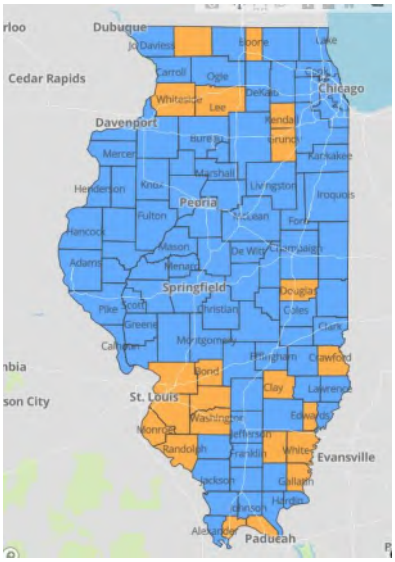
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** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

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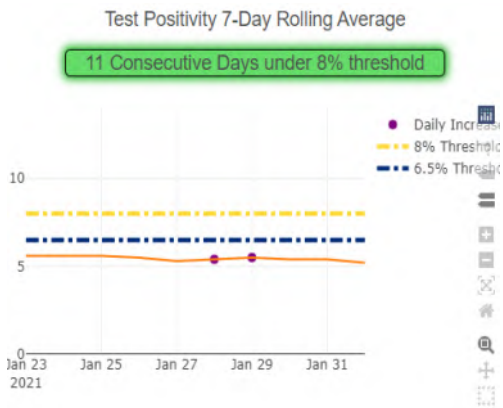
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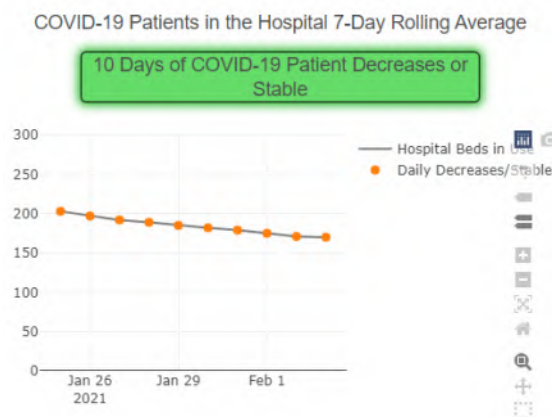


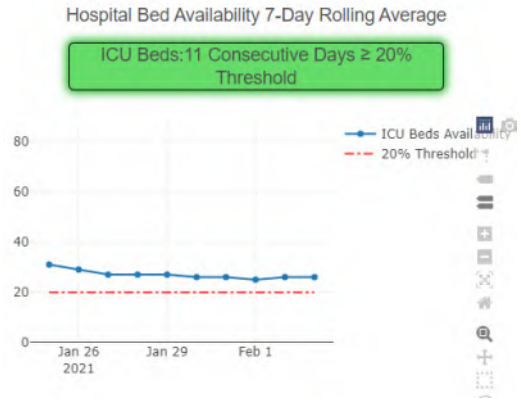
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Region 2 Summary - 02/04/2021







County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 01/24-01/30/2021

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **271 per 100K** *Decrease from last week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **5** * Increase from last week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **4.9 %** *Increase from last week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **6216** *less tests than last week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **4.5%** *Decrease in visits from last week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **12** *Decrease in admissions from last week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **5.5 %** *Decrease in reported clusters	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **26 %** *Decrease in availability from last week	

Local Testing Information

LaSalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

*** COVID -19 Testing**
The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Testing will be performed Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, and Saturdays 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

Illinois Valley Community Hospital

IVCH is proud to offer Covid-19 testing for both those with symptoms or who have had an exposure to a COVID-19 case.
Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their IVCH primary care provider for an order or may call the IVCH Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only.

Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.
IVCH Care Today and the Emergency Room do not provide routine COVID-19 testing.

Morris Hospital

Morris Hospital offers nasal swab testing by appointment for symptomatic individuals with a physician's order. Testing is available for individuals of all ages from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Appointments are required – no exceptions. Testing is NOT available at this time for asymptomatic individuals due to a nationwide shortage of the testing reagent. Testing is performed through the drive-up testing site on the Morris Hospital campus at the corner of Lisbon & High Streets on the far southwest corner of the hospital campus. When you arrive on the hospital campus, please follow the Drive-Thru Testing directional signs on Lisbon Street or High Street. Patients are required to have photo ID, insurance card and sign a release at the time of their test.

After a physician places an order for your test, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital will call you to schedule. Please allow up to 72 hours for test results to get sent to the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
    - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
    - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
    - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center

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- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to our OSF Saint Paul Medical Center lab.
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

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St. Margaret's Hospital

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing

A list of public and private testing sites can be found on the IDPH website at http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.

Location	Address	Times
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W Euclid Ave Arlington Heights	8:00am – 4:00pm while daily supplies last
Auburn Gresham	7938 South Halsted Street Chicago Closed 1/26/21	8:00am – 4:00pm while daily supplies last
Aurora	2450 Farnsworth Ave Aurora	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
***Bloomington**	1106 Interstate Drive Bloomington	9:00am-5:00pm while daily supplies last
Champaign	Market Place Shopping Ctr 2000 N. Neil Street Champaign	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
***East St. Louis**	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square, Fairview Heights	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd. Chicago	7:00am-3:00pm while daily supplies last
***Peoria**	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot Peoria	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Road Rockford	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State St South Holland	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Waukegan	102 W. Water Street Waukegan	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last

* Walk-up testing is available at Bloomington, East St. Louis, and Peoria.



What is the Safest Way to Celebrate the Superbowl this Year?

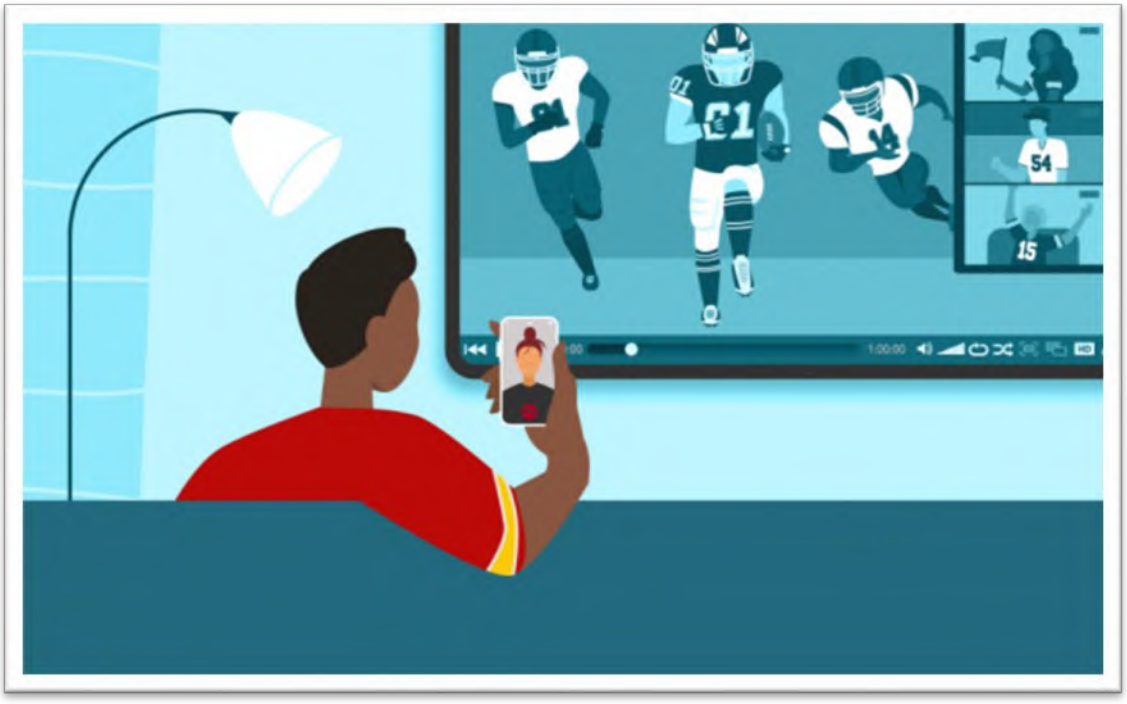
Gathering virtually or with the people you live with is the safest way to celebrate the Super Bowl this year. If you do have a small gathering with people who don't live with you, outdoors is safer than indoors. This year, choose a safer way to enjoy the game.

Host a virtual Super Bowl watch party.

- Wear clothing or decorate your home with your favorite team's logo or colors.
- Make appetizers or snacks with the people you live with to enjoy while watching the game and share the recipes with your friends and family.
- Start a text group with other fans to chat about the game while watching.

Attend an outdoor viewing party where viewers can sit 6 feet apart.

- Use a projector screen to broadcast the game.
- Sit at least 6 feet away from people you don't live with.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Current Vaccination Phase

****People in Phase 1B who choose to sign-up for our notification form are put on a list in the order in which they signed up. Phase 1B individuals who signed up were asked to clarify the sub-group which qualified them for this phase. LaSalle County is currently prioritizing the sub-group 65 years and older. This is due to the fact that this age group has experienced more severe illness and death. Therefore, this group has been selected and emails are currently going to individuals 65 years and older in the order in which they signed up. No other sub-group is receiving emails at this time. As we move further along with getting the majority of this sub-group vaccinated, we will begin to email appointment availability to other individuals who signed up on the notification list.****

Phase 1b: Individuals over 65 years of age and Frontline Essential Workers

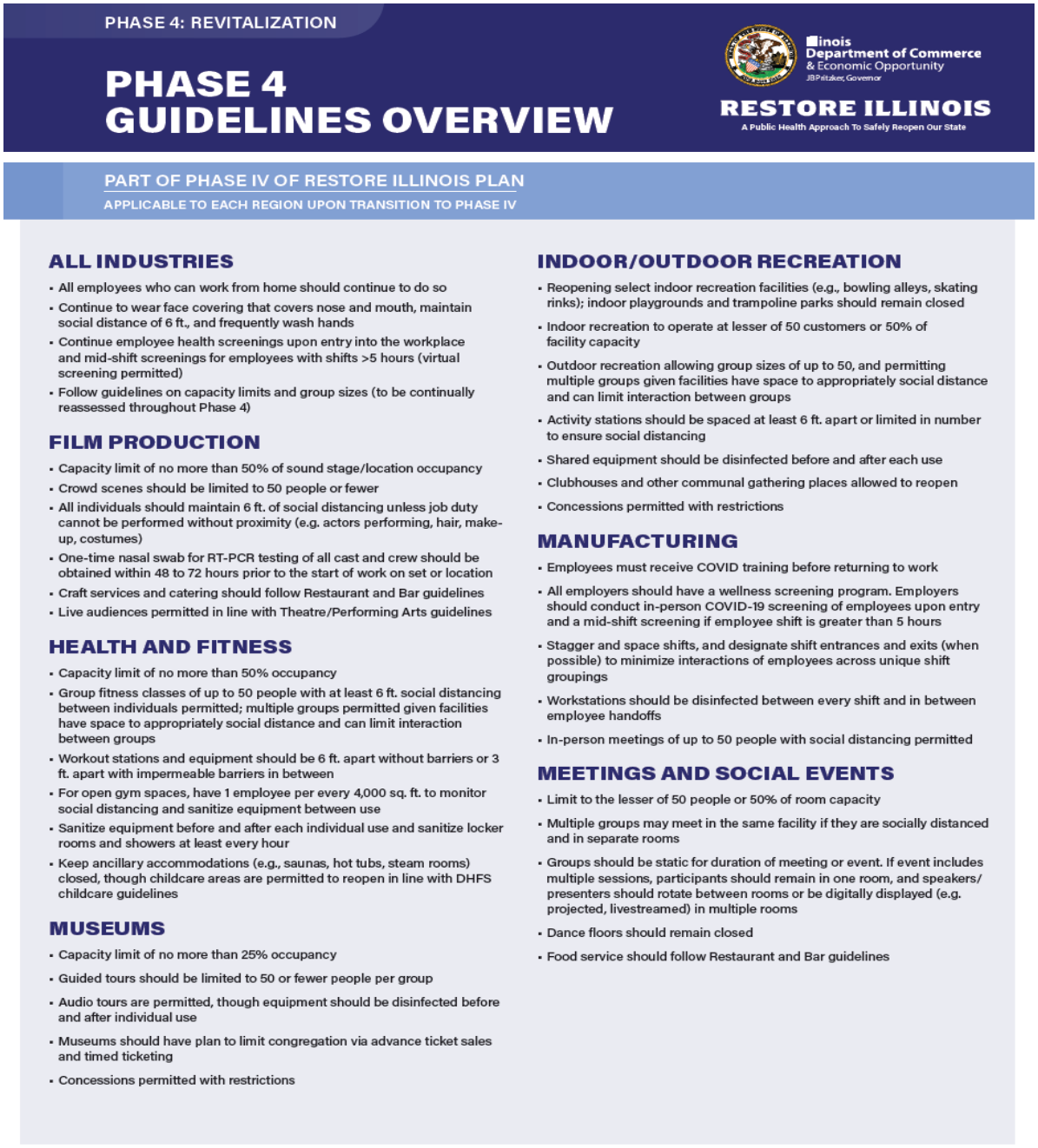
Eligible persons for this phase include:

- Individuals over 65 years of age
- Front line Workers (fire, law enforcement, 911 workers, security personnel, school officers)
- Education (Pre-K through 12th grade, and child care: teachers, principals, support, day care workers)
- Food and Agriculture (Processing, Plants, Veterinary Health, Livestock Services, Animal Care)
- Manufacturing (Industrial Production of Goods for Distribution to Retail, Wholesale and Other Manufacturing)
- Corrections Workers and Inmates (Prison/Jail Officers, Juvenile Facility Staff, workers Providing In-Person Support, Inmates)
- United States Postal Services Workers
- Public Transit Workers (Flight Crew, Bus Drivers, Train Conductors, Taxi Drivers, Ride Sharing Services)
- Grocery Store Workers (Baggers, Cashiers, Stockers, Pick-Up, Customer Service)
- Shelters/Adult Day Care (Homeless Shelter, Women's Shelter, Adult Day/Drop-in Program, Sheltered Workshop, Psycho-Social Rehab)

RESTORE ILLINOIS – LaSalle County Remains in Phase 4

A Phase 4 Guidelines Overview can be found on the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity website.

IDPH will continue to closely monitor test positivity, ICU bed availability, and the number of people in the hospital with COVID-19. Should data show regions trending in the wrong direction, based on the established mitigation metrics, regions could once again find themselves in a higher tier with increased measures.



PHASE 4: REVITALIZATION

PHASE 4 GUIDELINES OVERVIEW

Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
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RESTORE ILLINOIS
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APPLICABLE TO EACH REGION UPON TRANSITION TO PHASE IV

ALL INDUSTRIES

- All employees who can work from home should continue to do so
- Continue to wear face covering that covers nose and mouth, maintain social distance of 6 ft., and frequently wash hands
- Continue employee health screenings upon entry into the workplace and mid-shift screenings for employees with shifts >5 hours (virtual screening permitted)
- Follow guidelines on capacity limits and group sizes (to be continually reassessed throughout Phase 4)

FILM PRODUCTION

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% of sound stage/location occupancy
- Crowd scenes should be limited to 50 people or fewer
- All individuals should maintain 6 ft. of social distancing unless job duty cannot be performed without proximity (e.g. actors performing, hair, make-up, costumes)
- One-time nasal swab for RT-PCR testing of all cast and crew should be obtained within 48 to 72 hours prior to the start of work on set or location
- Craft services and catering should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines
- Live audiences permitted in line with Theatre/Performing Arts guidelines

HEALTH AND FITNESS

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Group fitness classes of up to 50 people with at least 6 ft. social distancing between individuals permitted; multiple groups permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Workout stations and equipment should be 6 ft. apart without barriers or 3 ft. apart with impermeable barriers in between
- For open gym spaces, have 1 employee per every 4,000 sq. ft. to monitor social distancing and sanitize equipment between use
- Sanitize equipment before and after each individual use and sanitize locker rooms and showers at least every hour
- Keep ancillary accommodations (e.g., saunas, hot tubs, steam rooms) closed, though childcare areas are permitted to reopen in line with DHFS childcare guidelines

MUSEUMS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Museums should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

INDOOR/OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Reopening select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks); indoor playgrounds and trampoline parks should remain closed
- Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers or 50% of facility capacity
- Outdoor recreation allowing group sizes of up to 50, and permitting multiple groups given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Activity stations should be spaced at least 6 ft. apart or limited in number to ensure social distancing
- Shared equipment should be disinfected before and after each use
- Clubhouses and other communal gathering places allowed to reopen
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

MANUFACTURING

- Employees must receive COVID training before returning to work
- All employers should have a wellness screening program. Employers should conduct in-person COVID-19 screening of employees upon entry and a mid-shift screening if employee shift is greater than 5 hours
- Stagger and space shifts, and designate shift entrances and exits (when possible) to minimize interactions of employees across unique shift groupings
- Workstations should be disinfected between every shift and in between employee handoffs
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted

MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- Limit to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of room capacity
- Multiple groups may meet in the same facility if they are socially distanced and in separate rooms
- Groups should be static for duration of meeting or event. If event includes multiple sessions, participants should remain in one room, and speakers/presenters should rotate between rooms or be digitally displayed (e.g. projected, livestreamed) in multiple rooms
- Dance floors should remain closed
- Food service should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines

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OFFICES

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted
- Continue health screenings, though employers may screen office employees via in-person conversation or questionnaire once at their workstation, or using virtual method

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

- Indoor dining and drinking now permitted for parties of up to 10 people
- Seated areas should be arranged so that tables allow for 6 ft. between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths which are less than 6 ft. apart
- Standing areas (in restaurants or bars) should be limited to no more than 25% of standing area capacity
- Buffets and self-service food stations (e.g. hot and cold bars, bulk items, baked goods) should adhere to additional minimum guidelines
- Self-service beverage fountains are permissible with the additional precautions

RETAIL AND SERVICE COUNTER

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Mall food courts may reopen in line with Indoor Dining and Drinking guidelines

PERSONAL CARE

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- If services require customer to remove his or her mask, employee must wear both a face mask and eye protection (e.g., face shield, protective glasses)
- No time restrictions on massage or other services

OUTDOOR SEATED SPECTATOR EVENTS

- Outdoor spectator events only; indoor spectator events not permitted at this time
- Tickets events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Maximum of 20% of seating capacity for spectators
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

THEATERS AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers for ticketed events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Indoor capacity limit of 50 people or less or 50% of space capacity (applies to each screening room); outdoor capacity limited to 20% of overall space capacity
- Patrons should wear face coverings over their nose and mouth, except while seated within a venue (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering)
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

YOUTH AND RECREATIONAL SPORTS

- Competitive gameplay and tournaments permitted for moderate and lower risk sports. Intra-team scrimmages for higher risk sports
- Limit of 50 spectators for events
- Sporting venues may host multiple groups of participants engaged in active exercise or gameplay provided the venue has space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

ZOOS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Indoor exhibits are limited to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of the building capacity
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Zoos should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

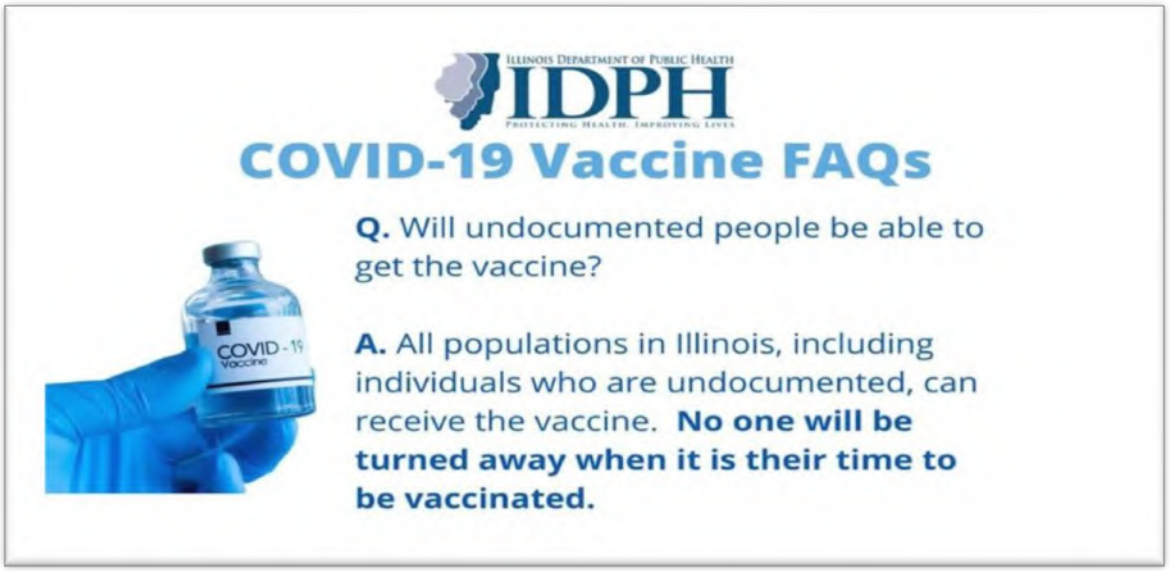


If you have questions or need additional support: Please call our hotline at 1-800-252-2923or e-mail us at ceo.support@illinois.gov or return to Illinois.gov/businessguidelines

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

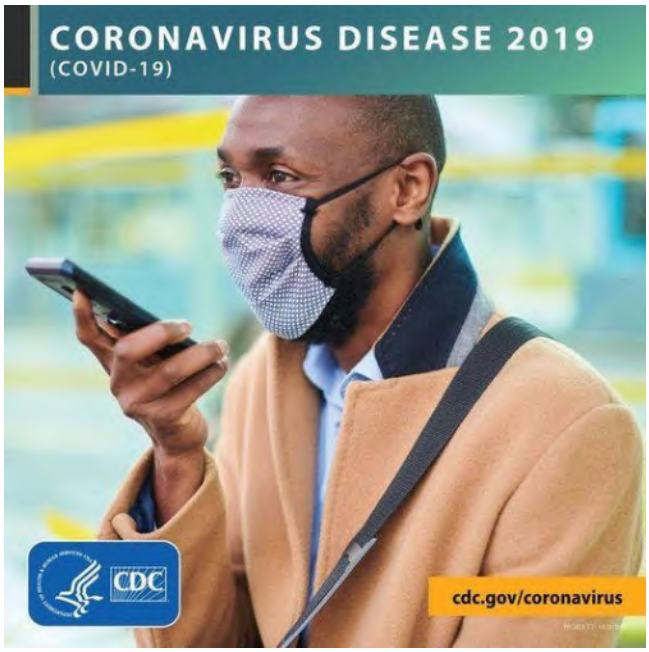
Get the FACTS about COVID-19 Vaccines

The COVID-19 vaccine is for everyone in Illinois.



CDC has Issued an Order that Requires Face Masks to be Worn by All Travelers While on Public Transportation

Traveling on public transportation (such as airplanes, ships, ferries, trains, subways, buses, taxis, and ride-shares) can make getting and spreading COVID-19 more likely. CDC now requires everyone to wear a mask while using public transportation into or within the United States and in transportation hubs (airports; seaports; train, subway, and bus stations, and other terminals) in the US. When using public transport, wear a mask, stay 6 feet from others as much as possible and avoid crowds, and wash your hands frequently. Learn more about reducing your risk while traveling: https://bit.ly/3m68x2R



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

For Parents: Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) associated with COVID-19

What we know about MIS-C

Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) is a condition where different body parts can become inflamed, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes, or gastrointestinal organs. We do not yet know what causes MIS-C. However, we know that many children with MIS-C had the virus that causes COVID-19, or had been around someone with COVID-19. MIS-C can be serious, even deadly, but most children who were diagnosed with this condition have gotten better with medical care.

What to do if you think your child is sick with MIS-C

Contact your child's doctor, nurse, or clinic right away if your child is showing symptoms of MIS-C**:**

- Fever
- Abdominal pain
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Neck pain
- Rash
- Bloodshot eyes
- Feeling extra tired

Be aware that not all children will have all the same symptoms.

Seek emergency care right away if your child is showing any of these **emergency warning signs of MIS-C** or other concerning signs:

- Trouble breathing
- Pain or pressure in the chest that does not go away
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face
- Severe abdominal pain

How doctors will care for your child

Doctors may do certain tests to look for inflammation or other signs of disease. These tests might include:

- Blood tests
- Chest x-ray

- Heart ultrasound (echocardiogram)
- Abdominal ultrasound

Doctors may provide supportive care for symptoms (medicine and/or fluids to make your child feel better) and may use various medicines to treat inflammation. Most children who become ill with MIS-C will need to be treated in the hospital. Some will need to be treated in the pediatric intensive care unit (ICU).

Parents or caregivers who have concerns about their child's health, including concerns about COVID-19 or MIS-C, should call a pediatrician or other healthcare provider immediately. Healthcare providers can follow CDC recommendations to keep children and their parents or caregivers safe if an in-person visit is needed.

What we don't know about MIS-C

CDC is still learning about MIS-C and how it affects children, so we don't know why some children have gotten sick with MIS-C and others have not. We also do not know if children with certain health conditions are more likely to get MIS-C. These are among the many questions CDC is working to try to understand.

All CDC recommendations are based on the best data and science available at the time, and we will update them as we learn more.

Summary of cases in the United Sates

TOTAL MIS-C CASES MEETING CASE DEFINITION*	TOTAL MIS-C DEATHS MEETING CASE DEFINITION
1,659	26

- Most cases were in children and adolescents between the ages of 1 and 14 years, with an average age of 8 years.
- Cases have occurred in children and adolescents from <1 year old to 20 years old.
- More than 70% of reported cases have occurred in children who are Hispanic or Latino (554 cases) or Black, Non-Hispanic (499 cases).

- 99% of cases (1,638) tested positive for SARS CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. The remaining 1% were around someone with COVID-19.

- Most children developed MIS-C 2-4 weeks after infection with SARS-CoV-2.

- Slightly more than half (57%) of reported cases were male.

2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

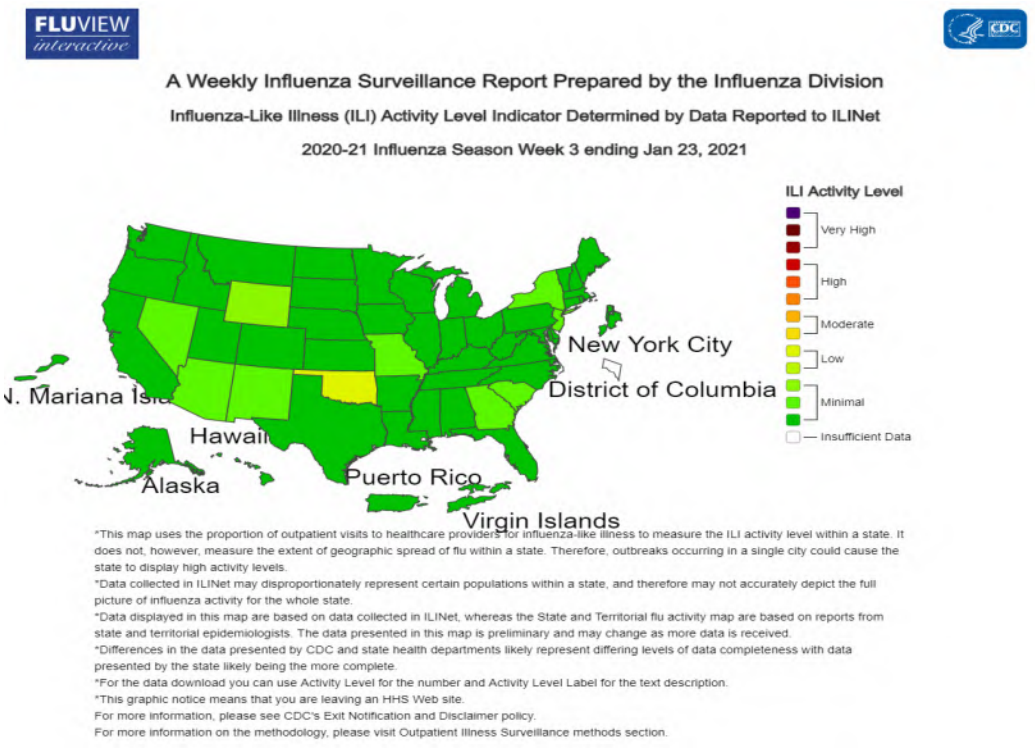
While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant
- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2020.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed by visit the following link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#:~:text=2020%20%2D%202021%20Flu%20Activity%20Report,care%20sites%20throughout%20the%20state.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm



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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

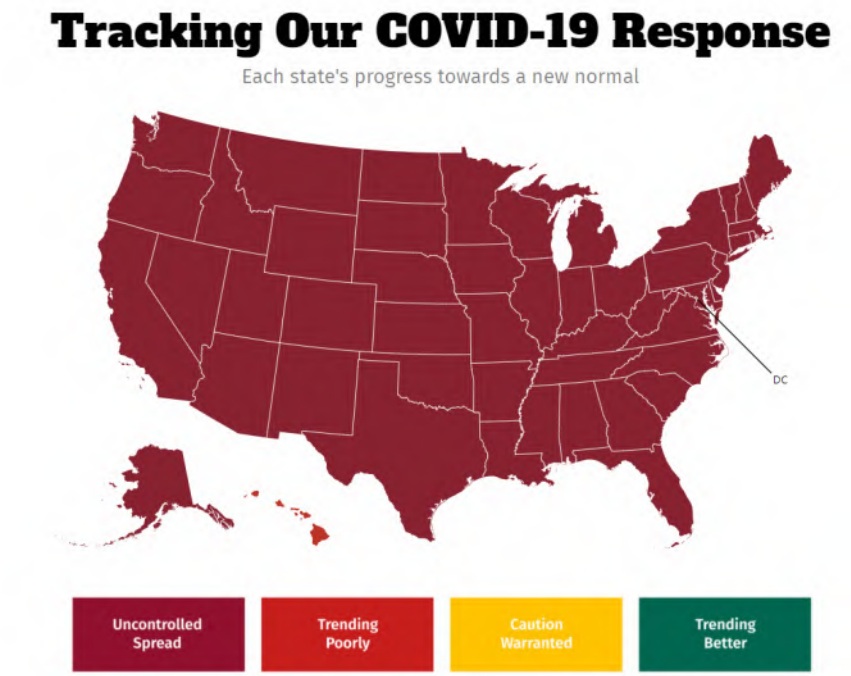
COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

February 12, 2021

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COVID-19 Situational Update



Map from https://www.covidexitstrategy.org/ which provides state by state data including 14-DAY TREND OF COVID+, LAST 14 DAYS OF COVID+ (ROLLING), INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS, % OF TEST TARGET (US: 500K/DAY), ICU AVAILABILITY, NEW CASES PER MILLION PER DAY, and COVID+ RATE

COVID Numbers at a Glance

This week 02/12/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
10489	7446	271	2772	16,101	3.3 %

Last week 02/05/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
10306	7220	260	2826	12,663	4.9 %

Wisconsin, August 31–November 29, 2020

- Have a Safer Valentine's Day
- 2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

02/05/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	105,015,991	2,287,3372
US	26,681,420	455,915
Illinois	1,141,219	19,526
LaSalle County	10306	260

02/12/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	107,905,947	2,371,502
US	27,397,925	475,471
Illinois	1,158,431	19,873
LaSalle County	10489	271

Current LaSalle County Case Data as of 02/12/2021

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	171	185	3.39	0.00
10-19	410	528	8.94	0.00
20s	835	934	16.87	0.00
30s	787	798	15.11	0.00
40s	744	788	14.61	1.11
50s	777	867	15.67	2.58
60s	617	616	11.76	7.01
70s	336	372	6.75	21.03
80s	192	286	4.56	36.16
90s	82	149	2.20	28.78
100s	1	14	0.14	3.32
UNK				
Total	4952	5537	100.0	
%	47.21	52.79		
TOTAL CASES		**10489**		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	**365**
March	6	
April	50	
May	98	
June	67	
July	261	
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	2047

Deaths Reported by Month Summary

Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	**14**
March	1	
April	0	
May	12	
June	4	
July	1	
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**40**

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. The total has been adjusted

Deaths by Age	**271**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	3
50's	7
60's	19
70's	57
80's	98
90's	78
100s	9
Males	143
Females	128

Cases by City/Village

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Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	23	0.22%
Dana	20	0.19%
Earlville	182	1.77%
Grand Ridge	86	0.83%
LaSalle	1000	9.70%
Leland	139	1.35%
Leonore	5	0.05%
Lostant	60	0.58%
Marseilles	687	6.67%
Mendota	1107	10.74%
Millington	30	0.29%
Oglesby	429	4.16%
Ottawa	2026	19.66%
Peru	1103	10.70%
Ransom	37	0.36%
Rutland	15	0.15%
Sandwich	368	3.57%
Serena	51	0.49%
Seneca	253	2.46%
Sheridan	623	6.05%
Somonauk	187	1.81%
Streator	1581	15.34%
Tonica	84	0.82%
Troy Grove	22	0.21%
Utica	162	1.57%
Wenona	16	0.16%
Other**	10	0.10%
TOTAL CASES	10306	

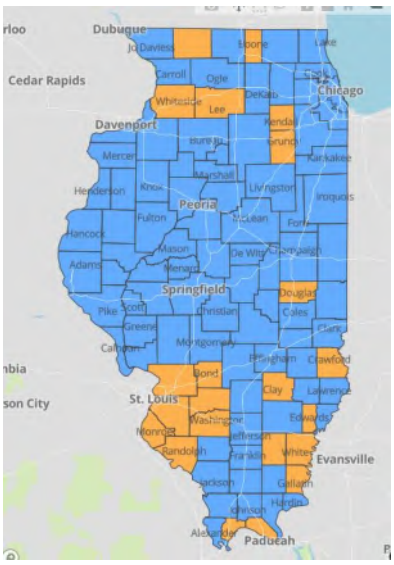
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Town	Current Total	Increase since last week	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	25	2	0.24%
Dana	20	0	0.19%
Earlville	189	7	1.80%
Grand Ridge	87	1	0.83%
LaSalle	1014	14	9.67%
Leland	145	6	1.38%
Leonore	5	0	0.05%
Lostant	60	0	0.57%
Marseilles	696	9	6.64%
Mendota	1139	32	10.86%
Millington	30	0	0.29%
Oglesby	434	5	4.14%
Ottawa	2052	26	19.56%
Peru	1121	18	10.69%
Ransom	37	0	0.35%
Rutland	15	0	0.14%
Sandwich	373	5	3.56%
Serena	51	0	0.49%
Seneca	255	2	2.43%
Sheridan	635	12	6.05%
Somonauk	191	4	1.82%
Streator	1618	37	15.43%
Tonica	86	2	0.82%
Troy Grove	22	0	0.21%
Utica	163	1	1.55%
Wenona (LC Cases)	16	0	0.15%
Other**	10	0	0.10%
TOTAL CASES	**10489**	**183**	

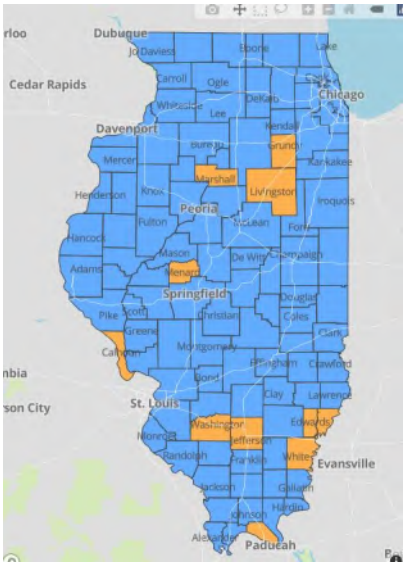
*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

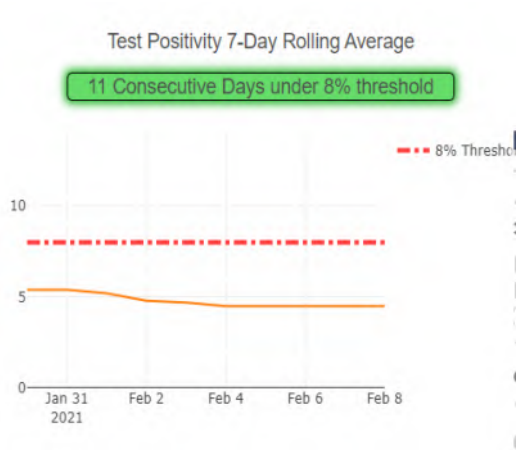
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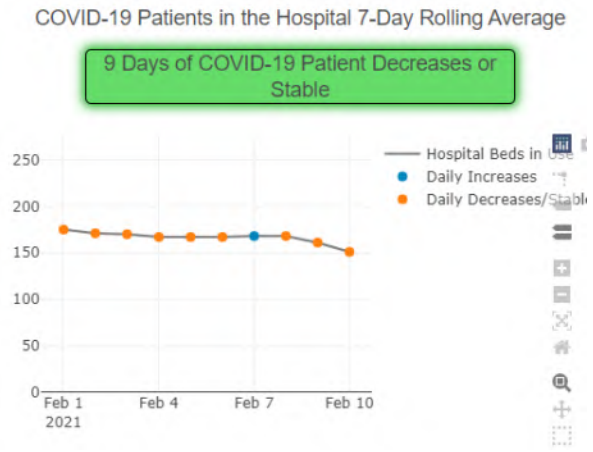


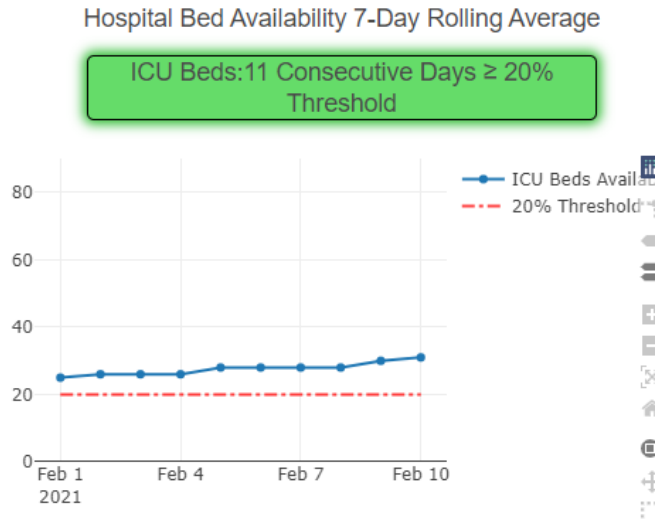
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Region 2 Summary - 02/11/2021







County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 01/31-02/6/2021

New Cases Per 100,000	Number of Deaths	Test Positivity (%)
Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000)	Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat)	(%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %)
181 per 100K	**3**	**3.3 %**
*Decrease from last week	* Decrease from last week	*Decrease from last week

Tests Performed	CLI ED Visits (%), Adults	Number of CLI Admissions
Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %)	Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat)	Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat)
6728 *more tests than last week	**5.1%** *Increase in visits from last week	**16** *Increase in admissions from last week
Cluster (%) of cases	**ICU (%) Available**	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available)	More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
9.6 % *Increase in reported clusters	**28 %** *Increase in availability from last week	

Local Testing Information

LaSalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

*** COVID -19 Testing**
The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Testing will be performed Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, and Saturdays 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

Illinois Valley Community Hospital

IVCH is proud to offer Covid-19 testing for both those with symptoms or who have had an exposure to a COVID-19 case.
Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their IVCH primary care provider for an order or may call the IVCH Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only.
Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.
IVCH Care Today and the Emergency Room do not provide routine COVID-19 testing.

Morris Hospital

Morris Hospital offers nasal swab testing by appointment for symptomatic individuals with a physician's order. Testing is available for individuals of all ages from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Appointments are required – no exceptions. Testing is NOT available at this time for asymptomatic individuals due to a nationwide shortage of the testing reagent. Testing is performed through the drive-up testing site on the Morris Hospital campus at the corner of Lisbon & High Streets on the far southwest corner of the hospital campus. When you arrive on the hospital campus, please follow the Drive-Thru Testing directional signs on Lisbon Street or High Street. Patients are required to have photo ID, insurance card and sign a release at the time of their test.

After a physician places an order for your test, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital will call you to schedule. Please allow up to 72 hours for test results to get sent to the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).

- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
    - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
    - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
    - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

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- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to our OSF Saint Paul Medical Center lab.
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

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St. Margaret's Hospital

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing

A list of public and private testing sites can be found on the IDPH website at http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.

Location	Address	Times
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W Euclid Ave Arlington Heights	8:00am – 4:00pm while daily supplies last
Auburn Gresham	7938 South Halsted Street Chicago Closed 1/26/21	8:00am – 4:00pm while daily supplies last
Aurora	2450 Farnsworth Ave Aurora	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
***Bloomington**	1106 Interstate Drive Bloomington	9:00am-5:00pm while daily supplies last
Champaign	Market Place Shopping Ctr 2000 N. Neil Street Champaign	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
***East St. Louis**	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square, Fairview Heights	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd. Chicago	7:00am-3:00pm while daily supplies last
***Peoria**	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot Peoria	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Road Rockford	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State St South Holland	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Waukegan	102 W. Water Street Waukegan	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last

* Walk-up testing is available at Bloomington, East St. Louis, and Peoria.

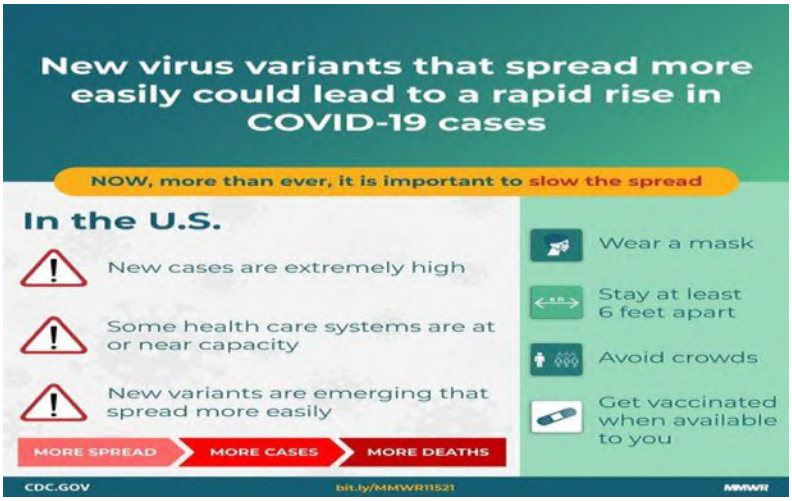


With new variants of the COVID-19 virus circulating in the United States, what measures are necessary to prevent the spread of these new variants?

Some recent variants of the virus that causes COVID-19 spread more easily, which may lead to more cases. More cases could put more strain on healthcare resources, lead to more hospitalizations, and potentially more deaths.
It's more important than ever to practice healthy habits to help slow the spread:
- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth.
- Stay 6 feet away from others.
- Avoid crowds and large gatherings, especially indoors.
- Make sure indoor spaces are well ventilated.
- Wash your hands with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has a new webpage dedicated to COVID-19 variants, outlining the numbers that have been detected in Illinois, what is currently known about variants, and what that might mean as we continue to move through the pandemic. Learn more about variants at https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/variants

IDPH COVID-19 Variant FAQ's - http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/faq/new-variant



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

Gov. Pritzker Announces Expansion of Phase 1B Eligibility on February 25th

On February 10, 2021, Gov. Pritzker Announced Phase 1B Eligibility Will Expand to Individuals with Comorbidities and Underlying Conditions. In light of a steadily increasing federal vaccine supply, Illinois is making plans to expand Phase 1B eligibility on February 25 to people who have comorbidities and underlying conditions as defined by the CDC. In addition, Illinois will also prioritize individuals with disabilities.

Since taking office, the Biden administration has increased the vaccine supply by nearly 30 percent, including a 5 percent increase this week. Among the other major efforts to increase supply:

- The White House is launching a new Community Health Center vaccination program to direct additional vaccine to locations around the country that serve the hardest-hit populations, and that will ramp up over the coming weeks.
- The FDA is scheduled to meet to review the Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine candidate, a one-dose vaccine that does not require extreme cold storage and provided 100 percent protection against hospitalization and death in its clinical trial, for February 26, and the company has said it's on track to deliver 100 million doses to the United States by the end of June.

"As quickly as we receive enough vaccine supply, we need to waste no time in protecting a broader section of our most vulnerable population," **said Governor JB Pritzker.** "Those who are under 65 and live with comorbidities, such as cancer survivors or those living with heart disease, have an elevated risk of serious complications or death if they contract COVID-19. Illinois is moving forward in accordance with guidance from the CDC to expand our eligible population as supply allows, getting us closer to the point when the vaccine is widely available to all who want it. In the meantime, I encourage all Illinoisans to wear our masks and follow the mitigations so that more of our neighbors are healthy and alive when it's their turn in the vaccination line."

The Pritzker administration will begin working with local health departments and other providers across the state to include these additional higher-risk individuals into their community vaccination plans in the weeks ahead. Those health departments that have substantially completed their existing Phase 1B population prior to the February 25 statewide expansion date will be able to move forward earlier at the determination of local public health officials and IDPH.

This expansion applies to individuals 16 and older who aren't otherwise covered in previous eligibility categories.

In accordance with the CDC guidelines, Illinois is using the below guiding framework for what qualifies as a high-risk medical condition once Phase 1B expands on February 25.

This list is subject to change as guidance evolves and does not reflect an order of priority:

- 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

To date, the State of Illinois has used more than 78 percent of its vaccine on hand (not including the federal government's Long-Term Care Vaccination program and the separate supply of the City of Chicago). All three vaccination efforts have together delivered approximately 1.5 million shots, including 1.15 million first doses, to date.

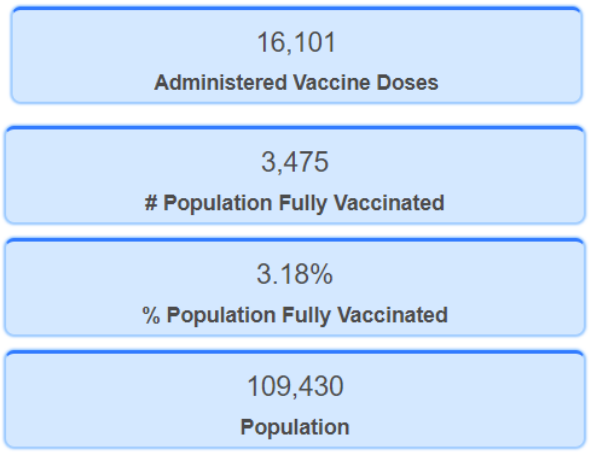
Illinois' current statewide seven-day rolling case positivity rate is 3.3 percent as of February 10 – the lowest rate since July 2020.

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

We are continuing to prioritize 65 years and older in the Phase 1 B category. However, on February 25th, our COVID-19 Vaccine Notification Form will include the category of 16-64 yrs.* with underlying medical conditions. Anyone who falls into this category will be able to register at www.lasallecounty.org. Click on the red COVID-19 Vaccine Information icon and complete the notification form.

Only individuals working or living in LaSalle County may receive vaccine through LaSalle County. The LaSalle County Health Department will include you as a potential recipient of vaccine in LaSalle County. **THIS DOES NOT SCHEDULE YOUR VACCINATION APPOINTMENT.** This allows us to contact you through email with details as to how to register as COVID-19 vaccination appointments become available.

*Must be 18 to receive Moderna vaccine



Current Vaccination Phase

****People in Phase 1B who choose to sign-up for our notification form are put on a list in the order in which they signed up. Phase 1B individuals who signed up were asked to clarify the sub-group which qualified them for this phase. LaSalle County is currently prioritizing the sub-group 65 years and older. This is due to the fact that this age group has experienced more severe illness and death. Therefore, this group has been selected and emails are currently going to individuals 65 years and older in the order in which they signed up. No other sub-group is receiving emails at this time. As we move further along with getting the majority of this sub-group vaccinated, we will begin to email appointment availability to other individuals who signed up on the notification list.****

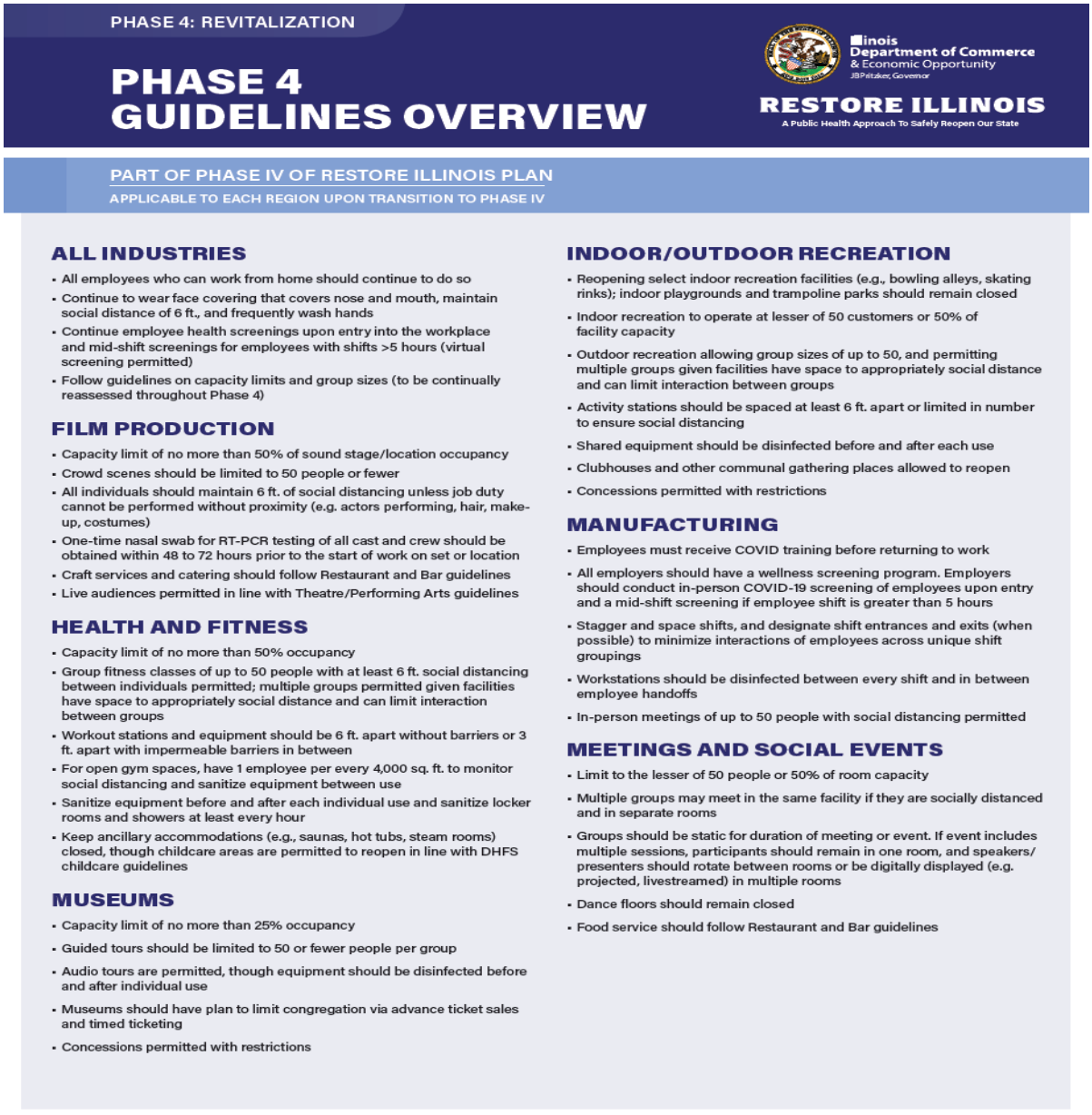
Phase 1b: Individuals over 65 years of age and Frontline Essential Workers

Eligible persons for this phase include:

- Individuals over 65 years of age
- Front line Workers (fire, law enforcement, 911 workers, security personnel, school officers)
- Education (Pre-K through 12th grade, and child care: teachers, principals, support, day care workers)
- Food and Agriculture (Processing, Plants, Veterinary Health, Livestock Services, Animal Care)
- Manufacturing (Industrial Production of Goods for Distribution to Retail, Wholesale and Other Manufacturing)
- Corrections Workers and Inmates (Prison/Jail Officers, Juvenile Facility Staff, workers Providing In-Person Support, Inmates)
- United States Postal Services Workers
- Public Transit Workers (Flight Crew, Bus Drivers, Train Conductors, Taxi Drivers, Ride Sharing Services)
- Grocery Store Workers (Baggers, Cashiers, Stockers, Pick-Up, Customer Service)
- Shelters/Adult Day Care (Homeless Shelter, Women's Shelter, Adult Day/Drop-in Program, Sheltered Workshop, Psycho-Social Rehab)
- **Persons age 16 to 64 with underlying medical conditions (Active February 25th)**

Restore Illinois

All Regions across Illinois are in Phase 4. Let's stay there by continuing to wear our mask, wash our hands, keep a safe distance and #VaxUpIL if you are eligible!



PHASE 4: REVITALIZATION

PHASE 4 GUIDELINES OVERVIEW

Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
JB Pritzker, Governor

RESTORE ILLINOIS
A Public Health Approach To Safely Reopen Our State

PART OF PHASE IV OF RESTORE ILLINOIS PLAN

APPLICABLE TO EACH REGION UPON TRANSITION TO PHASE IV

OFFICES

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted
- Continue health screenings, though employers may screen office employees via in-person conversation or questionnaire once at their workstation, or using virtual method

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

- Indoor dining and drinking now permitted for parties of up to 10 people
- Seated areas should be arranged so that tables allow for 6 ft. between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths which are less than 6 ft. apart
- Standing areas (in restaurants or bars) should be limited to no more than 25% of standing area capacity
- Buffets and self-service food stations (e.g. hot and cold bars, bulk items, baked goods) should adhere to additional minimum guidelines
- Self-service beverage fountains are permissible with the additional precautions

RETAIL AND SERVICE COUNTER

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Mall food courts may reopen in line with Indoor Dining and Drinking guidelines

PERSONAL CARE

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- If services require customer to remove his or her mask, employee must wear both a face mask and eye protection (e.g., face shield, protective glasses)
- No time restrictions on massage or other services

OUTDOOR SEATED SPECTATOR EVENTS

- Outdoor spectator events only; indoor spectator events not permitted at this time
- Tickets events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Maximum of 20% of seating capacity for spectators
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

THEATERS AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers for ticketed events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Indoor capacity limit of 50 people or less or 50% of space capacity (applies to each screening room); outdoor capacity limited to 20% of overall space capacity
- Patrons should wear face coverings over their nose and mouth, except while seated within a venue (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering)
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

YOUTH AND RECREATIONAL SPORTS

- Competitive gameplay and tournaments permitted for moderate and lower risk sports. Intra-team scrimmages for higher risk sports
- Limit of 50 spectators for events
- Sporting venues may host multiple groups of participants engaged in active exercise or gameplay provided the venue has space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

ZOOS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Indoor exhibits are limited to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of the building capacity
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Zoos should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions



If you have questions or need additional support: Please call our hotline at 1-800-252-2923or e-mail us at ceo.support@illinois.gov or return to Illinois.gov/businessguidelines

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS about COVID-19 Vaccines

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, you may have questions or concerns about getting vaccinated. When it's your turn to get a COVID-19 vaccine, talk with a healthcare provider to help you make an informed decision.
Learn more: https://bit.ly/2WWh9hT.



COVID-19 Cases and Transmission in 17 K–12 Schools — Wood County, Wisconsin, August 31–November 29, 2020

During 13 weeks of in-person learning at 17 K-12 schools in rural Wisconsin, only 7 of the more than 4,800 students and none of the 654 staff are known to have gotten COVID-19 at school. This report suggests that even with high rates of COVID-19 in the community, schools can use preventive measures such as mask wearing and have limited spread in school. Learn more: bit.ly/MMWR12621



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Have a Safer Valentine's Day

The safest way to celebrate Valentine’s Day is gathering virtually or with people who live with you.

- Make Valentine cards or decorations and drop them off to loved ones.
- Take a walk with your Valentine.
- Celebrate with loved ones virtually.
- Prepare a special meal or dessert.
- Plan a special movie or game night.
- Have a picnic inside or outside (weather permitting).

If you plan to celebrate with people who don’t live with you, outdoors is safer than indoors (weather permitting).



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

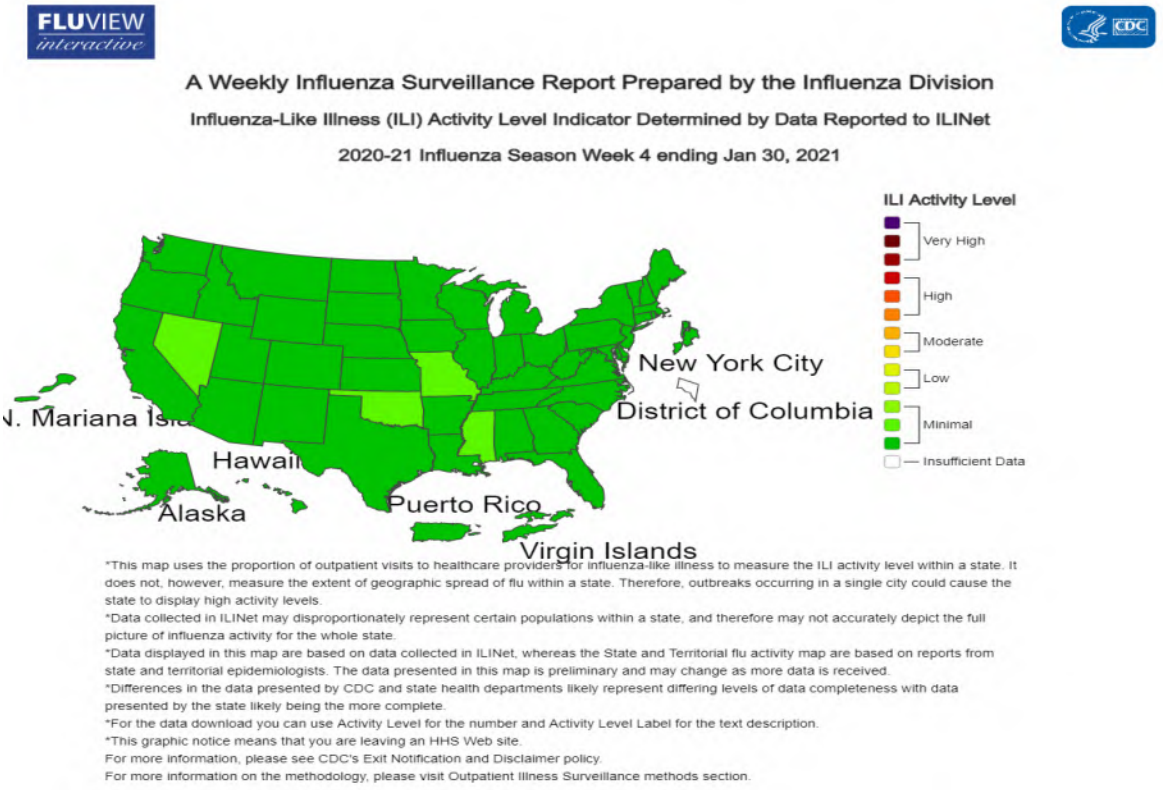
While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant
- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2020.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed by visit the following link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#:~:text=2020%20%2D%202021%20Flu%20Activity%20Report,care%20sites%20throughout%20the%20state.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm



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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

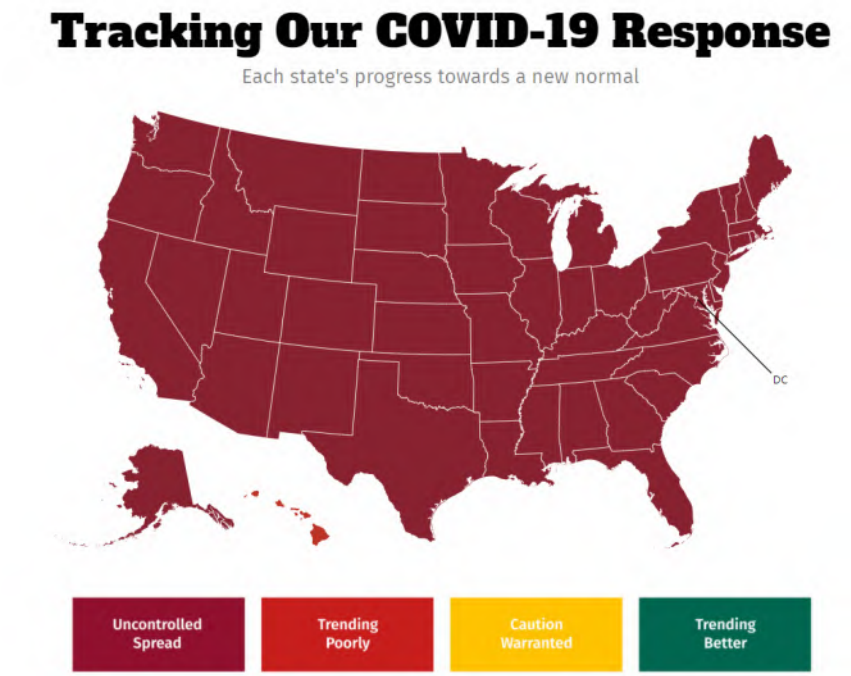
COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

February 19, 2021

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COVID-19 Situational Update



Map from https://www.covidexitstrategy.org/ which provides state by state data including 14-DAY TREND OF COVID+, LAST 14 DAYS OF COVID+ (ROLLING), INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS, % OF TEST TARGET (US: 500K/DAY), ICU AVAILABILITY, NEW CASES PER MILLION PER DAY, and COVID+ RATE

COVID Numbers at a Glance

This week 02/19/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
10646	8008	273	2365	19,243	3.6 %

Last week 02/12/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
10489	7446	271	2772	16,101	3.3 %

December 2020–January 2021

- Wear Your Mask Properly
- Need Someone to Talk To?
- 2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

02/12/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	107,905,947	2,371,502
US	27,397,925	475,471
Illinois	1,158,431	19,873
LaSalle County	10,489	271

02/19/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	110,988,014	2,444,329
US	27,898,118	493,176
Illinois	1,170,902	20,192
LaSalle County	10,646	273

Current LaSalle County Case Data as of 02/19/2021

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	174	190	3.42	0.00
10-19	414	533	8.90	0.00
20s	849	946	16.86	0.00
30s	809	813	15.24	0.00
40s	759	803	14.67	1.10
50s	790	880	15.69	2.56
60s	626	621	11.71	6.96
70s	338	373	6.68	21.61
80s	196	287	4.54	35.90
90s	82	148	2.16	28.57
100s	1	14	0.14	3.30
UNK				
Total	5038	5608		
%	47.32	52.68		
TOTAL CASES		**10646**		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	**522**
March	6	
April	50	
May	98	
June	67	
July	261	
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	2204

Deaths Reported by Month Summary

Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	**16**
March	1	
April	0	
May	12	
June	4	
July	1	
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**42**

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. The total has been adjusted

Deaths by Age	
20's	0
30's	0
40's	3
50's	7
60's	19
70's	59
80's	98
90's	78
100s	9
Males	143
Females	130

Cases by City/Village

02.12.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	25	0.24%
Dana	20	0.19%
Earlville	189	1.80%
Grand Ridge	87	0.83%
LaSalle	1014	9.67%
Leland	145	1.38%
Leonore	5	0.05%
Lostant	60	0.57%
Marseilles	696	6.64%
Mendota	1139	10.86%
Millington	30	0.29%
Oglesby	434	4.14%
Ottawa	2052	19.56%
Peru	1121	10.69%
Ransom	37	0.35%
Rutland	15	0.14%
Sandwich	373	3.56%
Serena	51	0.49%
Seneca	255	2.43%
Sheridan	635	6.05%
Somonauk	191	1.82%
Streator	1618	15.43%
Tonica	86	0.82%
Troy Grove	22	0.21%
Utica	163	1.55%
Wenona	16	0.15%
Other**	10	0.10%
TOTAL CASES	**10489**	

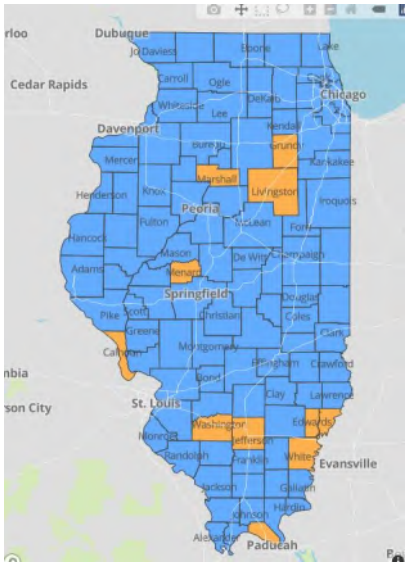
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Town	Current Total	Increase since last week	*% of Total County Cases*
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Dana	20	0	0.19%
Earlville	192	3	1.80%
Grand Ridge	87	0	0.82%
LaSalle	1027	13	9.65%
Leland	147	2	1.38%
Leonore	5	0	0.05%
Lostant	61	1	0.57%
Marseilles	714	18	6.71%
Mendota	1155	16	10.85%
Millington	30	0	0.28%
Oglesby	440	6	4.13%
Ottawa	2080	28	19.54%
Peru	1128	7	10.60%
Ransom	37	0	0.35%
Rutland	15	0	0.14%
Sandwich	382	9	3.59%
Serena	52	1	0.49%
Seneca	263	8	2.47%
Sheridan	654	19	6.14%
Somonauk	194	3	1.82%
Streator	1631	13	15.32%
Tonica	91	5	0.85%
Troy Grove	23	1	0.22%
Utica	167	4	1.57%
Wenona (LC Cases)	16	0	0.15%
Other**	10	0	0.09%
TOTAL CASES	**10646**	**157**	

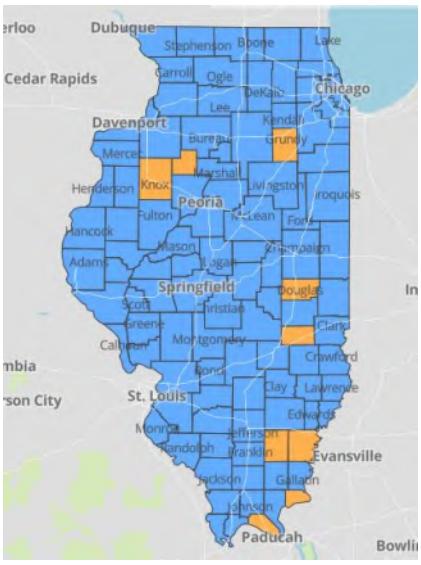
*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

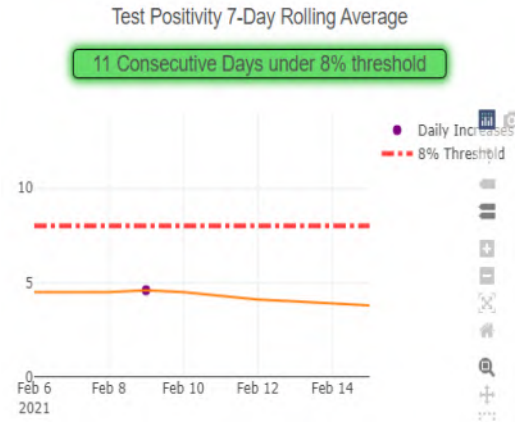
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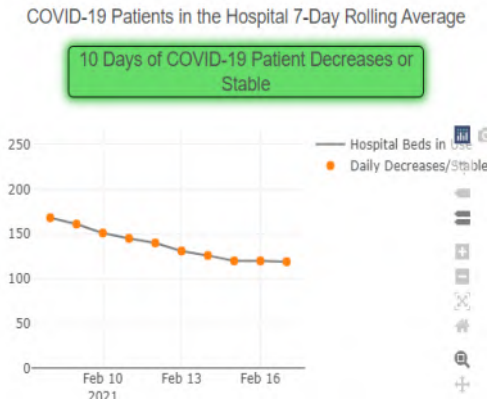


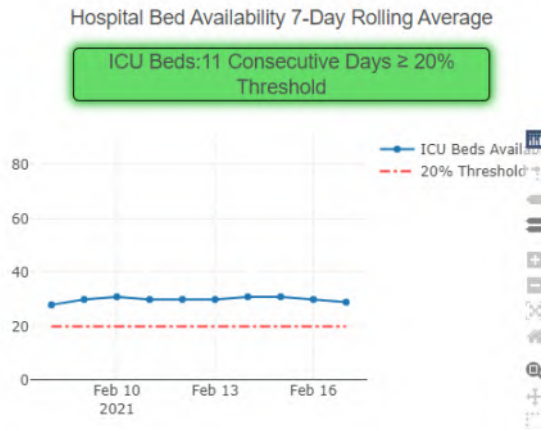
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Region 2 Summary - 02/18/2021







County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 02/07-02/13/2021

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **175 per 100K** *Decrease from last week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **7** * Increase from last week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **3.6 %** *Increase from last week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **5458** *less tests than last week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **3.2%** *Decrease in visits from last week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **7** *Decrease in admissions from last week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **15.8 %** *Increase in reported clusters	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **30 %** *Increase in availability from last week	

Local Testing Information

LaSalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

*** COVID -19 Testing**
The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Testing will be performed Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, and Saturdays 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

ST. MARGARET'S HEALTH – PERU

Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their primary care provider for an order or may call the St. Margaret's Health Peru Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Outpatient testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only. Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.

Morris Hospital

Morris Hospital offers nasal swab testing by appointment for symptomatic individuals with a physician's order. Testing is available for individuals of all ages from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Appointments are required – no exceptions. Testing is NOT available at this time for asymptomatic individuals due to a nationwide shortage of the testing reagent. Testing is performed through the drive-up testing site on the Morris Hospital campus at the corner of Lisbon & High Streets on the far southwest corner of the hospital campus. When you arrive on the hospital campus, please follow the Drive-Thru Testing directional signs on Lisbon Street or High Street. Patients are required to have photo ID, insurance card and sign a release at the time of their test.

After a physician places an order for your test, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital will call you to schedule. Please allow up to 72 hours for test results to get sent to the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
    - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
    - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
    - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

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- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

St. Margaret's Hospital – Spring Valley

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing

A list of public and private testing sites can be found on the IDPH website at http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.

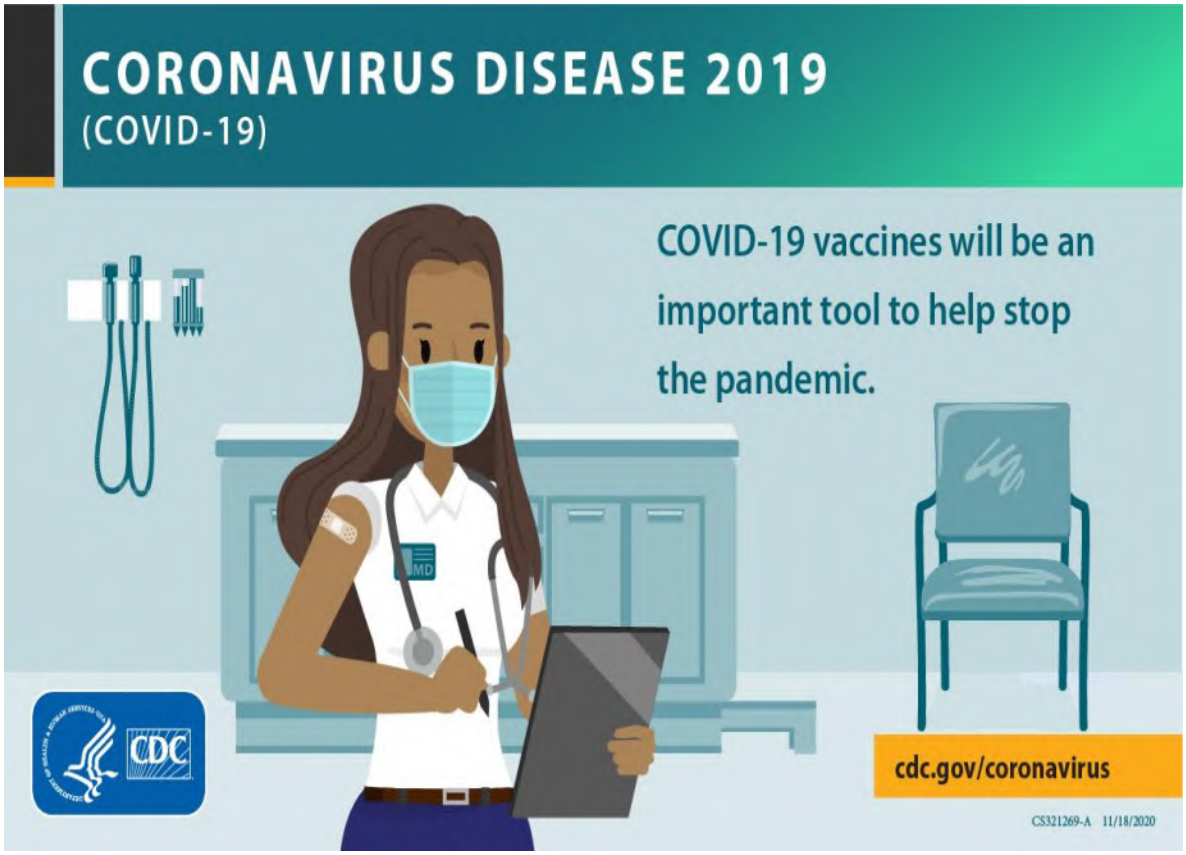
Location	Address	Times
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W Euclid Ave Arlington Heights	8:00am – 4:00pm while daily supplies last
Auburn Gresham	7938 South Halsted Street Chicago Closed 1/26/21	8:00am – 4:00pm while daily supplies last
Aurora	2450 Farnsworth Ave Aurora	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
***Bloomington**	1106 Interstate Drive Bloomington	9:00am-5:00pm while daily supplies last
Champaign	Market Place Shopping Ctr 2000 N. Neil Street Champaign	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
***East St. Louis**	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square, Fairview Heights	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd. Chicago	7:00am-3:00pm while daily supplies last
***Peoria**	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot Peoria	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Road Rockford	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State St South Holland	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Waukegan	102 W. Water Street Waukegan	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last

* Walk-up testing is available at Bloomington, East St. Louis, and Peoria.



How many people need to get vaccinated to have herd immunity to COVID-19?

The percentage of people who need to have protection in order to achieve herd immunity varies by disease. Scientists estimate that to control COVID-19 and reach herd immunity, about 7 or 8 of every 10 people (75%-80%) will need to be immune.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

Changes to the COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-Out and How it Effects LaSalle County

Late last week, the LaSalle County Health Department was made aware of two changes to the vaccine rollout plan that will have a serious impact on how and when doses will be available to the majority of our residents. These changes were announced by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

First, local health departments will be allocated fewer first doses of vaccine to make sure that everyone who already got their first dose will get their second dose. By now, national and state public health leaders had expected that vaccine would be more plentiful. This isn't the case. Our weekly allocation has continued to remain small. In addition, we have been informed it will be reduced drastically over the next several weeks.

As of this update, we anticipate receiving only 300 first doses of vaccine this week, as opposed to the 1300 we have been consistently receiving. We don't yet know the number of doses that we will receive in the weeks to come, as those amounts have not been finalized. In addition, we continue to share vaccine doses with our local hospitals as they work to vaccinate the education sub-group. We will continue discussions with our local hospital partners to adjust to the potential decrease in first dose vaccine and the best way to proceed.

This change, by default, will reduce the number of opportunities for people to get their first doses through us, but there is some good news. Pharmacies in LaSalle County are starting to get shipments directly from IDPH. First dose shots could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru and Ottawa)

Please visit their websites for appointment availability. The LaSalle County Health Department understands we still have more people who want the vaccine than we have doses, but the number of ways to be vaccinated is growing.

The second major change is both good and challenging news. Starting Feb. 25, IDPH is opening vaccine opportunities to Illinoisans with certain underlying health conditions, including:

• 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

As you can imagine, we are pleased to be able to offer vaccine protection to people with these serious health conditions. However, we are worried that expanding eligibility without greatly expanding vaccine supply will lead to more frustration. Health Department staff are trying to manage expectations of LaSalle County residents. Individuals in the expansion will have a chance to receive their vaccination, but they could be several weeks away from getting a time slot at a Health Department clinic or with our pharmacy partners. Please understand that public health and our partners are working hard on your behalf and that this process is frustrating for all of us.
We are continuing to prioritize 65 years and older in the Phase 1B category. However, on February 25th, our COVID-19 Vaccine Notification Form will include the category of 16-64 yrs. with underlying medical conditions. Anyone who falls into this category will be able to register at www.lasallecounty.org. Click on the red COVID-19 Vaccine Information icon and complete the green Phase 1B notification form.

Since January 12th, we have had over 17,000 people sign up for Phase 1B Vaccine Notification. Of this total, 71% are individuals 65 years and older. Please note this list is constantly influx as we have additional people sign up every day and remove people who have contacted us to let us know they have received their vaccination elsewhere. We are working through the Phase 1B list as quickly as possible based on the weekly vaccine allotment we are receiving. However, this process is going to take time and we appreciate your continued patience.

Despite the frustration with the slow roll-out of COVID-19 vaccine, LaSalle County is making progress. IDPH is keeping track of how many doses are given in each county and bases it on each county's total population. As of February 19th, IDPH shows that more than 19,243 doses have been administered in LaSalle County and that 5,113 have gotten both doses. In addition, Health Department staff have been able to vaccinate 5,450 individuals 65 years and older at the clinics being held at Illinois Valley Community College.

This is a herculean effort, and we are incredibly proud of our staff, our partners and our volunteers. We thank you for your continued patience and understand that this process has been frustrating at times. We're frustrated too. The LaSalle County Health Department will continue to distribute the vaccine as efficiently as our supply allows. Until then, please continue to wear your mask, watch your distance and wash your hands. Each dose given brings us closer to making our way out of these challenging times.

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

We are continuing to prioritize 65 years and older in the Phase 1 B category. However, on February 25th, our COVID-19 Vaccine Notification Form will include the category of 16-64 yrs.* with underlying medical conditions. Anyone who falls into this category will be able to register at www.lasallecounty.org. Click on the red COVID-19 Vaccine Information icon and complete the notification form.

Only individuals working or living in LaSalle County may receive vaccine through LaSalle County. The LaSalle County Health Department will include you as a potential recipient of vaccine in LaSalle County. **THIS DOES NOT SCHEDULE YOUR**

VACCINATION APPOINTMENT. This allows us to contact you through email with details as to how to register as COVID-19 vaccination appointments become available.

*Must be 18 to receive Moderna vaccine

Current Vaccination Phase

****People in Phase 1B who choose to sign-up for our notification form are put on a list in the order in which they signed up. Phase 1B individuals who signed up were asked to clarify the sub-group which qualified them for this phase. LaSalle County is currently prioritizing the sub-group 65 years and older. This is due to the fact that this age group has experienced more severe illness and death. Therefore, this group has been selected and emails are currently going to individuals 65 years and older in the order in which they signed up. No other sub-group is receiving emails at this time. As we move further along with getting the majority of this sub-group vaccinated, we will begin to email appointment availability to other individuals who signed up on the notification list.****

Phase 1b: Individuals over 65 years of age and Frontline Essential Workers

Eligible persons for this phase include:

- Individuals over 65 years of age
- Front line Workers (fire, law enforcement, 911 workers, security personnel, school officers)
- Education (Pre-K through 12th grade, and child care: teachers, principals, support, day care workers)
- Food and Agriculture (Processing, Plants, Veterinary Health, Livestock Services, Animal Care)
- Manufacturing (Industrial Production of Goods for Distribution to Retail, Wholesale and Other Manufacturing)
- Corrections Workers and Inmates (Prison/Jail Officers, Juvenile Facility Staff, workers Providing In-Person Support, Inmates)
- United States Postal Services Workers
- Public Transit Workers (Flight Crew, Bus Drivers, Train Conductors, Taxi Drivers, Ride Sharing Services)
- Grocery Store Workers (Baggers, Cashiers, Stockers, Pick-Up, Customer Service)
- Shelters/Adult Day Care (Homeless Shelter, Women's Shelter, Adult Day/Drop-in Program, Sheltered Workshop, Psycho-Social Rehab)
- **Persons age 16 to 64 with underlying medical conditions (Active February 25th)**

19,243

Administered Vaccine Doses

5,113

 # Population Fully Vaccinated

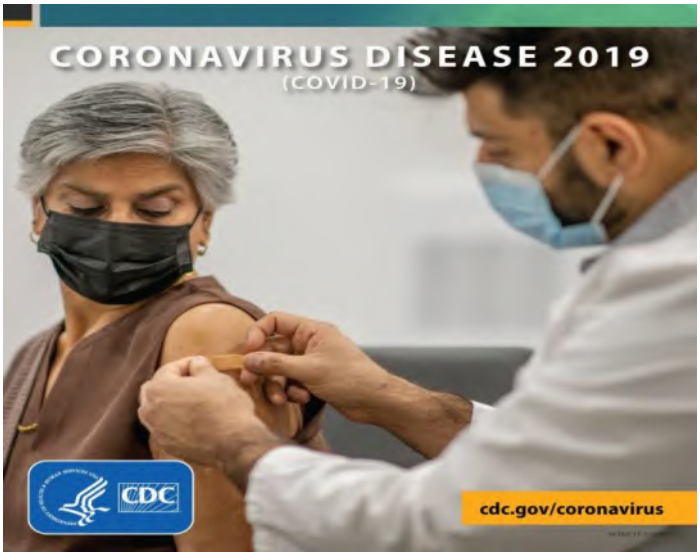
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% Population Fully Vaccinated

Get the FACTS about COVID-19 Vaccines

Did You Know? mRNA vaccines are new technology, but researchers have been studying mRNA vaccines for decades. COVID-19 vaccines were developed and manufactured quickly but are held to the same high safety and efficacy standards required for all vaccines.

Findings from vaccine safety monitoring have been reassuring. COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and help protect against COVID-19 illness. COVID-19 vaccination and following CDC recommendations on wearing masks and staying at least 6 feet from others are the best ways to protect against COVID-19 illness. Learn more: https://bit.ly/39KeCPK.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

RESTORE ILLINOIS

All Regions across Illinois are in Phase 4. Let's stay there by continuing to wear our mask, wash our hands, keep a safe distance and #VaxUpIL if you are eligible!

PHASE 4: REVITALIZATION

PHASE 4 GUIDELINES OVERVIEW

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ALL INDUSTRIES

- All employees who can work from home should continue to do so
- Continue to wear face covering that covers nose and mouth, maintain social distance of 6 ft., and frequently wash hands
- Continue employee health screenings upon entry into the workplace and mid-shift screenings for employees with shifts >5 hours (virtual screening permitted)
- Follow guidelines on capacity limits and group sizes (to be continually reassessed throughout Phase 4)

FILM PRODUCTION

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% of sound stage/location occupancy
- Crowd scenes should be limited to 50 people or fewer
- All individuals should maintain 6 ft. of social distancing unless job duty cannot be performed without proximity (e.g. actors performing, hair, make-up, costumes)
- One-time nasal swab for RT-PCR testing of all cast and crew should be obtained within 48 to 72 hours prior to the start of work on set or location
- Craft services and catering should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines
- Live audiences permitted in line with Theatre/Performing Arts guidelines

HEALTH AND FITNESS

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Group fitness classes of up to 50 people with at least 6 ft. social distancing between individuals permitted; multiple groups permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Workout stations and equipment should be 6 ft. apart without barriers or 3 ft. apart with impermeable barriers in between
- For open gym spaces, have 1 employee per every 4,000 sq. ft. to monitor social distancing and sanitize equipment between use
- Sanitize equipment before and after each individual use and sanitize locker rooms and showers at least every hour
- Keep ancillary accommodations (e.g., saunas, hot tubs, steam rooms) closed, though childcare areas are permitted to reopen in line with DHFS childcare guidelines

MUSEUMS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Museums should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

INDOOR/OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Reopening select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks); indoor playgrounds and trampoline parks should remain closed
- Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers or 50% of facility capacity
- Outdoor recreation allowing group sizes of up to 50, and permitting multiple groups given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Activity stations should be spaced at least 6 ft. apart or limited in number to ensure social distancing
- Shared equipment should be disinfected before and after each use
- Clubhouses and other communal gathering places allowed to reopen
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

MANUFACTURING

- Employees must receive COVID training before returning to work
- All employers should have a wellness screening program. Employers should conduct in-person COVID-19 screening of employees upon entry and a mid-shift screening if employee shift is greater than 5 hours
- Stagger and space shifts, and designate shift entrances and exits (when possible) to minimize interactions of employees across unique shift groupings
- Workstations should be disinfected between every shift and in between employee handoffs
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted

MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- Limit to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of room capacity
- Multiple groups may meet in the same facility if they are socially distanced and in separate rooms
- Groups should be static for duration of meeting or event. If event includes multiple sessions, participants should remain in one room, and speakers/presenters should rotate between rooms or be digitally displayed (e.g. projected, livestreamed) in multiple rooms
- Dance floors should remain closed
- Food service should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines

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OFFICES

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted
- Continue health screenings, though employers may screen office employees via in-person conversation or questionnaire once at their workstation, or using virtual method

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

- Indoor dining and drinking now permitted for parties of up to 10 people
- Seated areas should be arranged so that tables allow for 6 ft. between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths which are less than 6 ft. apart
- Standing areas (in restaurants or bars) should be limited to no more than 25% of standing area capacity
- Buffets and self-service food stations (e.g. hot and cold bars, bulk items, baked goods) should adhere to additional minimum guidelines
- Self-service beverage fountains are permissible with the additional precautions

RETAIL AND SERVICE COUNTER

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Mall food courts may reopen in line with Indoor Dining and Drinking guidelines

PERSONAL CARE

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- If services require customer to remove his or her mask, employee must wear both a face mask and eye protection (e.g., face shield, protective glasses)
- No time restrictions on massage or other services

OUTDOOR SEATED SPECTATOR EVENTS

- Outdoor spectator events only; indoor spectator events not permitted at this time
- Tickets events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Maximum of 20% of seating capacity for spectators
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

THEATERS AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers for ticketed events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Indoor capacity limit of 50 people or less or 50% of space capacity (applies to each screening room); outdoor capacity limited to 20% of overall space capacity
- Patrons should wear face coverings over their nose and mouth, except while seated within a venue (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering)
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

YOUTH AND RECREATIONAL SPORTS

- Competitive gameplay and tournaments permitted for moderate and lower risk sports. Intra-team scrimmages for higher risk sports
- Limit of 50 spectators for events
- Sporting venues may host multiple groups of participants engaged in active exercise or gameplay provided the venue has space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

ZOOS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Indoor exhibits are limited to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of the building capacity
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Zoos should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions



If you have questions or need additional support: Please call our hotline at 1-800-252-2923or e-mail us at ceo.support@illinois.gov or return to Illinois.gov/businessguidelines

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

First Identified Cases of SARS-CoV-2 Variant B.1.1.7 in Minnesota — December 2020–January 2021

A new CDC report describes eight recent Minnesota COVID-19 cases infected with a form of the virus that causes COVID-19. This new form—or variant—was first detected in the U.K. in late 2020. None of the people in Minnesota infected with this variant had traveled to the U.K., but most were likely infected during recent travel. With this variant spreading in the U.S. and other new variants emerging, proven prevention steps are even more important. Wear a well-fitting mask, stay six feet apart from others, avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, postpone travel, wash your hands often, and get a vaccine when it's available to you. Learn more: bit.ly/MMWR21721.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Wear Your Mask Properly

Wearing a mask with that fits snugly against the sides of your face provides more protection against COVID-19. Choose a cloth mask with multiple layers of tightly woven, breathable fabric. Nose wires may also improve mask fit. Learn more: https://bit.ly/3aWGUVW.

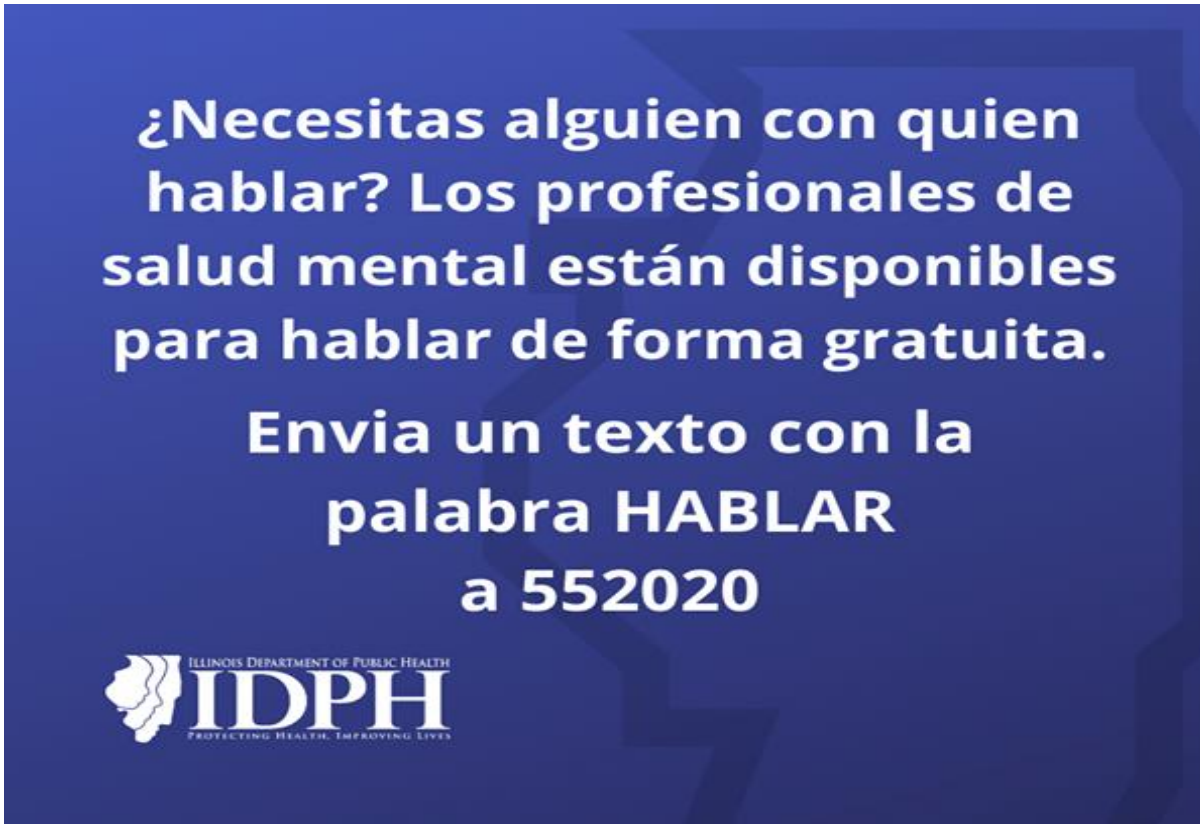


Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Need Someone to Talk To?

These are stressful times, so make sure you're taking care of yourself. If you or a loved one are struggling with stress related to the COVID-19 pandemic and need emotional support, text TALK to 552020 for English or HABLAR for Spanish (Message and Data Rates May Apply. See Terms & Conditions of Use). This Illinois Department of Human Services service is free and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. People seeking assistance will remain anonymous and will provide only their first name and zip code, which enables the service to link you to a counselor in your area who is knowledgeable about available local resources.





Source: Illinois Department of Public Health and Illinois Department of Human Services

2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

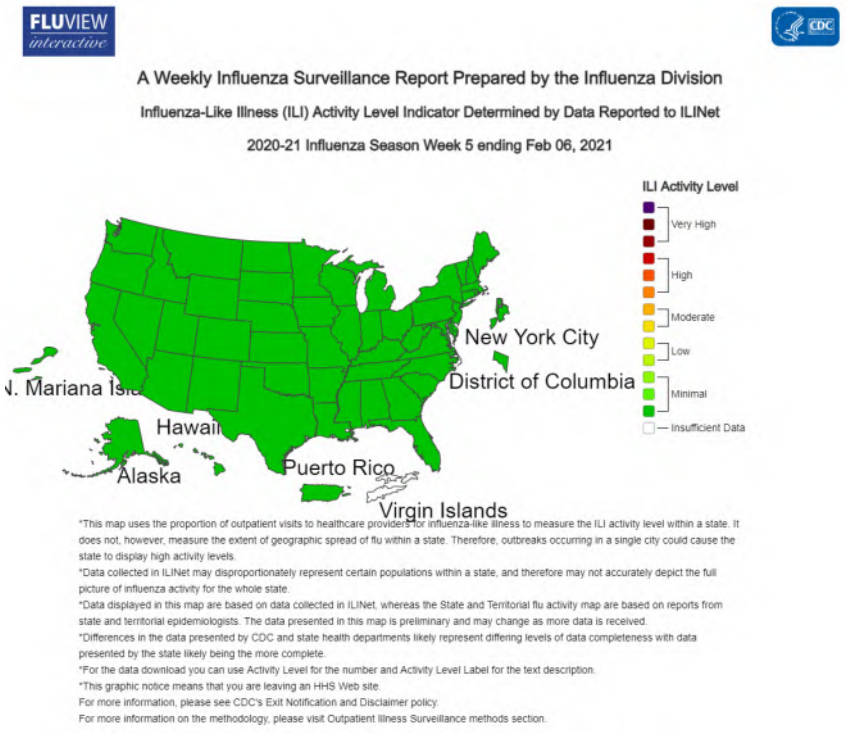
While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant
- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2020.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed by visit the following link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#:~:text=2020%20%2D%202021%20Flu%20Activity%20Report,care%20sites%20throughout%20the%20state.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm



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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

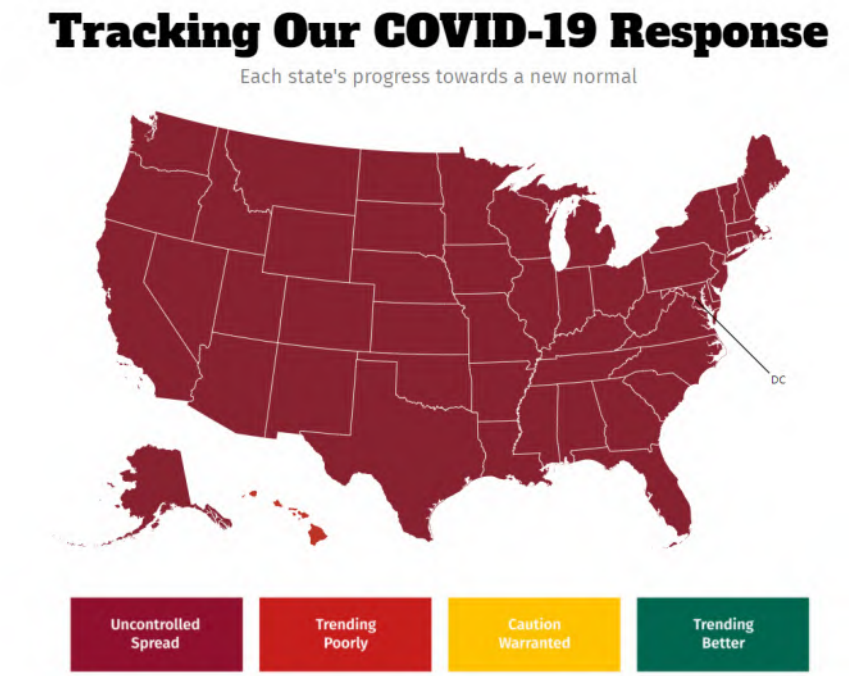
COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

February 26, 2021

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COVID-19 Situational Update



Map from https://www.covidexitstrategy.org/ which provides state by state data including 14-DAY TREND OF COVID+, LAST 14 DAYS OF COVID+ (ROLLING), INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS, % OF TEST TARGET (US: 500K/DAY), ICU AVAILABILITY, NEW CASES PER MILLION PER DAY, and COVID+ RATE

COVID Numbers at a Glance

This week 02/26/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
10837	8624	278	1935	22449	4.5 %

Last week 02/19/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
10646	8008	273	2365	19,243	3.6 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

- 2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

02/19/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	110,988,014	2,444,329
US	27,898,118	493,176
Illinois	1,170,902	20,192
LaSalle County	10,646	273

02/26/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	113,111,157	2,509,729
US	28,413,949	508,314
Illinois	1,183,667	20,460
LaSalle County	10,837	278

Current LaSalle County Case Data as of 02/26/2021

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	179	193	3.43	0.00
10-19	425	540	8.90	0.00
20s	877	961	16.96	0.00
30s	832	824	15.28	0.00
40s	783	812	14.72	1.08
50s	805	888	15.62	2.52
60s	643	627	11.72	7.19
70s	340	376	6.61	21.58
80s	199	287	4.48	35.25
90s	83	148	2.13	28.78
100s	1	14	0.14	3.60
UNK				
Total	5167	5670		
%	47.68	52.32		
TOTAL CASES			**10837**	

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	**713**
March	6	
April	50	
May	98	
June	67	
July	261	
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**2395**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary

Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	**21**
March	1	
April	0	
May	12	
June	4	
July	1	
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**47**

Deaths by Age	**278**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	3
50's	7
60's	20
70's	60
80's	98
90's	80
100s	10
Males	145
Females	133

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. The total has been adjusted

Cases by City/Village

02.19.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	25	0.23%
Dana	20	0.19%
Earlville	192	1.80%
Grand Ridge	87	0.82%
LaSalle	1027	9.65%
Leland	147	1.38%
Leonore	5	0.05%
Lostant	61	0.57%
Marseilles	714	6.71%
Mendota	1155	10.85%
Millington	30	0.28%
Oglesby	440	4.13%
Ottawa	2080	19.54%
Peru	1128	10.60%
Ransom	37	0.35%
Rutland	15	0.14%
Sandwich	382	3.59%
Serena	52	0.49%
Seneca	263	2.47%
Sheridan	654	6.14%
Somonauk	194	1.82%
Streator	1631	15.32%
Tonica	91	0.85%
Troy Grove	23	0.22%
Utica	167	1.57%
Wedron	NA	NA
Wenona	16	0.15%
Other**	10	0.09%
TOTAL CASES	**10646**	

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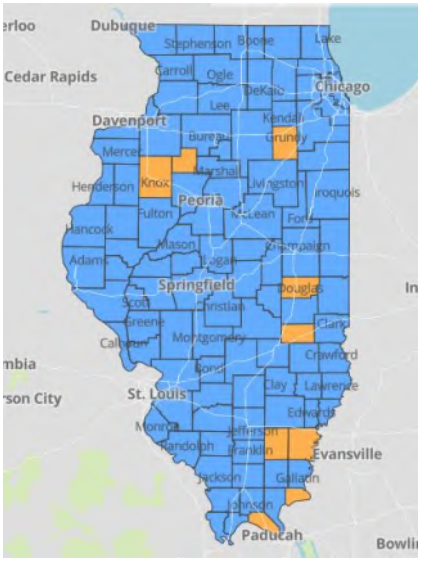
Town	Current Total	Increase since last week	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	25	0	0.23%
Dana	20	0	0.18%
Earlville	196	4	1.81%
Grand Ridge	88	1	0.81%
LaSalle	1038	11	9.58%
Leland	148	1	1.37%
Leonore	5	0	0.05%
Lostant	62	1	0.57%
Marseilles	725	11	6.69%
Mendota	1171	16	10.81%
Millington	33	3	0.30%
Oglesby	447	7	4.12%
Ottawa	2114	34	19.51%
Peru	1138	10	10.50%
Ransom	38	1	0.35%
Rutland	16	1	0.15%
Sandwich	386	4	3.56%
Serena	52	0	0.48%
Seneca	272	9	2.51%
Sheridan	710	56	6.55%
Somonauk	196	2	1.81%
Streator	1643	12	15.16%
Tonica	92	1	0.85%
Troy Grove	23	0	0.21%
Utica	172	5	1.59%
Wedron	5	NA	0.05%
Wenona (LC Cases)	16	0	0.15%
Other**	6	NA	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**10837**		**191**

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.

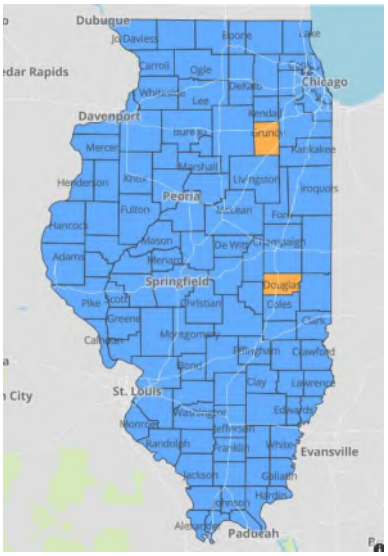
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

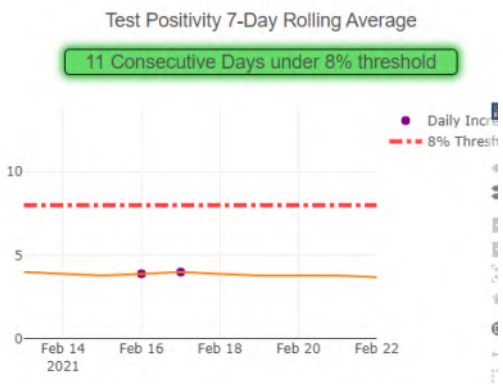
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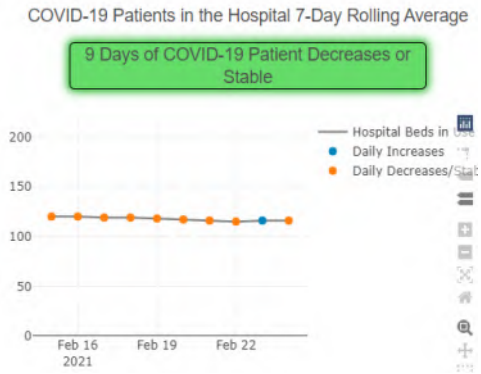


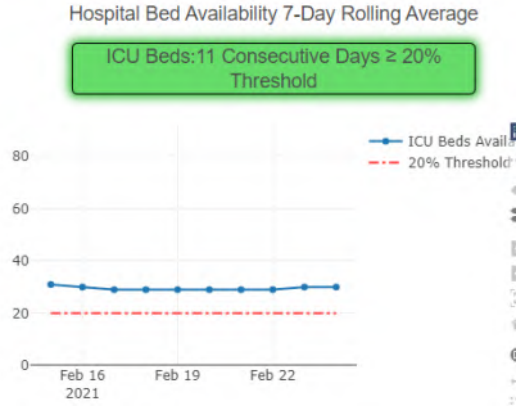
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Region 2 Summary - 02/25/2021







County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 02/14-02/20/2021

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **155 per 100K** *Decrease from last week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **3** * Decrease from last week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **4.5 %** *Increase from last week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **4210** *less tests than last week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2.8 %** *Decrease in visits from last week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **8** *Increase in admissions from last week
Cluster (%) of cases No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **28.5 %** *Increase in reported clusters	**ICU (%) Available** ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **29 %** *Decrease in availability from last week	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

Local Testing Information

LaSalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

*** COVID -19 Testing**
The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Testing will be performed Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, and Saturdays 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

ST. MARGARET'S HEALTH – PERU

Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their primary care provider for an order or may call the St. Margaret's Health Peru Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Outpatient testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only. Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.

Morris Hospital

Morris Hospital offers nasal swab testing by appointment for symptomatic individuals with a physician's order. Testing is available for individuals of all ages from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Appointments are required – no exceptions. Testing is NOT available at this time for asymptomatic individuals due to a nationwide shortage of the testing reagent. Testing is performed through the drive-up testing site on the Morris Hospital campus at the corner of Lisbon & High Streets on the far southwest corner of the hospital campus. When you arrive on the hospital campus, please follow the Drive-Thru Testing directional signs on Lisbon Street or High Street. Patients are required to have photo ID, insurance card and sign a release at the time of their test.

After a physician places an order for your test, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital will call you to schedule. Please allow up to 72 hours for test results to get sent to

the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
    - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
    - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
    - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center

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- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

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St. Margaret's Hospital – Spring Valley

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing

A list of public and private testing sites can be found on the IDPH website at http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.

Location	Address	Times
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W Euclid Ave Arlington Heights	8:00am – 4:00pm while daily supplies last
Auburn Gresham	7938 South Halsted Street Chicago Closed 1/26/21	8:00am – 4:00pm while daily supplies last
Aurora	2450 Farnsworth Ave Aurora	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
***Bloomington**	1106 Interstate Drive Bloomington	9:00am-5:00pm while daily supplies last
Champaign	Market Place Shopping Ctr 2000 N. Neil Street Champaign	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
***East St. Louis**	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square, Fairview Heights	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd. Chicago	7:00am-3:00pm while daily supplies last
***Peoria**	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot Peoria	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last

Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Road Rockford	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State St South Holland	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Waukegan	102 W. Water Street Waukegan	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last

* Walk-up testing is available at Bloomington, East St. Louis, and Peoria.



Do I need to wear a mask and avoid close contact with others if I have gotten 2 doses of the vaccine?

Yes. Continue to wear a mask and practice social distancing after vaccination. We don't yet know whether getting a COVID-19 vaccine will prevent you from spreading the virus to other people, even if you don't get sick yourself. Experts are also looking at how many people get vaccinated and how COVID-19 is spreading in communities.

Until we learn more, continue to:
• Wear a mask over your nose and mouth.
• Stay at least 6 feet away from others.
• Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.
• Wash your hands often.

Learn more: https://bit.ly/3bTltG3.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Current Vaccination Phase

****People in Phase 1B who choose to sign-up for our notification form are put on a list in the order in which they signed up. Phase 1B individuals who signed up were asked to clarify the sub-group which qualified them for this phase. LaSalle County is currently prioritizing the sub-group 65 years and older. This is due to the fact that this age group has experienced more severe illness and death. Therefore, this group has been selected and emails are currently going to individual 65 years and older in the order in which they signed up. No other sub-group is receiving emails at this time. As we move further along with getting the majority of this sub-group vaccinated, we will begin to email appointment availability to other individuals who signed up on the notification list.****

Phase 1b: Individuals over 65 years of age and Frontline Essential Workers
Individuals 16-64 years of age with Underlying Medical Conditions

Eligible persons for this phase include:

- Individuals over 65 years of age
- Front Line Workers (fire, law enforcement, 911 workers, security personnel, school officers)
- Education and Agriculture (Processing, Plants, Veterinary Health, Livestock Services, Animal Care)
- Manufacturing (Industrial Production of Goods for Distribution to Retail, Wholesale, and Other Manufacturing)
- Corrections Workers and Inmates (Prison/Jail Officers, Juvenile Facility Staff, workers Providing In-Person Support, Inmates
- United States Postal Services Workers
- Public Transit Workers (Flight Crew, Bus Drivers, Train Conductors, Taxi Drivers, Ride Sharing Services)
- Grocery Store Workers (Baggers, Cashiers, Stockers, Pick-Up, Customer Service)
- Shelters/Adult Day Care (Homeless Shelter, Women's Shelter, Adult Day/Drop-in Program, Sheltered Workshop, Psycho-Social Rehab)
- **Persons age 16 to 64 with underlying medical conditions, including:**
  - 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

In Preparation and planning, LaSalle County Health Department is collecting the number of persons in Phase 1b (as defined by ACIP and IDPH) who are most eligible and who intend to receive the vaccine through LaSalle County.

Please click the link below and answer the questions, and LCHD will include you as a potential recipient of vaccine in LaSalle County.

COVID-19 Phase 1b Vaccine Notification Sign-Up

Phase 1B Expansion in LaSalle County

The LaSalle County Health Department is allowing individuals in the Phase 1B expansion (16-64 years of age with underlying health conditions) to begin to sign-up for our notification form. Anyone who falls into this category can register at www.lasallecounty.org. Click on the red COVID-19 Vaccine Information icon and complete the notification form by clicking the green "COVID-19 Phase 1b Vaccine Notification Sign-Up" button.

However, LaSalle County is still currently prioritizing the sub-group 65 years and older. This is due to the fact that this age group has experienced more severe illness and death. Therefore, this group has been selected and emails are currently going to individual 65 years and older in the order in which they signed up. No other sub-group is receiving emails at this time. As we move further along with getting the majority of the 65+ sub-group

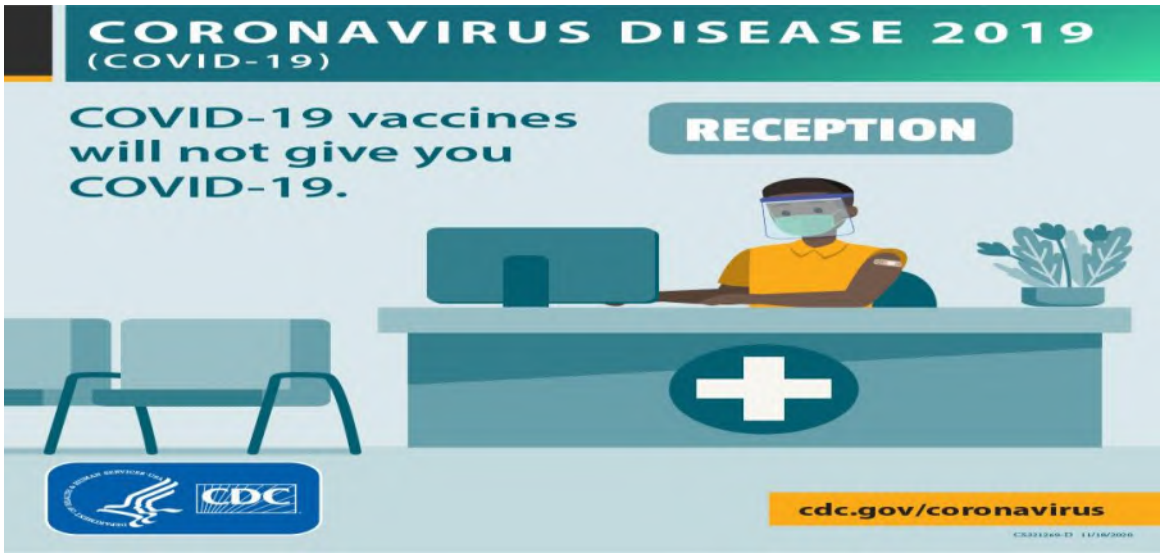
vaccinated, we will begin to email appointment availability to other individuals who registered under other sub-group categories on our COVID-19 Phase 1b Vaccine Notification Sign-Up. These emails will go out in the order in which individuals registered. We are working through the Phase 1B list as quickly as possible based on the weekly vaccine allotment we are receiving. However, this process is going to take time and we appreciate your continued patience.

The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 6,440 individuals with 1,960 of those individuals being fully vaccinated with 2 doses since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January at Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC).

22,449	Administered Vaccine Doses
6,902	# Population Fully Vaccinated
6.31%	% Population Fully Vaccinated

Get the FACTS about COVID-19 Vaccines

None of the COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized for use in the United States uses the live virus that causes COVID-19. You may have symptoms like a fever after you get a vaccine. This is normal and a sign that your immune system is learning how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19. Learn more about the facts behind COVID-19 vaccines: https://www.cdc.gov/coronav.../2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

RESTORE ILLINOIS

All Regions across Illinois are in Phase 4. Let's stay there by continuing to wear our mask, wash our hands, keep a safe distance and #VaxUpIL if you are eligible!

PHASE 4: REVITALIZATION

PHASE 4 GUIDELINES OVERVIEW

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APPLICABLE TO EACH REGION UPON TRANSITION TO PHASE IV

ALL INDUSTRIES

- All employees who can work from home should continue to do so
- Continue to wear face covering that covers nose and mouth, maintain social distance of 6 ft., and frequently wash hands
- Continue employee health screenings upon entry into the workplace and mid-shift screenings for employees with shifts >5 hours (virtual screening permitted)
- Follow guidelines on capacity limits and group sizes (to be continually reassessed throughout Phase 4)

FILM PRODUCTION

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% of sound stage/location occupancy
- Crowd scenes should be limited to 50 people or fewer
- All individuals should maintain 6 ft. of social distancing unless job duty cannot be performed without proximity (e.g. actors performing, hair, make-up, costumes)
- One-time nasal swab for RT-PCR testing of all cast and crew should be obtained within 48 to 72 hours prior to the start of work on set or location
- Craft services and catering should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines
- Live audiences permitted in line with Theatre/Performing Arts guidelines

HEALTH AND FITNESS

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Group fitness classes of up to 50 people with at least 6 ft. social distancing between individuals permitted; multiple groups permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Workout stations and equipment should be 6 ft. apart without barriers or 3 ft. apart with impermeable barriers in between
- For open gym spaces, have 1 employee per every 4,000 sq. ft. to monitor social distancing and sanitize equipment between use
- Sanitize equipment before and after each individual use and sanitize locker rooms and showers at least every hour
- Keep ancillary accommodations (e.g., saunas, hot tubs, steam rooms) closed, though childcare areas are permitted to reopen in line with DHFS childcare guidelines

MUSEUMS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Museums should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

INDOOR/OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Reopening select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks); indoor playgrounds and trampoline parks should remain closed
- Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers or 50% of facility capacity
- Outdoor recreation allowing group sizes of up to 50, and permitting multiple groups given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Activity stations should be spaced at least 6 ft. apart or limited in number to ensure social distancing
- Shared equipment should be disinfected before and after each use
- Clubhouses and other communal gathering places allowed to reopen
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

MANUFACTURING

- Employees must receive COVID training before returning to work
- All employers should have a wellness screening program. Employers should conduct in-person COVID-19 screening of employees upon entry and a mid-shift screening if employee shift is greater than 5 hours
- Stagger and space shifts, and designate shift entrances and exits (when possible) to minimize interactions of employees across unique shift groupings
- Workstations should be disinfected between every shift and in between employee handoffs
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted

MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- Limit to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of room capacity
- Multiple groups may meet in the same facility if they are socially distanced and in separate rooms
- Groups should be static for duration of meeting or event. If event includes multiple sessions, participants should remain in one room, and speakers/presenters should rotate between rooms or be digitally displayed (e.g. projected, livestreamed) in multiple rooms
- Dance floors should remain closed
- Food service should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines

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OFFICES

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted
- Continue health screenings, though employers may screen office employees via in-person conversation or questionnaire once at their workstation, or using virtual method

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

- Indoor dining and drinking now permitted for parties of up to 10 people
- Seated areas should be arranged so that tables allow for 6 ft. between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths which are less than 6 ft. apart
- Standing areas (in restaurants or bars) should be limited to no more than 25% of standing area capacity
- Buffets and self-service food stations (e.g. hot and cold bars, bulk items, baked goods) should adhere to additional minimum guidelines
- Self-service beverage fountains are permissible with the additional precautions

RETAIL AND SERVICE COUNTER

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Mall food courts may reopen in line with Indoor Dining and Drinking guidelines

PERSONAL CARE

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- If services require customer to remove his or her mask, employee must wear both a face mask and eye protection (e.g., face shield, protective glasses)
- No time restrictions on massage or other services

OUTDOOR SEATED SPECTATOR EVENTS

- Outdoor spectator events only; indoor spectator events not permitted at this time
- Tickets events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Maximum of 20% of seating capacity for spectators
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

THEATERS AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers for ticketed events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Indoor capacity limit of 50 people or less or 50% of space capacity (applies to each screening room); outdoor capacity limited to 20% of overall space capacity
- Patrons should wear face coverings over their nose and mouth, except while seated within a venue (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering)
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

YOUTH AND RECREATIONAL SPORTS

- Competitive gameplay and tournaments permitted for moderate and lower risk sports. Intra-team scrimmages for higher risk sports
- Limit of 50 spectators for events
- Sporting venues may host multiple groups of participants engaged in active exercise or gameplay provided the venue has space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

ZOOS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Indoor exhibits are limited to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of the building capacity
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Zoos should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions



If you have questions or need additional support: Please call our hotline at 1-800-252-2923or e-mail us at ceo.support@illinois.gov or return to Illinois.gov/businessguidelines

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Quarantine: Public Health Recommendations For Vaccinated Persons

While mRNA COVID-19 vaccines have demonstrated high efficacy at preventing severe and symptomatic COVID-19, there is currently limited information on how much the vaccines might reduce transmission and how long protection lasts. In addition, the efficacy of the vaccines against emerging SARS-CoV-2 variants is not known. At this time, vaccinated persons should continue to follow **current guidance** to protect themselves and others, including wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet away from others, avoiding crowds, avoiding poorly ventilated spaces, covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands often, following CDC travel guidance, and following any applicable workplace or school guidance, including guidance related to personal protective equipment use or SARS-CoV-2 testing.

However, vaccinated persons with an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they meet all of the following criteria[†]:

- Are fully vaccinated (i.e., ≥2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine)
- Are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series
- Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure

Persons who do not meet all 3 of the above criteria should continue to follow current quarantine guidance after exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

Although the risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission from vaccinated persons to others is still uncertain, vaccination has been demonstrated to prevent symptomatic COVID-19; symptomatic and pre-symptomatic transmission is thought to have a greater role in transmission than purely asymptomatic transmission. Additionally, individual and societal benefits of avoiding unnecessary quarantine may outweigh the potential but unknown risk of transmission, and facilitate the direction of public health resources to persons at highest risk for transmitting SARS-CoV-2 to others. This recommendation to waive quarantine for people with vaccine-derived immunity aligns with quarantine recommendations for those with natural immunity, which eases implementation.

Fully vaccinated persons who do not quarantine should still watch for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following an exposure. If they experience symptoms, they should be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, including SARS-CoV-2 testing, if indicated. In addition, vaccinated persons should continue to follow **current guidance** to protect themselves and others, including all other SARS-CoV-2 testing recommendations and requirements, and state, territorial, tribal, and local travel recommendations or requirements. For additional considerations regarding quarantine or work restrictions for fully vaccinated healthcare personnel, patients, or residents in healthcare settings, please see section below.

These quarantine recommendations for vaccinated persons, including the criteria for timing since receipt of the last dose in the vaccination series, will be updated when more data become available and additional COVID-19 vaccines are authorized.

† CDC has not systematically evaluated the efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines from manufacturers that have not sought an EUA in the United States. For the purposes of these quarantine criteria, considerations for accepting a vaccination series that is not FDA-authorized include whether the vaccine product has received emergency approval from the World Health Organization or authorization from a national regulatory agency.

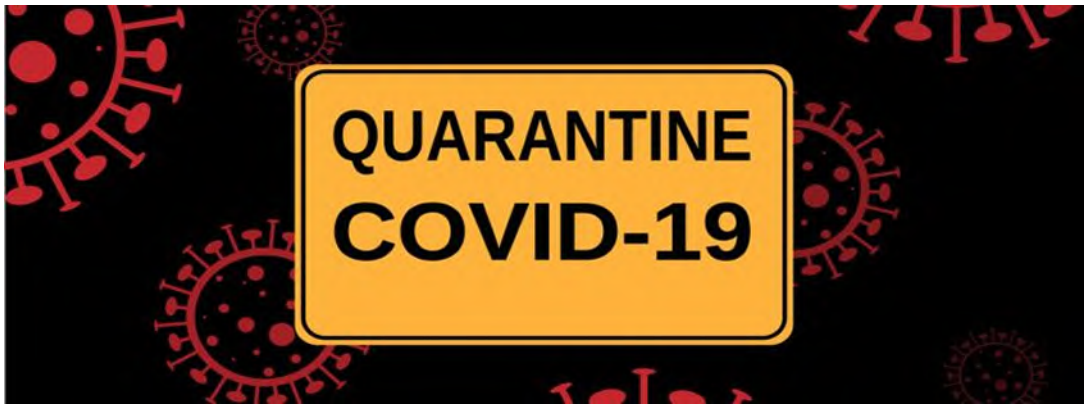
Vaccinated healthcare personnel, patients, and residents in healthcare settings

These criteria could also be applied when considering work restrictions for fully vaccinated healthcare personnel with higher-risk exposures, as a strategy to alleviate staffing shortages. Of note, exposed healthcare personnel would not be required to quarantine outside of work.

As an exception to the above guidance no longer requiring quarantine for fully vaccinated persons, **vaccinated inpatients and residents in healthcare settings should continue to quarantine following an exposure** to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19; outpatients should be cared for using appropriate Transmission-Based Precautions. This exception is due to the unknown vaccine effectiveness in this population, the higher risk of severe disease and death, and challenges with social distancing in healthcare settings. Although not preferred, healthcare facilities could consider waiving quarantine for vaccinated patients and residents as a strategy to mitigate critical issues (e.g., lack of space, staff, or PPE to safely care for exposed patients or residents) when other options are unsuccessful or unavailable. These decisions could be made in consultation with public health officials and infection control experts.

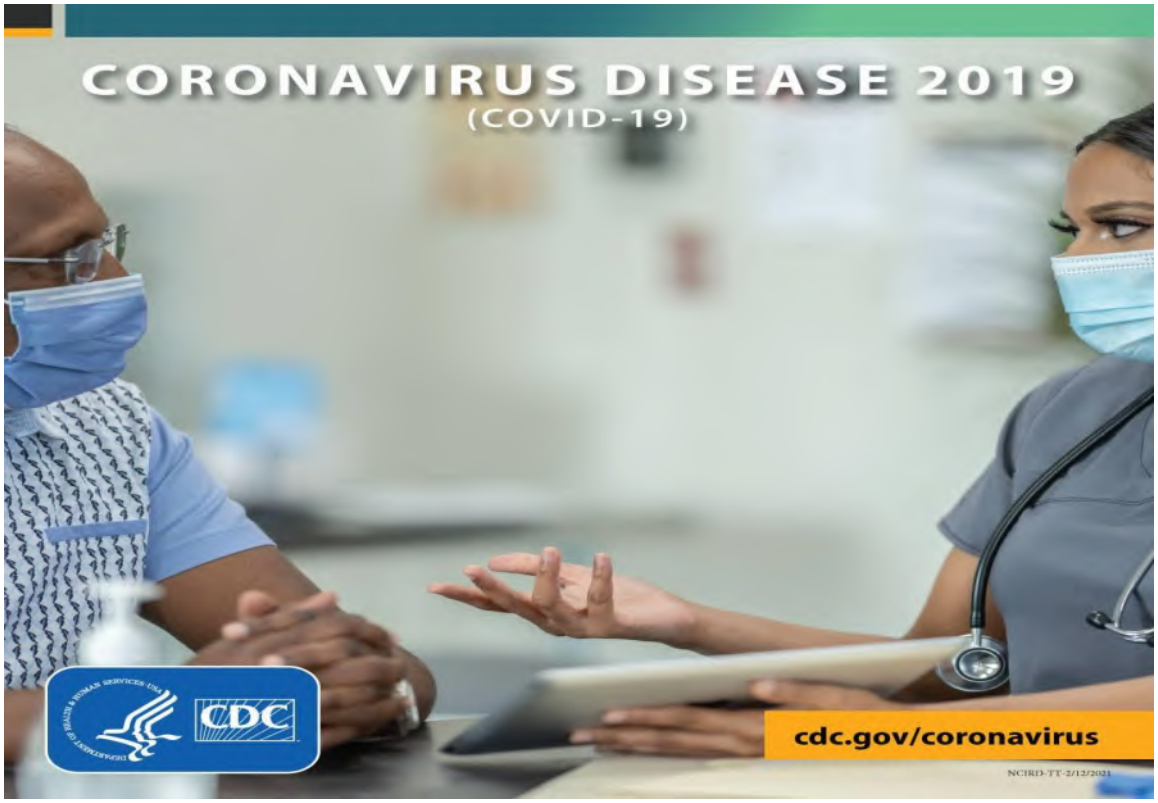
CDC's healthcare infection control guidance contains additional considerations regarding the need to protect healthcare personnel, patients, and residents while also

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)



Ensuring COVID-19 Vaccines Work

COVID-19 vaccines currently used in the U.S. were shown in clinical trials to be 95% effective at preventing COVID-19 disease. CDC is evaluating how COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions. COVID-19 vaccines are an essential tool to protect people against COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 is to follow CDC's recommendations, including getting COVID-19 vaccine as soon as it is available to you. Learn more: https://bit.ly/39KCHEh.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

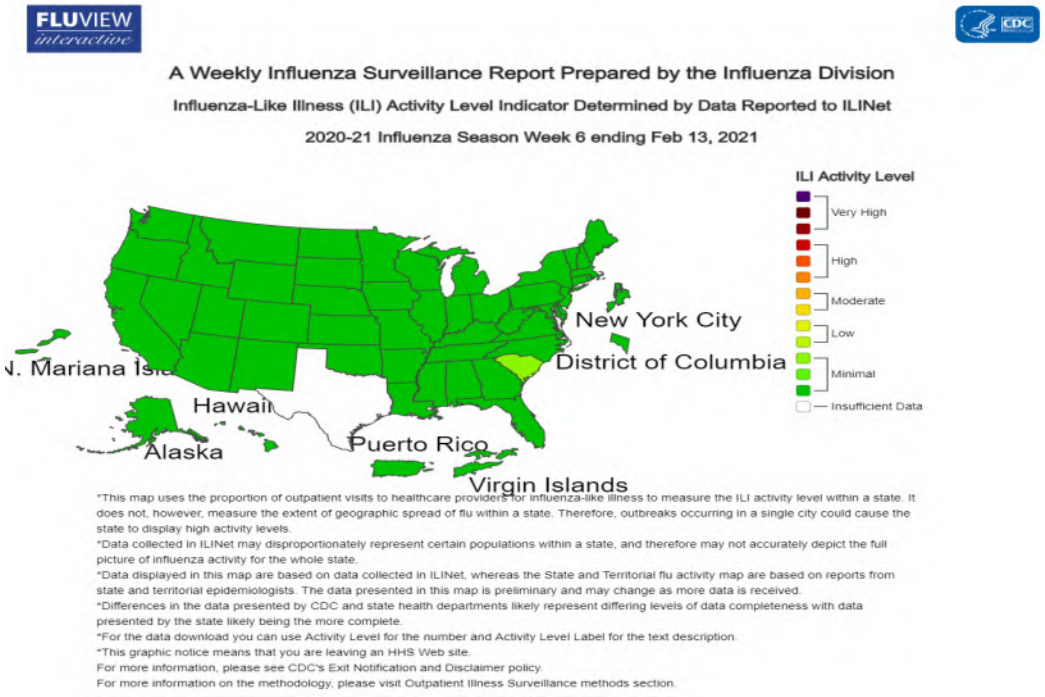
While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant
- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2020.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed by visit the following link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#:~:text=2020%20%2D%202021%20Flu%20Activity%20Report,care%20sites%20throughout%20the%20state.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm



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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

March 05, 2021

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COVID-19 testing will no longer be available on Saturdays due to a decrease in demand for testing. Testing will still be performed Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

In addition, beginning on March 7, 2021, the LaSalle County Health Department will no longer be reporting numbers on Sundays. The new cases from Sundays will be reported with the new cases on Mondays.

COVID-19 Situational Update



Map from https://www.covidexitstrategy.org/ which provides state by state data including 14-DAY TREND OF COVID+, LAST 14 DAYS OF COVID+ (ROLLING), INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS, % OF TEST TARGET (US: 500K/DAY), ICU AVAILABILITY, NEW CASES PER MILLION PER DAY, and COVID+ RATE

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COVID Numbers at a Glance

This week 03/05/2021

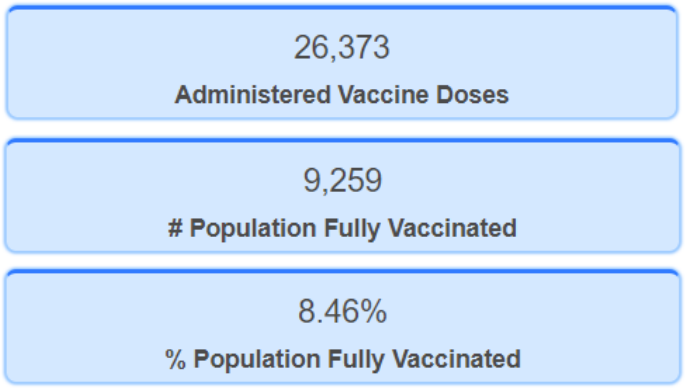
Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
10965	8867	282	1816	26373	2.7 %

Last week 02/26/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
10837	8624	278	1935	22449	4.5 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 6946 individuals with 2446 of those individuals being fully vaccinated with 2 doses since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January at Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC). Below is the overall County data:



02/26/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	113,111,157	2,509,729
US	28,413,949	508,314
Illinois	1,183,667	20,460
LaSalle County	10,837	278

03/05/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	115,760,047	2,571,789
US	28,828,292	520,387
Illinois	1,194,702	20,700
LaSalle County	10,965	282

Current LaSalle County Case Data as of 03/05/2021

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	184	202	3.52	0.00
10-19	438	551	9.02	0.00
20s	886	967	16.90	0.00
30s	849	834	15.35	0.00
40s	790	819	14.67	1.06
50s	813	895	15.58	2.48
60s	647	632	11.66	7.45
70s	346	378	6.60	21.63
80s	200	287	4.44	35.46
90s	83	149	2.12	28.37
100s	1	14	0.14	3.55
UNK				
Total	5237	5728		
%	47.76	52.24		
TOTAL CASES		**10965**		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	**96**
April	50	
May	98	
June	67	
July	261	
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**2523**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	**21**
March	1	**4**
April	0	
May	12	
June	4	
July	1	
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**51**

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. The total has been adjusted

Deaths by Age	**282**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	3
50's	7
60's	21
70's	61
80's	100
90's	80
100s	10
Males	146
Females	136

Cases by City/Village

02.19.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	25	0.23%
Dana	20	0.18%
Earlville	196	1.81%
Grand Ridge	88	0.81%
LaSalle	1038	9.58%
Leland	148	1.37%
Leonore	5	0.05%
Lostant	62	0.57%
Marseilles	725	6.69%
Mendota	1171	10.81%
Millington	33	0.30%
Oglesby	447	4.12%
Ottawa	2114	19.51%
Peru	1138	10.50%
Ransom	38	0.35%
Rutland	16	0.15%
Sandwich	386	3.56%
Serena	52	0.48%
Seneca	272	2.51%
Sheridan	710	6.55%
Somonauk	196	1.81%
Streator	1643	15.16%
Tonica	92	0.85%
Troy Grove	23	0.21%
Utica	172	1.59%
Wedron	5	0.05%
Wenona	16	0.15%
Other**	6	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**10837**	

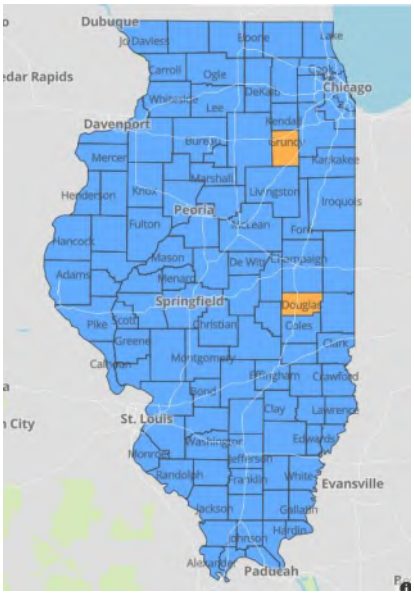
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Town	Current Total	Increase since last week	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	25	0	0.23%
Dana	20	0	0.18%
Earlville	197	1	1.80%
Grand Ridge	89	1	0.81%
LaSalle	1054	16	9.61%
Leland	149	1	1.36%
Leonore	5	0	0.05%
Lostant	64	2	0.58%
Marseilles	730	5	6.66%
Mendota	1180	9	10.76%
Millington	33	0	0.30%
Oglesby	454	7	4.14%
Ottawa	2138	24	19.50%
Peru	1169	31	10.66%
Ransom	38	0	0.35%
Rutland	16	0	0.15%
Sandwich	388	2	3.54%
Serena	52	0	0.47%
Seneca	273	1	2.49%
Sheridan	723	13	6.59%
Somonauk	198	2	1.81%
Streator	1651	8	15.06%
Tonica	94	2	0.86%
Troy Grove	23	0	0.21%
Utica	174	2	1.59%
Wedron	5	0	0.05%
Wenona (LC Cases)	16	0	0.15%
Other**	7	1	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**10965**	**128**	

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

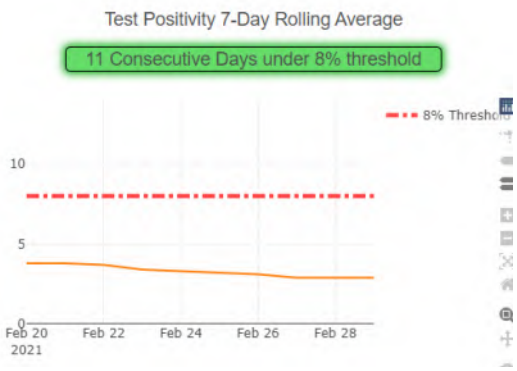
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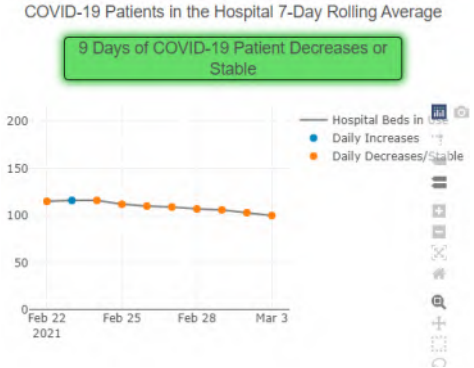


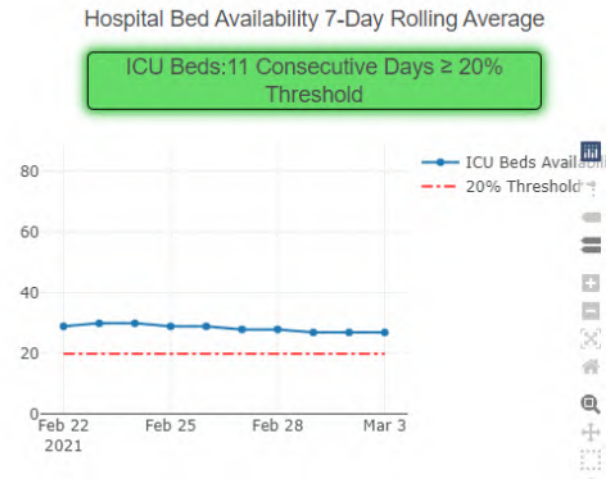
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Region 2 Summary - 03/04/2021







County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 02/21-02/28/2021

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **137 per 100K** *Decrease from last week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **4** * Increase from last week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **2.7 %** *Decrease from last week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **5635** *more tests than last week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2.8 %** *No change in visits from last week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **8** * No change in admissions from last week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **24.5 %** *Decrease in reported clusters	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **28 %** *Decrease in availability from last week	

Local Testing Information

LaSalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

*** COVID -19 Testing**
The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Testing will be performed Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

ST. MARGARET'S HEALTH – PERU

Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their primary care provider for an order or may call the St. Margaret's Health Peru Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Outpatient testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only. Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.

Morris Hospital

Morris Hospital offers nasal swab testing by appointment for symptomatic individuals with a physician's order. Testing is available for individuals of all ages from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Appointments are required – no exceptions. Testing is NOT available at this time for asymptomatic individuals due to a nationwide shortage of the testing reagent. Testing is performed through the drive-up testing site on the Morris Hospital campus at the corner of Lisbon & High Streets on the far southwest corner of the hospital campus. When you arrive on the hospital campus, please follow the Drive-Thru Testing directional signs on Lisbon Street or High Street. Patients are required to have photo ID, insurance card and sign a release at the time of their test.

After a physician places an order for your test, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital will call you to schedule. Please allow up to 72 hours for test results to get sent to the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
    - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
    - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
    - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center

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- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to our OSF Saint Paul Medical Center lab.
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

St. Margaret's Hospital – Spring Valley

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing

A list of public and private testing sites can be found on the IDPH website at http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.

Location	Address	Times
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W Euclid Ave Arlington Heights	8:00am – 4:00pm while daily supplies last
Auburn Gresham	7938 South Halsted Street Chicago Closed 1/26/21	8:00am – 4:00pm while daily supplies last
Aurora	2450 Farnsworth Ave Aurora	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last

***Bloomington**	1106 Interstate Drive Bloomington	9:00am-5:00pm while daily supplies last
Champaign	Market Place Shopping Ctr 2000 N. Neil Street Champaign	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
***East St. Louis**	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square, Fairview Heights	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd. Chicago	7:00am-3:00pm while daily supplies last
***Peoria**	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot Peoria	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Road Rockford	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State St South Holland	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Waukegan	102 W. Water Street Waukegan	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last

* Walk-up testing is available at Bloomington, East St. Louis, and Peoria.



Are there any current domestic or international travel restrictions for which we should be monitoring and excluding employees, students and staff?

There is widespread, ongoing transmission of novel coronavirus worldwide. As of January 26, 2021, all air passengers who will be arriving to the US from a foreign country are required to get tested no more than 3 days before their flight departs and to provide proof of the negative result or documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 to the airline before boarding the flight. This order from the CDC applies to all air passengers, 2 years of age or older, traveling into the US, including US citizens and legal permanent residents. More information is available at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-international-air-travelers.html. Anyone who has traveled

internationally or domestically where COVID-19 transmission is high or increasing should stay home and monitor their health for 14 calendar days.

Please note, local health jurisdictions may have local quarantine requirements for persons returning from domestic or international travel that should be followed. If none exists, CDC requirements should be followed. The CDC updated COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Destination on December 2, 2020.

Testing before and after travel can reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. Testing does not eliminate all risk, but when paired with a period of staying at home and precautions like wearing masks and social distancing, it can make travel safer by reducing spread on planes, in airports, and at travelers' destinations. If you participated in higher-risk activities during your international travel, take the actions listed above **AND** do the following after travel:

- Get tested 3-5 days after travel **AND** stay home for 7 days after travel.
- Even if you test negative, stay home for the full 7 days.
- If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- If you don't get tested, it's safest to stay home for 10 days after travel.

Avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

COVID-19 VACCINE PHASE UPDATE

For the past few weeks, the LaSalle County Health Department has had to transition to conducting 2nd dose COVID-19 vaccination clinics in order to complete the 2-dose vaccination series for individuals. In doing this, our progression in providing first doses to individuals who have signed up on the COVID-19 Phase 1b Vaccine Notification form has had to slow down significantly.

However, on Friday, March 5, 2021, Saint Margaret's Health-Peru (SMHP) offered a 1st Dose COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic for individuals 65 years and older at LaSalle-Peru High School. In coordination with the LaSalle County Health Department, this is the first clinic held outside of Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC) for those 65 years and older. The LaSalle County Health Department is grateful for the partnership with SMHP and LaSalle-Peru High School to provide this additional vaccination opportunity.

The LaSalle County Health Department scheduled individuals from their "COVID-19 Phase 1B Vaccine Notification Sign-Up list to attend this clinic. The appointment notices went out to individuals 65 years and older in the order in which they signed up.
LaSalle County Health Department, St. Margaret's Health-Peru, and LaSalle-Peru High School will continue to evaluate if additional clinics will be able to be held in the future based on vaccine availability.

Current Vaccination Phase

****People in Phase 1B who choose to sign-up for our notification form are put on a list in the order in which they signed up. Phase 1B individuals who signed up were asked to clarify the sub-group which qualified them for this phase. LaSalle County is currently prioritizing the sub-group 65 years and older. This is due to the fact that this age group has experienced more severe illness and death. Therefore, this group has been selected and emails are currently going to individual 65 years and older in the order in which they signed up. No other sub-group is receiving emails at this time. As we move further along with getting the majority of this sub-group vaccinated, we will begin to email appointment availability to other individuals who signed up on the notification list.****

Phase 1b: Individuals over 65 years of age and Frontline Essential Workers
Individuals 16-64 years of age with Underlying Medical Conditions

Eligible persons for this phase include:

- Individuals over 65 years of age
- Front Line Workers (fire, law enforcement, 911 workers, security personnel, school officers)
- Education and Agriculture (Processing, Plants, Veterinary Health, Livestock Services, Animal Care)
- Manufacturing (Industrial Production of Goods for Distribution to Retail, Wholesale, and Other Manufacturing)
- Corrections Workers and Inmates (Prison/Jail Officers, Juvenile Facility Staff, workers Providing In-Person Support, Inmates
- United States Postal Services Workers
- Public Transit Workers (Flight Crew, Bus Drivers, Train Conductors, Taxi Drivers, Ride Sharing Services)
- Grocery Store Workers (Baggers, Cashiers, Stockers, Pick-Up, Customer Service)
- Shelters/Adult Day Care (Homeless Shelter, Women's Shelter, Adult Day/Drop-in Program, Sheltered Workshop, Psycho-Social Rehab)
- **Persons age 16 to 64 with underlying medical conditions, including:**
  - 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

In Preparation and planning, LaSalle County Health Department is collecting the number of persons in Phase 1b (as defined by ACIP and IDPH) who are most eligible and who intend to receive the vaccine through LaSalle County.

Please click the link below and answer the questions, and LCHD will include you as a potential recipient of vaccine in LaSalle County.

COVID-19 Phase 1b Vaccine Notification Sign-Up

In addition, the Health Department will transition their weekly clinics back to First Dose Clinics on March 16th. At that time, we will continue reaching out to individuals who signed up on January 13 and 14th. If you signed up after January 14th, please be patient. We are working through the Phase 1B list as quickly as possible based on the weekly vaccine

allotment we are receiving. However, this process is going to take time and we appreciate your continued patience.

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. First dose shots could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru and Ottawa)

Please visit their websites for appointment availability.

Illinoisans ages 65 and older can book an appointment at the United Center for the COVID-19 Vaccine. Visit http://zocdoc.com/vaccine or call 312-746-4835.



RESTORE ILLINOIS

All Regions across Illinois are in Phase 4. Let's stay there by continuing to wear our mask, wash our hands, keep a safe distance and #VaxUpIL if you are eligible!

PHASE 4: REVITALIZATION

PHASE 4 GUIDELINES OVERVIEW

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APPLICABLE TO EACH REGION UPON TRANSITION TO PHASE IV

ALL INDUSTRIES

- All employees who can work from home should continue to do so
- Continue to wear face covering that covers nose and mouth, maintain social distance of 6 ft., and frequently wash hands
- Continue employee health screenings upon entry into the workplace and mid-shift screenings for employees with shifts >5 hours (virtual screening permitted)
- Follow guidelines on capacity limits and group sizes (to be continually reassessed throughout Phase 4)

FILM PRODUCTION

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% of sound stage/location occupancy
- Crowd scenes should be limited to 50 people or fewer
- All individuals should maintain 6 ft. of social distancing unless job duty cannot be performed without proximity (e.g. actors performing, hair, make-up, costumes)
- One-time nasal swab for RT-PCR testing of all cast and crew should be obtained within 48 to 72 hours prior to the start of work on set or location
- Craft services and catering should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines
- Live audiences permitted in line with Theatre/Performing Arts guidelines

HEALTH AND FITNESS

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Group fitness classes of up to 50 people with at least 6 ft. social distancing between individuals permitted; multiple groups permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Workout stations and equipment should be 6 ft. apart without barriers or 3 ft. apart with impermeable barriers in between
- For open gym spaces, have 1 employee per every 4,000 sq. ft. to monitor social distancing and sanitize equipment between use
- Sanitize equipment before and after each individual use and sanitize locker rooms and showers at least every hour
- Keep ancillary accommodations (e.g., saunas, hot tubs, steam rooms) closed, though childcare areas are permitted to reopen in line with DHFS childcare guidelines

MUSEUMS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Museums should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

INDOOR/OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Reopening select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks); indoor playgrounds and trampoline parks should remain closed
- Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers or 50% of facility capacity
- Outdoor recreation allowing group sizes of up to 50, and permitting multiple groups given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Activity stations should be spaced at least 6 ft. apart or limited in number to ensure social distancing
- Shared equipment should be disinfected before and after each use
- Clubhouses and other communal gathering places allowed to reopen
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

MANUFACTURING

- Employees must receive COVID training before returning to work
- All employers should have a wellness screening program. Employers should conduct in-person COVID-19 screening of employees upon entry and a mid-shift screening if employee shift is greater than 5 hours
- Stagger and space shifts, and designate shift entrances and exits (when possible) to minimize interactions of employees across unique shift groupings
- Workstations should be disinfected between every shift and in between employee handoffs
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted

MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- Limit to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of room capacity
- Multiple groups may meet in the same facility if they are socially distanced and in separate rooms
- Groups should be static for duration of meeting or event. If event includes multiple sessions, participants should remain in one room, and speakers/presenters should rotate between rooms or be digitally displayed (e.g. projected, livestreamed) in multiple rooms
- Dance floors should remain closed
- Food service should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines

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OFFICES

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted
- Continue health screenings, though employers may screen office employees via in-person conversation or questionnaire once at their workstation, or using virtual method

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

- Indoor dining and drinking now permitted for parties of up to 10 people
- Seated areas should be arranged so that tables allow for 6 ft. between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths which are less than 6 ft. apart
- Standing areas (in restaurants or bars) should be limited to no more than 25% of standing area capacity
- Buffets and self-service food stations (e.g. hot and cold bars, bulk items, baked goods) should adhere to additional minimum guidelines
- Self-service beverage fountains are permissible with the additional precautions

RETAIL AND SERVICE COUNTER

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Mall food courts may reopen in line with Indoor Dining and Drinking guidelines

PERSONAL CARE

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- If services require customer to remove his or her mask, employee must wear both a face mask and eye protection (e.g., face shield, protective glasses)
- No time restrictions on massage or other services

OUTDOOR SEATED SPECTATOR EVENTS

- Outdoor spectator events only; indoor spectator events not permitted at this time
- Tickets events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Maximum of 20% of seating capacity for spectators
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

THEATERS AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers for ticketed events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Indoor capacity limit of 50 people or less or 50% of space capacity (applies to each screening room); outdoor capacity limited to 20% of overall space capacity
- Patrons should wear face coverings over their nose and mouth, except while seated within a venue (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering)
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

YOUTH AND RECREATIONAL SPORTS

- Competitive gameplay and tournaments permitted for moderate and lower risk sports. Intra-team scrimmages for higher risk sports
- Limit of 50 spectators for events
- Sporting venues may host multiple groups of participants engaged in active exercise or gameplay provided the venue has space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

ZOOS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Indoor exhibits are limited to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of the building capacity
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Zoos should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

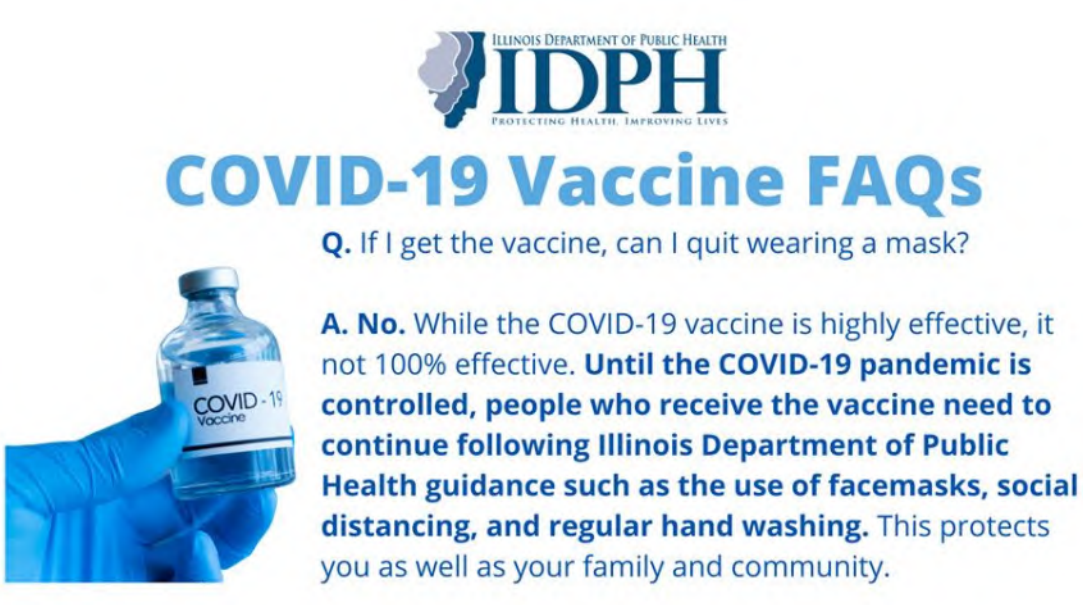


If you have questions or need additional support: Please call our hotline at 1-800-252-2923or e-mail us at ceo.support@illinois.gov or return to Illinois.gov/businessguidelines

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS about COVID-19 Vaccines

Even if you are vaccinated, please continue to wear a mask. This protects you as well as your family and community. Find a vaccination site near you: https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location



Source: Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

FDA Issues Emergency Use Authorization for Third COVID-19 Vaccine

On February 28, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the third vaccine for the prevention of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The EUA allows the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine to be distributed in the U.S for use in individuals 18 years of age and older.

“The authorization of this vaccine expands the availability of vaccines, the best medical prevention method for COVID-19, to help us in the fight against this pandemic, which has claimed over half a million lives in the United States,” said Acting FDA Commissioner Janet Woodcock, M.D. “The FDA, through our open and transparent scientific review process, has now authorized three COVID-19 vaccines with the urgency called for during this pandemic, using the agency’s rigorous standards for safety, effectiveness and manufacturing quality needed to support emergency use authorization.”

The FDA has determined that the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine has met the statutory criteria for issuance of an EUA. The totality of the available data provides clear evidence that the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine may be effective in preventing COVID-19. The data also show that the vaccine's known and potential benefits outweigh its known and potential risks, supporting the company's request for the vaccine's use in people 18 years of age and older. In making this determination, the FDA can assure the public and medical community that it has conducted a thorough evaluation of the available safety, effectiveness and manufacturing quality information.

The Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine is manufactured using a specific type of virus called adenovirus type 26 (Ad26). The vaccine uses Ad26 to deliver a piece of the DNA, or genetic material, that is used to make the distinctive "spike" protein of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. While adenoviruses are a group of viruses that are relatively common, Ad26, which can cause cold symptoms and pink eye, has been modified for the vaccine so that it cannot replicate in the human body to cause illness. After a person receives this vaccine, the body can temporarily make the spike protein, which does not cause disease, but triggers the immune system to learn to react defensively, producing an immune response against SARS-CoV-2.

"After a thorough analysis of the data, the FDA's scientists and physicians have determined that the vaccine meets the FDA's expectations for safety and effectiveness appropriate for the authorization of a vaccine for emergency use," said Peter Marks, M.D., Ph.D., director of the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research. "With today's authorization, we are adding another vaccine in our medical toolbox to fight this virus. At the same time, the American people can be assured of the FDA's unwavering commitment to public health through our comprehensive and rigorous evaluation of the data submitted for vaccines to prevent COVID-19."

FDA Evaluation of Available Safety Data

The Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine is administered as a single dose. The available safety data to support the EUA include an analysis of 43,783 participants enrolled in an ongoing randomized, placebo-controlled study being conducted in South Africa, certain countries in South America, Mexico, and the U.S. The participants, 21,895 of whom received the vaccine and 21,888 of whom received saline placebo, were followed for a median of eight weeks after vaccination. The most commonly reported side effects were pain at the injection site, headache, fatigue, muscle aches and nausea. Most of these side effects were mild to moderate in severity and lasted 1-2 days.

As part of the authorization, the FDA notes that it is mandatory for Janssen Biotech Inc. and vaccination providers to report the following to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) for Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine: serious adverse events, cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome and cases of COVID-19 that result in hospitalization or death.

It is also mandatory for vaccination providers to report all vaccine administration errors to VAERS for which they become aware and for Janssen Biotech Inc. to include a summary and analysis of all identified vaccine administration errors in monthly safety reports submitted to the FDA.

FDA Evaluation of Available Effectiveness Data

The effectiveness data to support the EUA include an analysis of 39,321 participants in the ongoing randomized, placebo-controlled study being conducted in South Africa, certain countries in South America, Mexico, and the U.S. who did not have evidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection prior to receiving the vaccine. Among these participants, 19,630 received the vaccine and 19,691 received saline placebo. Overall, the vaccine was approximately 67% effective in preventing moderate to severe/critical COVID-19 occurring at least 14 days after vaccination and 66% effective in preventing moderate to severe/critical COVID-19 occurring at least 28 days after vaccination.

Additionally, the vaccine was approximately 77% effective in preventing severe/critical COVID-19 occurring at least 14 days after vaccination and 85% effective in preventing severe/critical COVID-19 occurring at least 28 days after vaccination.

There were 116 cases of COVID-19 in the vaccine group that occurred at least 14 days after vaccination, and 348 cases of COVID-19 in the placebo group during this time period. There were 66 cases of COVID-19 in the vaccine group that occurred at least 28 days after vaccination and 193 cases of COVID-19 in the placebo group during this time period. Starting 14 days after vaccination, there were 14 severe/critical cases in the vaccinated group versus 60 in the placebo group, and starting 28 days after vaccination, there were 5 severe/critical in the vaccine group versus 34 cases in the placebo group.

At this time, data are not available to determine how long the vaccine will provide protection, nor is there evidence that the vaccine prevents transmission of SARS-CoV-2 from person to person.

The EUA Process

On the basis of the determination by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services on Feb. 4, 2020, that there is a public health emergency that has a significant potential to affect national security or the health and security of United States citizens living abroad, and issued declarations that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of unapproved products, the FDA may issue an EUA to allow unapproved medical products or unapproved uses of approved medical products to be used in an emergency to diagnose, treat, or prevent COVID-19 when there are no adequate, approved, and available alternatives.

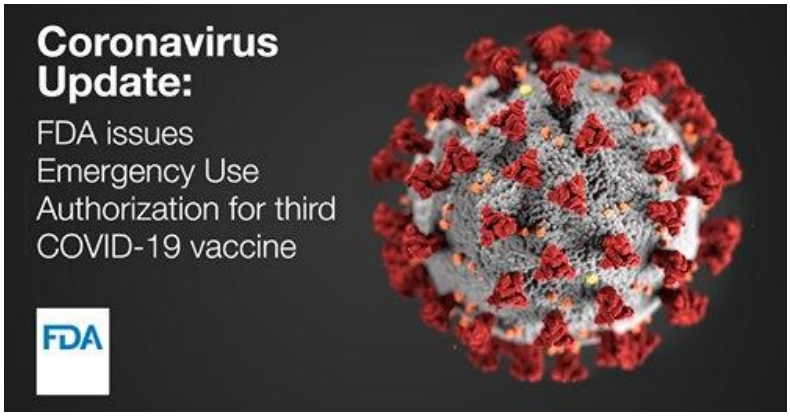
The issuance of an EUA is different than an FDA approval (licensure) of a vaccine, in that a vaccine available under an EUA is not approved. In determining whether to issue an EUA for a product, the FDA evaluates the available evidence to determine whether the product may be effective and also assesses any known or potential risks and any known or potential benefits If the product meets the effectiveness standard and the benefit-risk assessment is favorable, the product is made available during the emergency. Once a manufacturer submits an EUA request for a COVID-19 vaccine to the FDA, the agency then evaluates the request and determines whether the relevant statutory criteria are met, taking into account the totality of the scientific evidence about the vaccine that is available to the FDA.

The EUA also requires that fact sheets that provide important information, including dosing instructions, and information about the benefits and risks of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine, be made available to vaccination providers and vaccine recipients.

Janssen Biotech Inc. has submitted a pharmacovigilance plan to the FDA describing its commitment to monitor the safety of Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. The pharmacovigilance plan includes a plan to complete longer-term safety follow-up for participants enrolled in ongoing clinical trials. The pharmacovigilance plan also includes other activities aimed at monitoring the safety profile of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine and ensuring that any safety concerns are identified and evaluated in a timely manner.

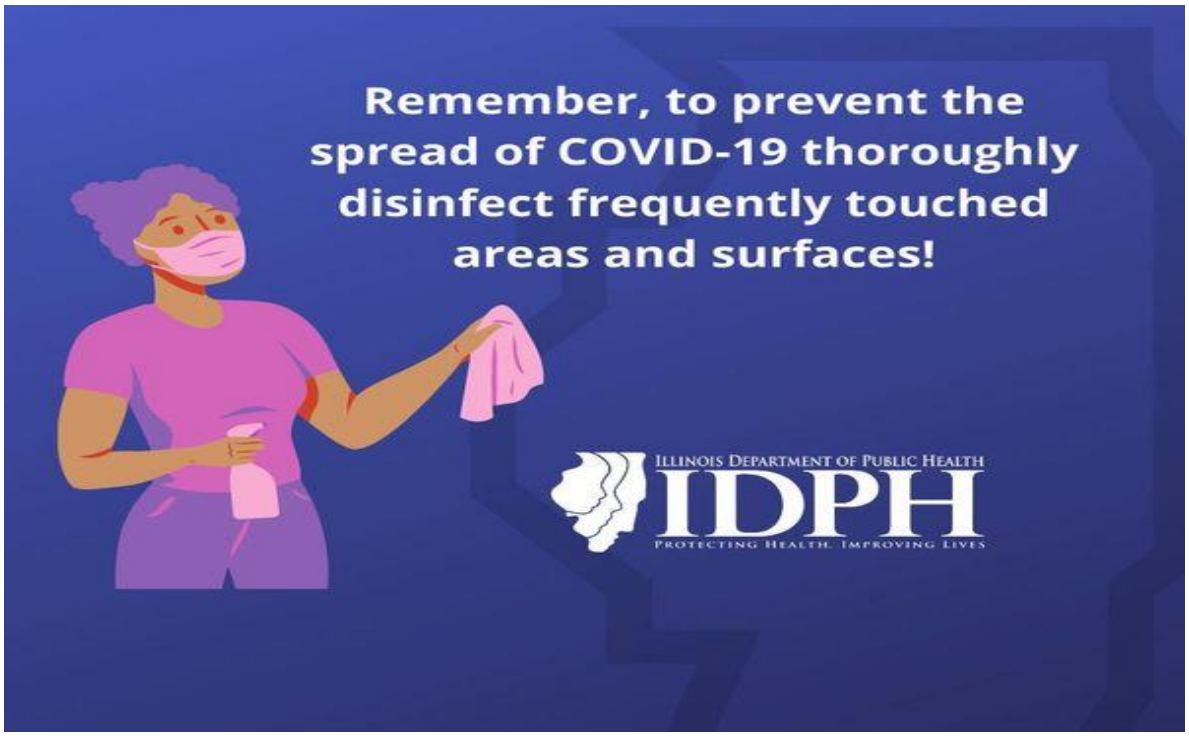
The FDA also expects manufacturers whose COVID-19 vaccines are authorized under an EUA to continue their clinical trials to obtain additional safety and effectiveness information and pursue approval (licensure).

The EUA for the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine was issued to Janssen Biotech Inc., a Janssen Pharmaceutical Company of Johnson & Johnson. The authorization will be effective until the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of the emergency use of drugs and biologics for prevention and treatment of COVID-19 is terminated. The EUA for Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine may be revised or revoked if it is determined the EUA no longer meets the statutory criteria for issuance.



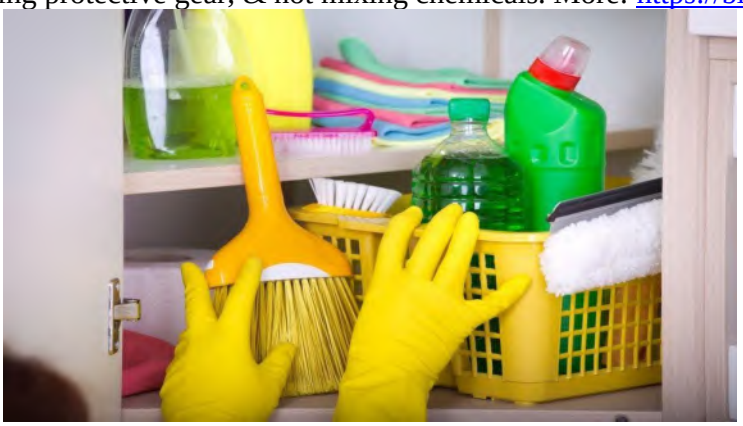
Source: U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Keeping high touch surfaces clean will keep everyone safe from COVID-19.



Safe Use and Storage of Cleaners, Disinfectants, and Hand Sanitizers: Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices among U.S. Adults during the COVID-19 Pandemic, May 2020

CDC study found over half of adults used chemicals or disinfectants unsafely while cleaning & disinfecting their home. Stay safe while using household cleaning products by reading product instructions, wearing protective gear, & not mixing chemicals. More: https://bit.ly/3bzegKR.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

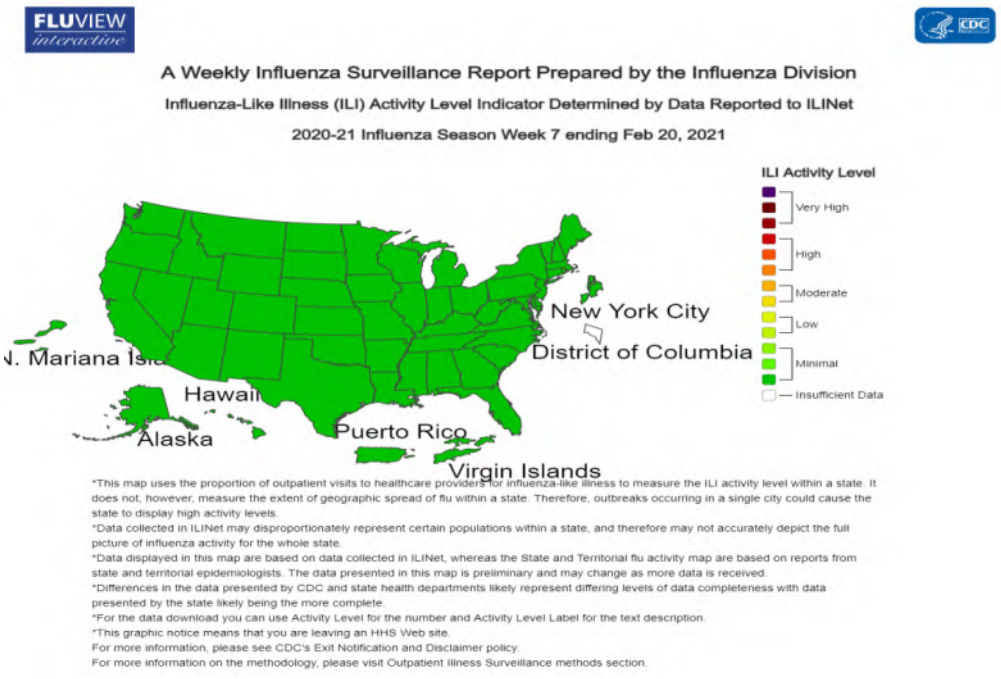
While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant
- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2020.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed by visit the following link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#:~:text=2020%20%2D%202021%20Flu%20Activity%20Report,care%20sites%20throughout%20the%20state.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm



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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

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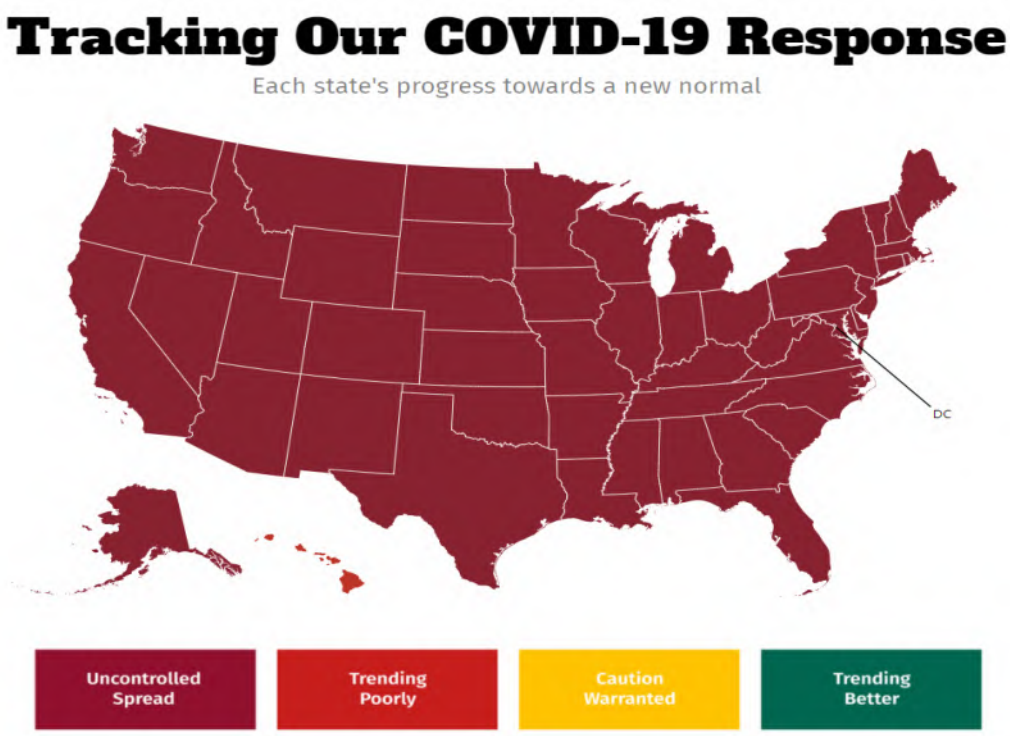
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COVID-19 testing will no longer be available on Saturdays due to a decrease in demand for testing. Testing will still be performed Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

In addition, beginning on March 7, 2021, the LaSalle County Health Department will no longer be reporting numbers on Sundays. The new cases from Sundays will be reported with the new cases on Mondays.

COVID-19 Situational Update



Map from https://www.covidexitstrategy.org/ which provides state by state data including 14-DAY TREND OF COVID+, LAST 14 DAYS OF COVID+ (ROLLING), INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS, % OF TEST TARGET (US: 500K/DAY), ICU AVAILABILITY, NEW CASES PER MILLION PER DAY, and COVID+ RATE

prevent COVID-19?

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COVID Numbers at a Glance

This week 03/12/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
11087	9088	283	1716	31348	2.7%

Last week 03/05/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
10965	8867	282	1816	26373	2.7 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 8461 individuals with 3509 of those individuals being fully vaccinated with 2 doses since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

Below is the overall County data:

31,348
Administered Vaccine Doses

12,105
Population Fully Vaccinated

11.06%
% of Population Fully Vaccinated

03/05/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	115,760,047	2,571,789
US	28,828,292	520,387
Illinois	1,194,702	20,700
LaSalle County	10,965	282

03/12/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	118,695,074	2,632,147
US	29,286,720	530,829
Illinois	1,206,172	20,901
LaSalle County	11087	283

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	185	206	3.53	0.00
10-19	447	555	9.04	0.00
20s	893	977	16.87	0.00
30s	858	840	15.32	0.00
40s	803	831	14.74	1.06
50s	828	905	15.63	2.47
60s	655	636	11.64	7.42
70s	350	382	6.60	21.55
80s	200	288	4.40	35.69
90s	84	149	2.10	28.27
100s	1	14	0.14	3.53
UNK				
Total	5304	5783		
%	47.84	52.16		
TOTAL CASES		11087		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	**218**
April	50	
May	98	
June	67	
July	261	
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**2645**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	**21**
March	1	**5**
April	0	
May	12	
June	4	
July	1	
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**52**

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. The total has been adjusted

Deaths by Age	**283**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	3
50's	7
60's	21
70's	61
80's	101
90's	80
100s	10
Males	146
Females	137

Cases by City/Village

03.05.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	25	0.23%
Dana	20	0.18%
Earlville	197	1.80%
Grand Ridge	89	0.81%
LaSalle	1054	9.61%
Leland	149	1.36%
Leonore	5	0.05%
Lostant	64	0.58%
Marseilles	730	6.66%
Mendota	1180	10.76%
Millington	33	0.30%
Oglesby	454	4.14%
Ottawa	2138	19.50%
Peru	1169	10.66%
Ransom	38	0.35%
Rutland	16	0.15%
Sandwich	388	3.54%
Serena	52	0.47%
Seneca	273	2.49%
Sheridan	723	6.59%
Somonauk	198	1.81%
Streator	1651	15.06%
Tonica	94	0.86%
Troy Grove	23	0.21%
Utica	174	1.59%
Wedron	5	0.05%
Wenona	16	0.15%
Other**	7	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**10965**	

03.12.21

Town	Current Total	Increase since last week	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	25	0	0.23%
Dana	24	4	0.22%
Earlville	198	1	1.79%
Grand Ridge	91	2	0.82%
LaSalle	1060	6	9.56%
Leland	150	1	1.35%
Leonore	5	0	0.05%
Lostant	65	1	0.59%
Marseilles	742	12	6.69%
Mendota	1185	5	10.69%
Millington	38	5	0.34%
Oglesby	457	3	4.12%
Ottawa	2177	39	19.64%
Peru	1180	11	10.64%
Ransom	38	0	0.34%
Rutland	16	0	0.14%
Sandwich	390	2	3.52%
Serena	52	0	0.47%
Seneca	278	5	2.51%
Sheridan	729	6	6.58%
Somonauk	200	2	1.80%
Streator	1664	13	15.01%
Tonica	95	1	0.86%
Troy Grove	23	0	0.21%
Utica	175	1	1.58%
Wedron	5	0	0.05%
Wenona (LC Cases)	18	2	0.16%
Other**	7	0	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**11087**	**122**	

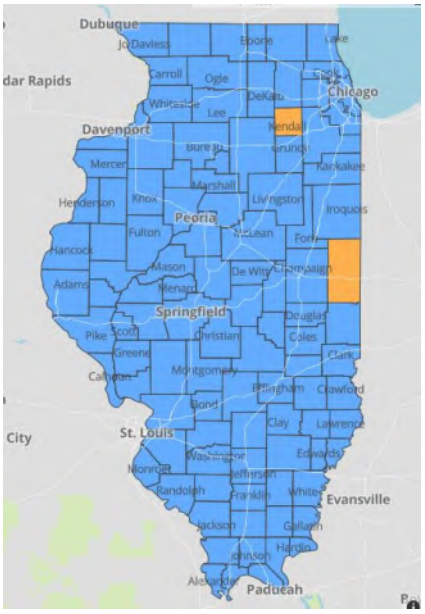
*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

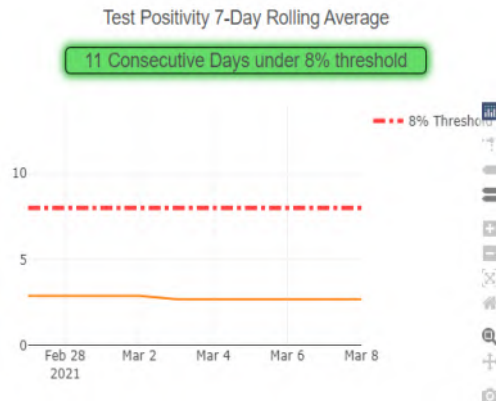
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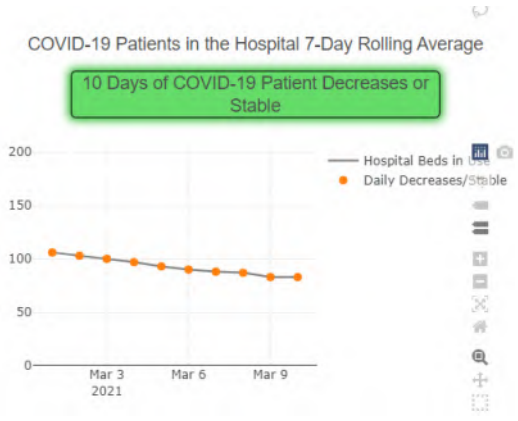


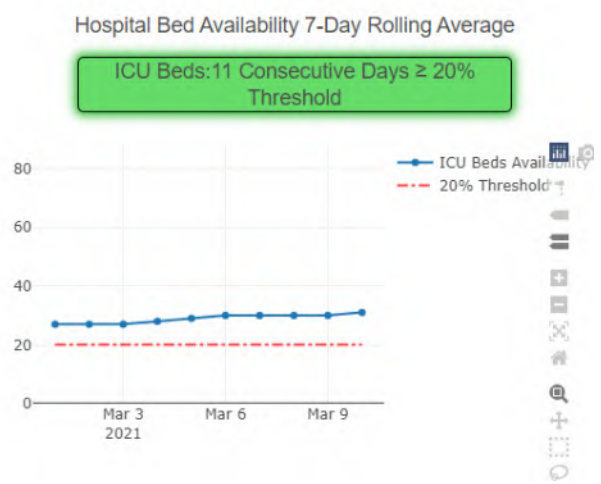
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Region 2 Summary - 03/11/2021







County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 02/28-03/06/2021

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **115 per 100K** *Decrease from last week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **3** * Decrease from last week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **2.7 %** *No change from last week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **5886** *more tests than last week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1.3 %** *Decrease in visits from last week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **<5** * Decrease in admissions from last week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **12.2 %** *Decrease in reported clusters	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **30 %** *Increase in availability from last week	

Local Testing Information

LaSalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

*** COVID -19 Testing**
The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Testing will be performed Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

ST. MARGARET'S HEALTH – PERU

Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their primary care provider for an order or may call the St. Margaret's Health Peru Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Outpatient testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only. Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.

Morris Hospital

Morris Hospital offers nasal swab testing by appointment for symptomatic individuals with a physician's order. Testing is available for individuals of all ages from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Appointments are required – no exceptions. Testing is NOT available at this time for asymptomatic individuals due to a nationwide shortage of the testing reagent. Testing is performed through the drive-up testing site on the Morris Hospital campus at the corner of Lisbon & High Streets on the far southwest corner of the hospital campus. When you arrive on the hospital campus, please follow the Drive-Thru Testing directional signs on Lisbon Street or High Street. Patients are required to have photo ID, insurance card and sign a release at the time of their test.

After a physician places an order for your test, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital will call you to schedule. Please allow up to 72 hours for test results to get sent to the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
    - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
    - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
    - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

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- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to our OSF Saint Paul Medical Center lab.
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

St. Margaret's Hospital – Spring Valley

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing

A list of public and private testing sites can be found on the IDPH website at http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.

Location	Address	Times
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W Euclid Ave Arlington Heights	8:00am – 4:00pm while daily supplies last
Auburn Gresham	7938 South Halsted Street Chicago Closed 1/26/21	8:00am – 4:00pm while daily supplies last
Aurora	2450 Farnsworth Ave Aurora	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last

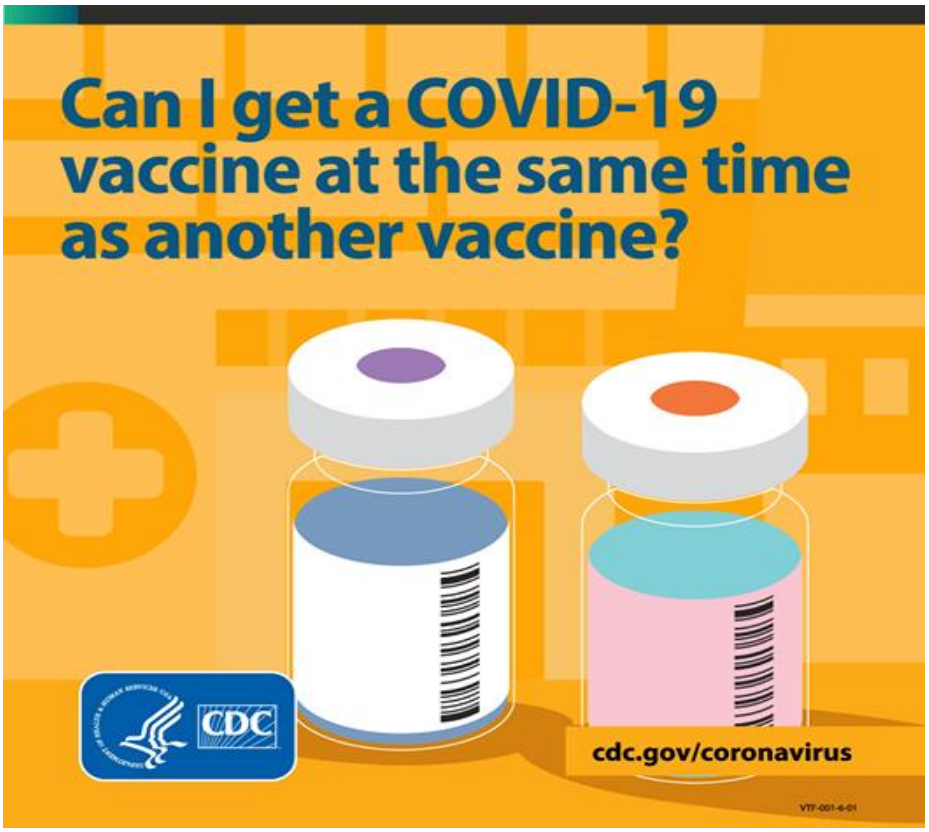
***Bloomington**	1106 Interstate Drive Bloomington	9:00am-5:00pm while daily supplies last
Champaign	Market Place Shopping Ctr 2000 N. Neil Street Champaign	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
***East St. Louis**	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square, Fairview Heights	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd. Chicago	7:00am-3:00pm while daily supplies last
***Peoria**	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot Peoria	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Road Rockford	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State St South Holland	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last
Waukegan	102 W. Water Street Waukegan	8:00am-4:00pm while daily supplies last

* Walk-up testing is available at Bloomington, East St. Louis, and Peoria.



Can I get a COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as another vaccine?

If you get a COVID-19 vaccine, wait at least 14 days before getting any other vaccine, including those for flu or shingles. If you get another vaccine first, wait at least 14 days before getting your COVID-19 vaccine.
If you got a COVID-19 vaccine within 14 days of another vaccine, complete the COVID-19 vaccine series on schedule. Learn more about getting vaccinated: https://bit.ly/3cDu5Co.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

LaSalle County Partners with Community Health Partnership

On Monday, March 15, 2021, Community Health Partnership (CHP) will be holding a 1st Dose COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic for Migrant/Seasonal Workers and Individuals 65 years and older at 1201 Main Street, Mendota**.** The clinic is being held in coordination with the LaSalle County Health Department. The LaSalle County Health Department provided CHP with contact information for the next 300 individuals from our COVID-19 Phase 1B Vaccine Notification Sign-Up list to schedule and attend this clinic. The contact information for individuals 65 years and older were provided to CHP in the order in which the individual signed up.

The LaSalle County Health Department is grateful for the partnership with CHP and their ability to provide this additional vaccination opportunity.



LaSalle County Phase 1B Clinic Updates

The Health Department will transition their weekly clinics back to First Dose Clinics on March 16th. At that time, we will continue reaching out to individuals who signed up on January 14th, 15th and 16th. If you signed up after January 16th, please be patient. We are working through the Phase 1B list as quickly as possible based on the weekly vaccine allotment we are receiving. However, this process is going to take time and we appreciate your continued patience.

Current Vaccination Phase

****People in Phase 1B who choose to sign-up for our notification form are put on a list in the order in which they signed up. Phase 1B individuals who signed up were asked to clarify the sub-group which qualified them for this phase. LaSalle County is currently prioritizing the sub-group 65 years and older. This is due to the fact that this age group has experienced more severe illness and death. Therefore, this group has been selected and emails are currently going to individual 65 years and older in the order in which they signed up. No other sub-group is receiving emails at this time. As we move further along with getting the majority of this sub-group vaccinated, we will begin to email appointment availability to other individuals who signed up on the notification list.****

Phase 1b: Individuals over 65 years of age and Frontline Essential Workers
Individuals 16-64 years of age with Underlying Medical Conditions

Eligible persons for this phase include:

- Individuals over 65 years of age
- Front Line Workers (fire, law enforcement, 911 workers, security personnel, school officers)
- Education and Agriculture (Processing, Plants, Veterinary Health, Livestock Services, Animal Care)
- Manufacturing (Industrial Production of Goods for Distribution to Retail, Wholesale, and Other Manufacturing)
- Corrections Workers and Inmates (Prison/Jail Officers, Juvenile Facility Staff, workers Providing In-Person Support, Inmates
- United States Postal Services Workers
- Public Transit Workers (Flight Crew, Bus Drivers, Train Conductors, Taxi Drivers, Ride Sharing Services)
- Grocery Store Workers (Baggers, Cashiers, Stockers, Pick-Up, Customer Service)
- Shelters/Adult Day Care (Homeless Shelter, Women's Shelter, Adult Day/Drop-in Program, Sheltered Workshop, Psycho-Social Rehab)
- **Persons age 16 to 64 with underlying medical conditions, including:**
  - 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

In Preparation and planning, LaSalle County Health Department is collecting the number of persons in Phase 1b (as defined by ACIP and IDPH) who are most eligible and who intend to receive the vaccine through LaSalle County.

Please click the link below and answer the questions, and LCHD will include you as a potential recipient of vaccine in LaSalle County.

COVID-19 Phase 1b Vaccine Notification Sign-Up

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. First dose shots could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)

Please visit their websites for appointment availability.

Getting vaccinated is our best shot at ending this pandemic. So #VaxUpIL when it's your turn! https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location



RESTORE ILLINOIS

All Regions across Illinois are in Phase 4. Let's stay there by continuing to wear our mask, wash our hands, keep a safe distance and #VaxUpIL if you are eligible!

PHASE 4: REVITALIZATION

PHASE 4 GUIDELINES OVERVIEW

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ALL INDUSTRIES

- All employees who can work from home should continue to do so
- Continue to wear face covering that covers nose and mouth, maintain social distance of 6 ft., and frequently wash hands
- Continue employee health screenings upon entry into the workplace and mid-shift screenings for employees with shifts >5 hours (virtual screening permitted)
- Follow guidelines on capacity limits and group sizes (to be continually reassessed throughout Phase 4)

FILM PRODUCTION

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% of sound stage/location occupancy
- Crowd scenes should be limited to 50 people or fewer
- All individuals should maintain 6 ft. of social distancing unless job duty cannot be performed without proximity (e.g. actors performing, hair, make-up, costumes)
- One-time nasal swab for RT-PCR testing of all cast and crew should be obtained within 48 to 72 hours prior to the start of work on set or location
- Craft services and catering should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines
- Live audiences permitted in line with Theatre/Performing Arts guidelines

HEALTH AND FITNESS

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Group fitness classes of up to 50 people with at least 6 ft. social distancing between individuals permitted; multiple groups permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Workout stations and equipment should be 6 ft. apart without barriers or 3 ft. apart with impermeable barriers in between
- For open gym spaces, have 1 employee per every 4,000 sq. ft. to monitor social distancing and sanitize equipment between use
- Sanitize equipment before and after each individual use and sanitize locker rooms and showers at least every hour
- Keep ancillary accommodations (e.g., saunas, hot tubs, steam rooms) closed, though childcare areas are permitted to reopen in line with DHFS childcare guidelines

MUSEUMS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Museums should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

INDOOR/OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Reopening select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks); indoor playgrounds and trampoline parks should remain closed
- Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers or 50% of facility capacity
- Outdoor recreation allowing group sizes of up to 50, and permitting multiple groups given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Activity stations should be spaced at least 6 ft. apart or limited in number to ensure social distancing
- Shared equipment should be disinfected before and after each use
- Clubhouses and other communal gathering places allowed to reopen
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

MANUFACTURING

- Employees must receive COVID training before returning to work
- All employers should have a wellness screening program. Employers should conduct in-person COVID-19 screening of employees upon entry and a mid-shift screening if employee shift is greater than 5 hours
- Stagger and space shifts, and designate shift entrances and exits (when possible) to minimize interactions of employees across unique shift groupings
- Workstations should be disinfected between every shift and in between employee handoffs
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted

MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- Limit to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of room capacity
- Multiple groups may meet in the same facility if they are socially distanced and in separate rooms
- Groups should be static for duration of meeting or event. If event includes multiple sessions, participants should remain in one room, and speakers/presenters should rotate between rooms or be digitally displayed (e.g. projected, livestreamed) in multiple rooms
- Dance floors should remain closed
- Food service should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines

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OFFICES

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted
- Continue health screenings, though employers may screen office employees via in-person conversation or questionnaire once at their workstation, or using virtual method

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

- Indoor dining and drinking now permitted for parties of up to 10 people
- Seated areas should be arranged so that tables allow for 6 ft. between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths which are less than 6 ft. apart
- Standing areas (in restaurants or bars) should be limited to no more than 25% of standing area capacity
- Buffets and self-service food stations (e.g. hot and cold bars, bulk items, baked goods) should adhere to additional minimum guidelines
- Self-service beverage fountains are permissible with the additional precautions

RETAIL AND SERVICE COUNTER

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Mall food courts may reopen in line with Indoor Dining and Drinking guidelines

PERSONAL CARE

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- If services require customer to remove his or her mask, employee must wear both a face mask and eye protection (e.g., face shield, protective glasses)
- No time restrictions on massage or other services

OUTDOOR SEATED SPECTATOR EVENTS

- Outdoor spectator events only; indoor spectator events not permitted at this time
- Tickets events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Maximum of 20% of seating capacity for spectators
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

THEATERS AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers for ticketed events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Indoor capacity limit of 50 people or less or 50% of space capacity (applies to each screening room); outdoor capacity limited to 20% of overall space capacity
- Patrons should wear face coverings over their nose and mouth, except while seated within a venue (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering)
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

YOUTH AND RECREATIONAL SPORTS

- Competitive gameplay and tournaments permitted for moderate and lower risk sports. Intra-team scrimmages for higher risk sports
- Limit of 50 spectators for events
- Sporting venues may host multiple groups of participants engaged in active exercise or gameplay provided the venue has space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

ZOOS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Indoor exhibits are limited to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of the building capacity
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Zoos should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

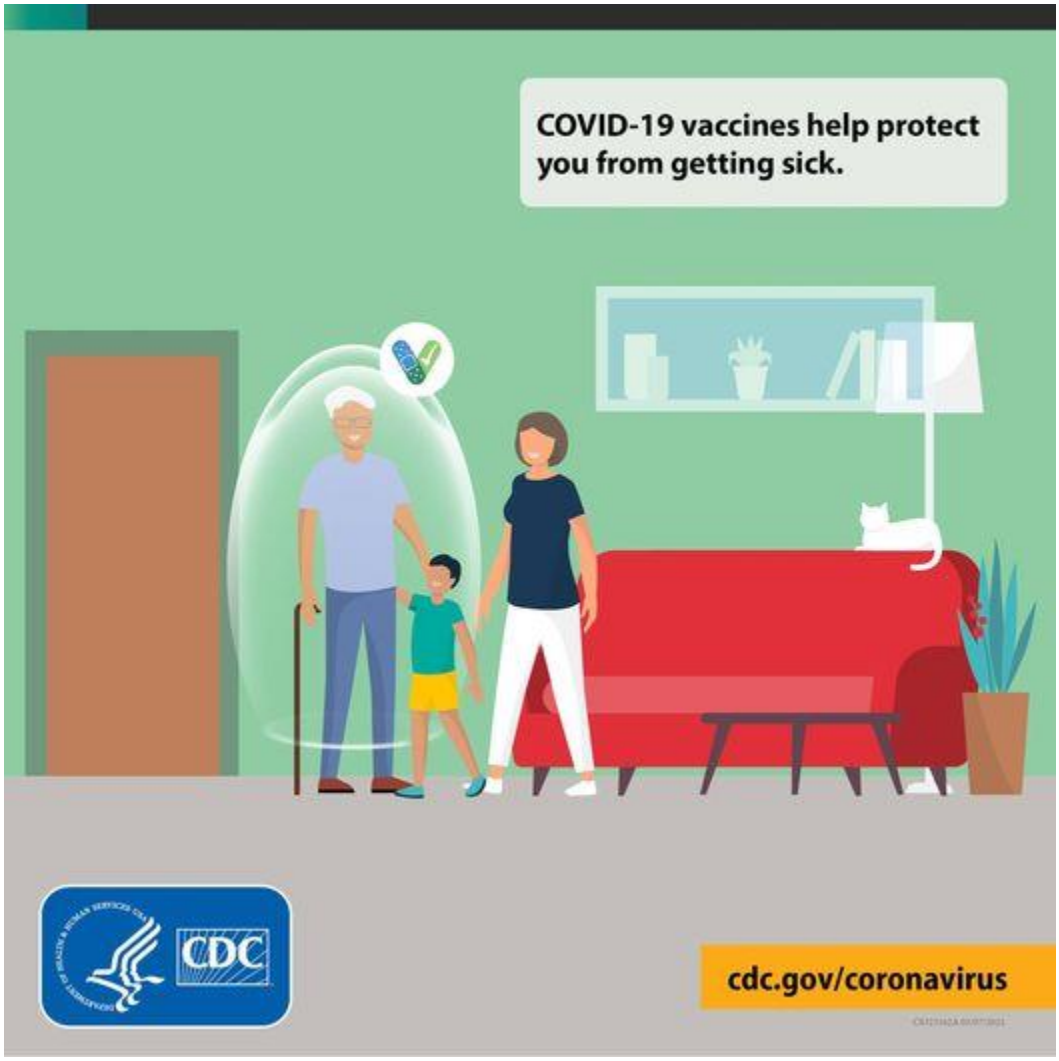


If you have questions or need additional support: Please call our hotline at 1-800-252-2923or e-mail us at ceo.support@illinois.gov or return to Illinois.gov/businessguidelines

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS about COVID-19 Vaccines

COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting you from getting sick. Based on what we know, people who have been fully vaccinated can start to do some things that they had stopped doing because of the pandemic.
The more people who get fully vaccinated, the more things we will be able to do again. To learn more, visit: https://bit.ly/3btJaFU.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Do Hand Sanitizer and Handwashing prevent COVID-19?

Handwashing is an important way to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19 and other illnesses. Clean hands can stop germs from spreading from one person to another. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Learn more: https://bit.ly/2uR9sNQ.



Association of State-Issued Mask Mandates and Allowing On-Premises Restaurant Dining with County-Level COVID-19 Case and Death Growth Rates — United States, March 1–December 31, 2020

Wearing a well-fitting mask consistently and correctly protects you and others from COVID-19. A new CDC report looked at changes in spread of COVID-19 in counties where states required masks and in counties where states allowed on-site dining in restaurants. The report found that cases and deaths slowed in counties with state-issued mask requirements and sped up in counties where states allowed restaurants to have any on-site dining. Learn more: bit.ly/MMWR3521.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

World Marks 1 year Since Pandemic Declared

On March 11, 2020, the WHO officially declared COVID-19 spread a pandemic, there were more than 118,000 cases. Today, the global total topped 118 million, with levels rising again in some countries, but retreating in others.

And across the globe, countries are rushing to vaccinate their people in attempts to get ahead of the spread of new more transmissible SARS-CoV-2 variants and others that could evade immunity from natural infection or the vaccine.

THEN
3/11/2020

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	137,445	5,088
US	987	29
Illinois	25	0
LaSalle County	0	0

NOW
3/12/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	118,695,074	2,632,147
US	29,286,720	530,829
Illinois	1,206,172	20,901
LaSalle County	11,087	283

2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

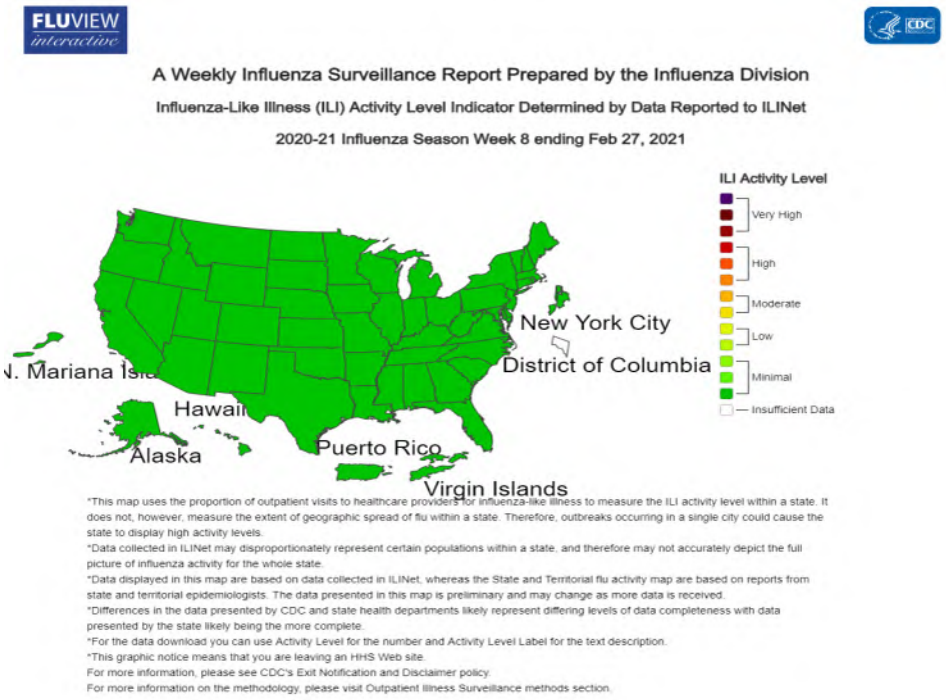
- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant
- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2020.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity

level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed by visit the following link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#:~:text=2020%20%2D%202021%20Flu%20Activity%20Report,care%20sites%20throughout%20the%20state.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm



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www.lasallecounty.org

Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

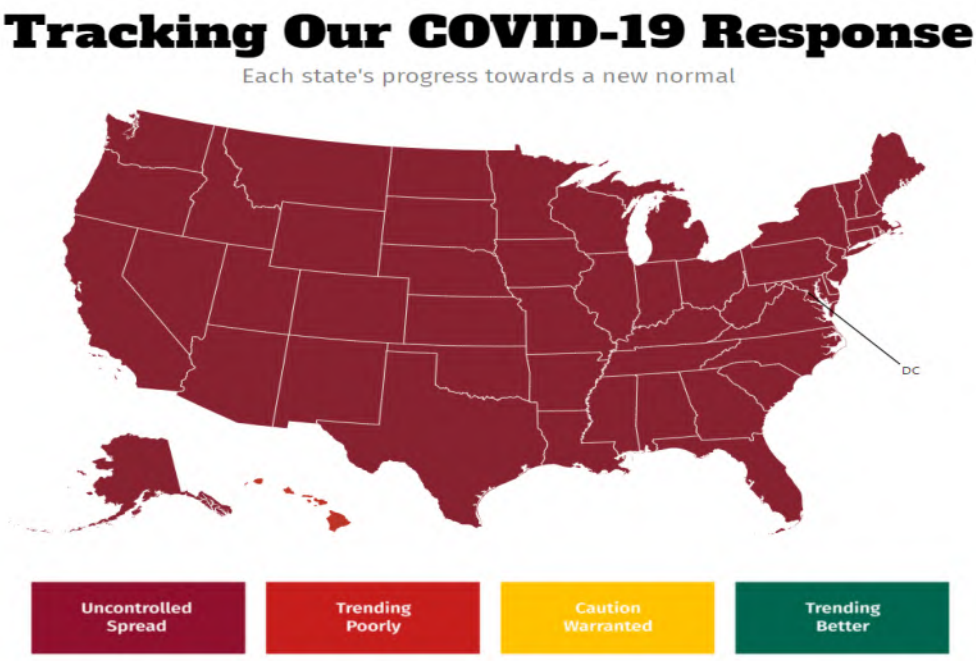
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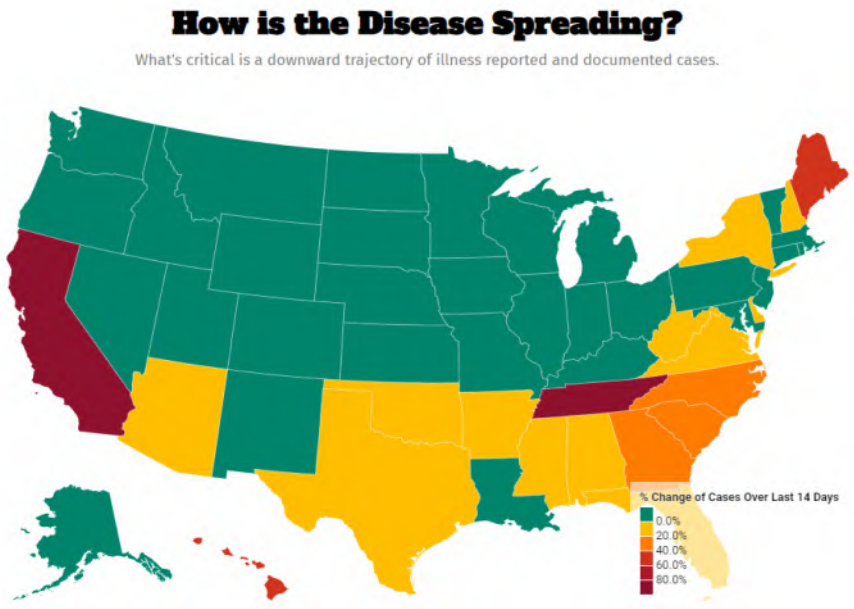
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COVID-19 Situational Update

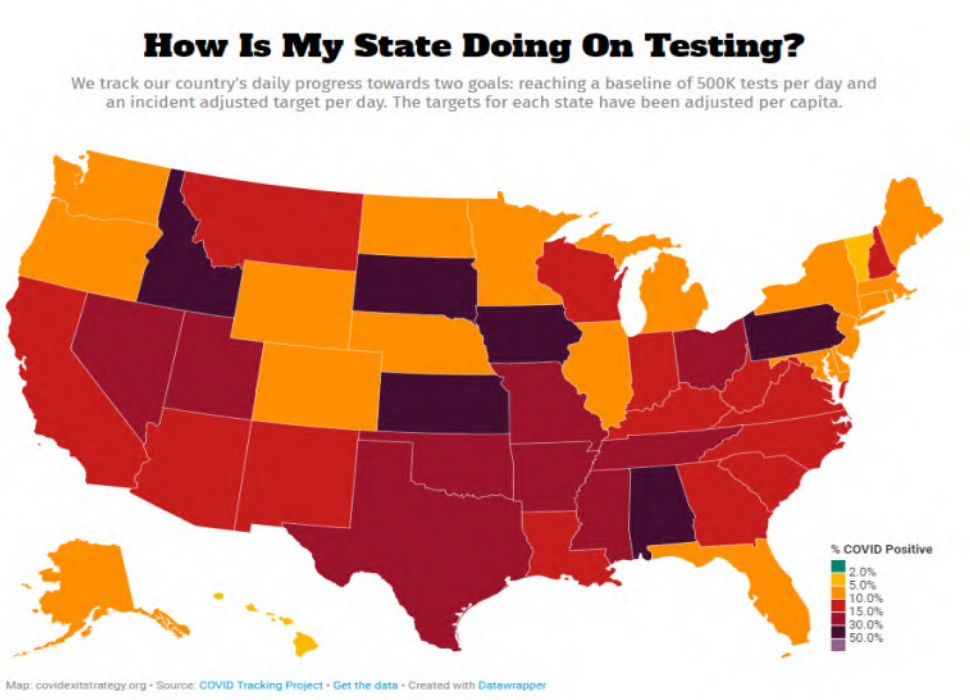


Change in Cases over last 14 days



Patients in LaSalle County
- Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

- With Vaccine Allocations Increasing, Illinois Launches Call Center to Bridge Digital Divide and Assist with Vaccine Appointments
- Illinois Department of Public Health Includes Vaccine Allocation Information on Website
- Vaccine Provider Opportunities for the Manufacturing Industry
- BAM Infusions and the COVID-19 Vaccine
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Maps from https://www.covidexitstrategy.org/ which provides state by state data including
14-DAY TREND OF COVID+, LAST 14 DAYS OF COVID+ (ROLLING), INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS, % OF TEST TARGET (US: 500K/DAY), ICU AVAILABILITY, NEW CASES PER MILLION PER DAY, and COVID+ RATE

COVID Numbers at a Glance

This week 03/19/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
11,202	9347	283	1572	35,333	2.0 %

Last week 03/12/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
11,087	9088	283	1716	31,348	2.7%

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 9499 individuals with 3205 of those individuals being fully vaccinated with 2 doses since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

Below is the overall County and State data:

LaSalle County

35,333
Administered Vaccine Doses

13,011
Population Fully Vaccinated

11.89%
% of Population Fully Vaccinated

Illinois

4,510,696
Administered Vaccine Doses

1,690,834
Population Fully Vaccinated

13.27%
% of Population Fully Vaccinated

COVID-19 Cases

03/12/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	118,695,074	2,632,147
US	29,286,720	530,829
Illinois	1,206,172	20,901
LaSalle County	11087	283

03/19/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	121,958,229	2,694,915
US	29,677,422	539,868
Illinois	1,218,470	21,034
LaSalle County	11202	283

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	190	211	3.58	0.00
10-19	455	567	9.12	0.00
20s	901	987	16.85	0.00
30s	869	849	15.34	0.00
40s	811	840	14.74	1.06
50s	833	914	15.60	2.47
60s	662	638	11.61	7.42
70s	351	386	6.58	21.55
80s	202	288	4.37	35.69
90s	84	149	2.08	28.27
100s	1	14	0.13	3.53
UNK				
Total	5359	5843		
%	47.84	52.16		
TOTAL CASES		11202		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	**333**
April	50	
May	98	
June	67	
July	261	
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**2760**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	**5**
April	0	
May	12	
June	4	
July	1	
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**52**

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. The total has been adjusted

Deaths by Age	**283**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	3
50's	7
60's	21
70's	61
80's	101
90's	80
100s	10
Males	146
Females	137

Cases by City/Village

03.12.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	25	0.23%
Dana	24	0.22%
Earlville	198	1.79%
Grand Ridge	91	0.82%
LaSalle	1060	9.56%
Leland	150	1.35%
Leonore	5	0.05%
Lostant	65	0.59%
Marseilles	742	6.69%
Mendota	1185	10.69%
Millington	38	0.34%
Oglesby	457	4.12%
Ottawa	2177	19.64%
Peru	1180	10.64%
Ransom	38	0.34%
Rutland	16	0.14%
Sandwich	390	3.52%
Serena	52	0.47%
Seneca	278	2.51%
Sheridan	729	6.58%
Somonauk	200	1.80%
Streator	1664	15.01%
Tonica	95	0.86%
Troy Grove	23	0.21%
Utica	175	1.58%
Wedron	5	0.05%
Wenona	18	0.16%
Other**	7	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**11087**	

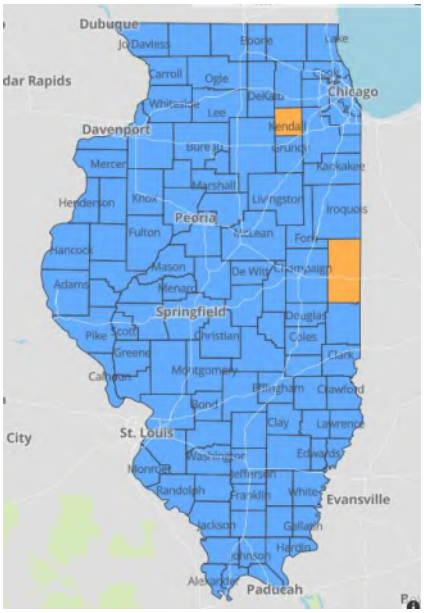
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Town	Current Total	Increase since last week	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	30	5	0.27%
Dana	25	1	0.22%
Earlville	202	4	1.80%
Grand Ridge	92	1	0.82%
LaSalle	1063	3	9.49%
Leland	154	4	1.37%
Leonore	5	0	0.04%
Lostant	66	1	0.59%
Marseilles	747	5	6.67%
Mendota	1193	8	10.65%
Millington	38	0	0.34%
Oglesby	460	3	4.11%
Ottawa	2208	31	19.71%
Peru	1189	9	10.61%
Ransom	38	0	0.34%
Rutland	20	4	0.18%
Sandwich	395	5	3.53%
Serena	52	0	0.46%
Seneca	281	3	2.51%
Sheridan	734	5	6.55%
Somonauk	200	0	1.79%
Streator	1686	22	15.05%
Tonica	95	0	0.85%
Troy Grove	23	0	0.21%
Utica	176	1	1.57%
Wedron	5	0	0.04%
Wenona (LC Cases)	18	0	0.16%
Other**	7	0	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**11202**	**115**	

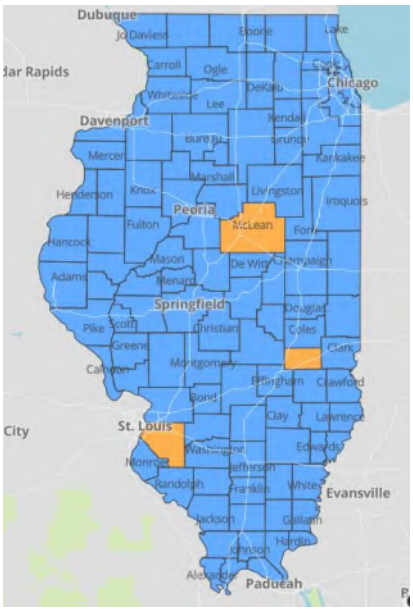
*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

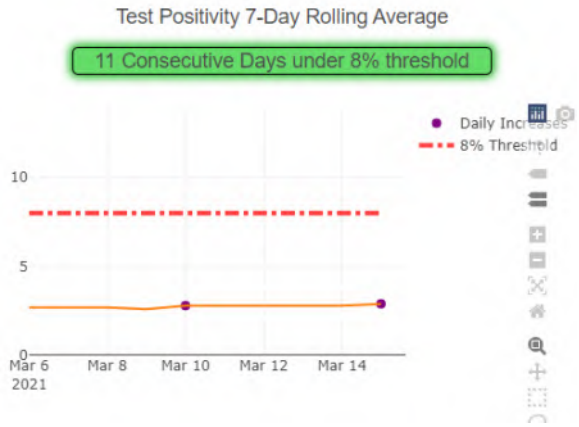
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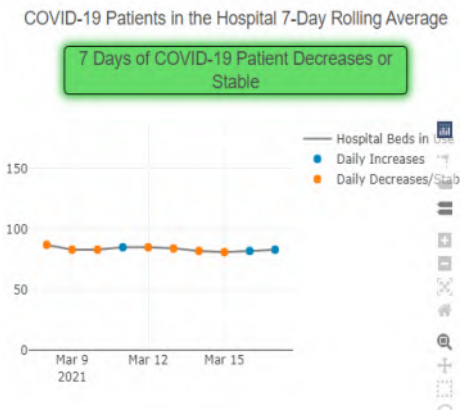


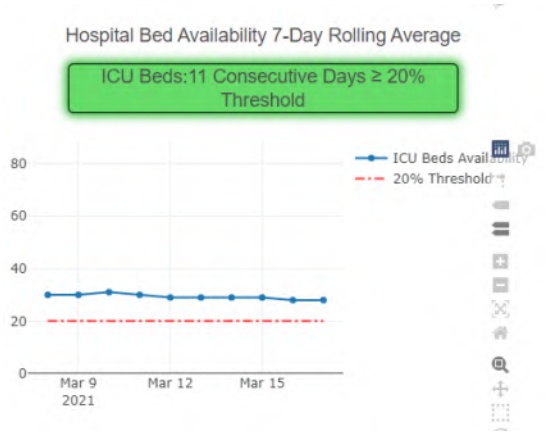
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Region 2 Summary - 03/18/2021







County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 03/07-03/13/2021

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **87 per 100K** *Decrease from last week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1** * Decrease from last week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **2.0 %** *Decrease from last week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **5602** *less tests than last week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2.9 %** *Increase in visits from last week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **7** * Increase in admissions from last week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **1.3 %** *Decrease in reported clusters	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **29 %** *Decrease in availability from last week	

Local Testing Information

LaSalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

*** COVID -19 Testing**
The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Testing will be performed Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

ST. MARGARET'S HEALTH – PERU

Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their primary care provider for an order or may call the St. Margaret's Health Peru Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Outpatient testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only. Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.

Morris Hospital

Morris Hospital offers nasal swab testing by appointment for symptomatic individuals with a physician's order. Testing is available for individuals of all ages from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Appointments are required – no exceptions. Testing is NOT available at this time for asymptomatic individuals due to a nationwide shortage of the testing reagent. Testing is performed through the drive-up testing site on the Morris Hospital campus at the corner of Lisbon & High Streets on the far southwest corner of the hospital campus. When you arrive on the hospital campus, please follow the Drive-Thru Testing directional signs on Lisbon Street or High Street. Patients are required to have photo ID, insurance card and sign a release at the time of their test.

After a physician places an order for your test, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital will call you to schedule. Please allow up to 72 hours for test results to get sent to the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
    - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
    - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
    - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center

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- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to our OSF Saint Paul Medical Center lab.
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

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St. Margaret's Hospital – Spring Valley

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing - UPDATED

Illinois Department of Public Health Focuses Mobile COVID-19 Testing in High-Risk Communities
In an effort to make one of the largest COVID-19 testing infrastructures in the country more easily accessible for residents, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is fine tuning its targeted mobile testing operations. This is in response to a decline in the number of people utilizing state supported testing sites and in preparation for the next phases of the pandemic response. IDPH is realigning its testing strategy to deploy mobile testing teams to locations with a high demand for testing, such as schools, processing plants, high risk workplaces, and other targeted locations.
"By focusing on taking testing to where people are, we hope to increase the number of people being tested for COVID-19," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Testing is important to quickly identify individuals with COVID-19 to stop further spread of the virus. Our test positivity rate is currently low, and one way to keep it low is to identify infected individuals as quickly as possible so contact tracing efforts can identify close

contacts who may have been exposed and have them quarantine so the virus does not spread further."

Due to changes in public demand, the days of operation for the State community-based testing sites are being adjusted. These changes will go into effect on Thursday, March 18, 2021. The new days of operation for the community-based testing sites are as follows:

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W. Euclid Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
East St. Louis	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.



Do you need volunteers to help at vaccination clinics? If so, where can I sign up?

Anyone interested in volunteering at a LaSalle County Health Department COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic, please log on to www.illinoishelps.net and sign up. Choose either the LaSalle County Health Department or LaSalle County Medical Reserve Corps as your organization.

LaSalle County Health Department Opens COVID-19 Vaccination Appointments to Frontline Essential Workers

The LaSalle County Health Department is moving forward and ready to expand our clinic availability to include individuals who qualify as Frontline Essential Workers. **Please note, appointments are still available for those individuals 65 years and older at our COVID-19 clinics, in addition to anyone who qualifies under Phase 1A as a healthcare worker.**

Anyone who signed up on the Health Departments COVID-19 Phase 1B Vaccine Notification sign up list in early January should check their email. The link to schedule Appointments for first-dose COVID-19 vaccines has been sent out for the Thursday, March 25th clinics which will be held at Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC). Moderna vaccine will be given.

Please remember to check your spam/junk folder if you have not received an email. Please be assured additional clinics are being scheduled. If you are unable to schedule an appointment at these clinics, you will continue to receive additional notifications about future clinics. The LaSalle County Health Department (LCHD) is holding weekly clinics as vaccine availability allows.

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

The Health Department transitioned their weekly clinics back to First Dose Clinics on March 16, 2021. The Health Department has vaccinated 9499 individuals, with 3205 individuals being fully vaccinated with 2 doses since our COVID19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

Current Vaccination Phase

****People in Phase 1B who choose to sign-up for our notification form are put on a list in the order in which they signed up. Phase 1B individuals who signed up were asked to clarify the sub-group which qualified them for this phase. LaSalle County is currently prioritizing the sub-group 65 years and older. This is due to the fact that this age group has experienced more severe illness and death. Therefore, this group has been selected and emails are currently going to individual 65 years and older in the order in which they signed up. No other sub-group is receiving emails at this time. As we move further along with getting the majority of this sub-group vaccinated, we will begin to email appointment availability to other individuals who signed up on the notification list.****

Phase 1b: Individuals over 65 years of age and Frontline Essential Workers
Individuals 16-64 years of age with Underlying Medical Conditions

Eligible persons for this phase include:

- Individuals over 65 years of age
- Front Line Workers (fire, law enforcement, 911 workers, security personnel, school officers)
- Education and Agriculture (Processing, Plants, Veterinary Health, Livestock Services, Animal Care)
- Manufacturing (Industrial Production of Goods for Distribution to Retail, Wholesale, and Other Manufacturing)
- Corrections Workers and Inmates (Prison/Jail Officers, Juvenile Facility Staff, workers Providing In-Person Support, Inmates
- United States Postal Services Workers
- Public Transit Workers (Flight Crew, Bus Drivers, Train Conductors, Taxi Drivers, Ride Sharing Services)
- Grocery Store Workers (Baggers, Cashiers, Stockers, Pick-Up, Customer Service)
- Shelters/Adult Day Care (Homeless Shelter, Women's Shelter, Adult Day/Drop-in Program, Sheltered Workshop, Psycho-Social Rehab)
- **Persons age 16 to 64 with underlying medical conditions, including:**
  - 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

In Preparation and planning, LaSalle County Health Department is collecting the number of persons in Phase 1b (as defined by ACIP and IDPH) who are most eligible and who intend to receive the vaccine through LaSalle County.

Please click the link below and answer the questions, and LCHD will include you as a potential recipient of vaccine in LaSalle County.

COVID-19 Phase 1b Vaccine Notification Sign-Up

LaSalle County Partners with Saint Margaret's Health-Peru (SMHP)

In addition, on Friday, March 19, 2021, Saint Margaret's Health-Peru (SMHP) offered a 1st Dose COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic for individuals 65 years and older at LaSalle-Peru High School. The clinic is being held in coordination with the LaSalle County Health Department. The LaSalle County Health Department is grateful for the partnership with SMHP and LaSalle-Peru High School to provide this additional vaccination opportunity.

LaSalle County Health Department, St. Margaret's Health-Peru, and LaSalle-Peru High School will continue to evaluate if additional clinics will be able to be held in the future based on vaccine availability.

Vaccination Options for Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is outreaching to patients who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Under Illinois' Phase 1b, OSF is offering vaccines to their patients who are age 65 and older and who reside in counties **where we have received the vaccine from the local health department**. Those patients who are eligible for vaccination are prioritized based on certain medical conditions they have that could put them at greater risk of serious illness if they contract COVID-19.
If you're eligible, OSF will contact you by phone or a message in OSF MyChart.

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)

Please visit their websites for appointment availability.

With Vaccine Allocations Increasing, Illinois Launches Call Center to Bridge Digital Divide and Assist with Vaccine Appointments

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) launched the Vaccine Appointment Call Center to assist people who do not have access to or who have difficulty navigating online services in making appointments to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. As Illinois begins to receive significantly more vaccine from the federal government and appointments become more widely available, this call center will be critical in bridging the digital divide and ensuring the vaccine reaches all communities.

"We want to make sure our most vulnerable populations, such as our seniors and individuals in heavily impacted communities who may not have access to online services, are able to make appointments to receive the COVID-19 vaccine," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "While vaccine is still limited, our allocations are increasing significantly and we want all Illinoisans to have access as quickly and easily as possible."

Currently, the call center is open seven days a week from 6 am to midnight. There are approximately 500 agents answering calls with the ability to expand during peak periods. The call center has English and Spanish speaking call agents with the availability for translation into other languages.

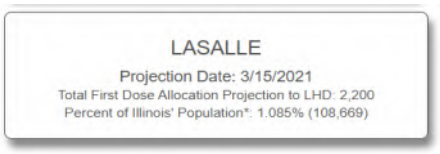
Call agents will help individuals who do have access to online services navigate the various registration sites. However, if the individual does not have access to online services or is unable to navigate the site, the agent will make an appointment on their behalf. Individuals will need to provide the agent with their name, address, email (if available), mobile phone number, date of birth, and eligibility. The agent WILL NOT ask for any financial information and the call center WILL NOT share information with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency. During heavy calling periods, callers could experience wait times before speaking with a call agent. In the coming week, the call center will offer the option for callers to leave a message and be called back when an agent is available

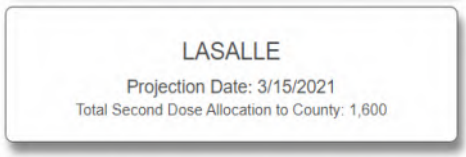
Eligible Illinoisans can now call (833) 621-1284 to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment in your area.



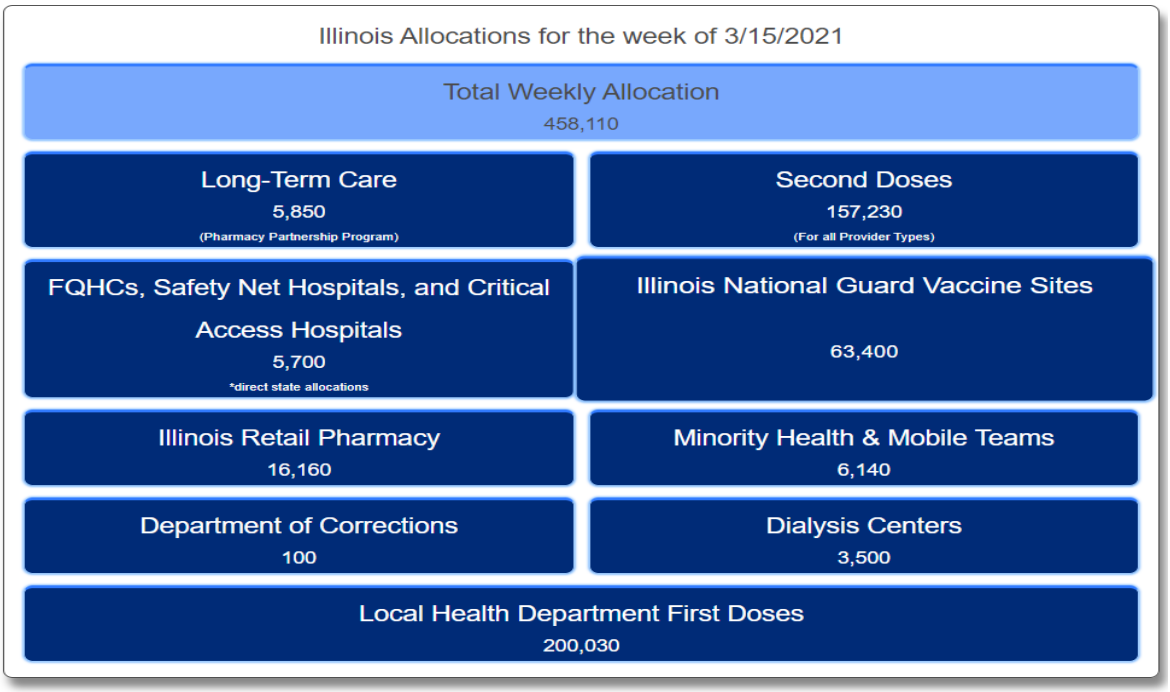
Illinois Department of Public Health Includes Vaccine Allocation Information on Website

On Wednesday, March 17, 2021, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced it would begin posting weekly vaccine allocation data on its website. The page will outline the allocation data (first and second doses) by local health departments as well as other vaccine providers for the week. The information can be found at https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccinedata?county=Illinois under "Vaccine Allocation."





This data represents the amount of COVID-19 vaccine currently allocated to the State of Illinois. These amounts are not reflective of the vaccine earmarked for Illinois through the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program, the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) direct allocations, or allocations to federal agencies (e.g., the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Department of Defense, and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs).



First doses are calculated by allocating doses to providers that receive them directly from the state, including long-term care, Federally Qualified Health Care Centers, Safety Net Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals, Illinois National Guard sites, Illinois Retail Pharmacy, Minority Health and Mobile Teams, and other state-determined providers; allocating second doses based on when first doses were administered; and then allocating the remaining doses to local health departments. The local health department first dose allocation is distributed to local health departments based on the local health department's percent of the Illinois population.

Vaccine Provider Opportunities for the Manufacturing Industry

In all counties, there are three entities that are currently approved to receive direct shipments of COVID-19 vaccines - Local Health Departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), and Pharmacies. Pharmacies have their own contract with the State of Illinois and are also beginning to receive vaccine through the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program. In addition, FQHC's also receive direct shipments of the vaccine.

The vaccine received by the LaSalle County Health Department is jurisdictional and is shared with our community partners in an effort to expediate the vaccination process. OSF HealthCare St. Elizabeth Medical Center, OSF HealthCare St Paul Medical Center, and Saint

Margaret's Health-Peru (SMHP) have been instrumental in the progress LaSalle County has made in Phase 1A and the progress we are continuing to make in Phase 1B.
As vaccine becomes more widely available, there will be opportunities for the manufacturing industry to assist in moving forward with vaccination efforts, while at the same time maintaining continuity of business.

LaSalle County is the second largest geographic county in the state, and with that our small department just does not have the logistical ability to come on-site to complete clinics for every company within the county, it is not a feasible task. However, there is a way that we can still assist in providing vaccine to your company and your company's nursing staff to administer the vaccine on-site.
This information applies to companies that have nursing staff on-site or contract with a third-party provider enrolled in ICARE to perform vaccinations.
In order to do this, the following things must be in place:

- Your company must have nursing staff on site.
- Your company must have a provider standing order.
- Your company must register for an I-CARE account (see attachment).
- Your company must complete a COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment Form (once granted access to ICARE.)
- Your company must be able to safely store the vaccine.
- Your company must be able to safety dispose of sharps and biohazardous waste.

Of course, as the Health Department begins to prioritize the manufacturing sub-group under Phase 1B (specific date TBD) your employees can register for an appointment at a health department clinic or reach out to the many pharmacies in the county providing vaccine. If your company is interested in learning more, please contact the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366.

BAM Infusions and the COVID-19 Vaccine

Bamlanivimab (BAM) is a monoclonal antibody that is used to help combat severe illness in high-risk COVID-19 patients. BAM works to fight COVID by binding to the virus and preventing it from infecting other cells. (Lloyd & Petty, 2020).

You must wait at least 90 days after getting a BAM infusion before getting a COVID-19 vaccine. This is because BAM can provide a passive immunity for the duration the antibodies are active in the body, about 90 days. Once that wanes, the vaccine is thought to stimulate an active immune response, which may then grant long-term immunity against COVID. (Eli Lilly and Company, 2021).

RESTORE ILLINOIS

All Regions across Illinois are in Phase 4. Let's stay there by continuing to wear our mask, wash our hands, keep a safe distance and #VaxUpIL if you are eligible!

PHASE 4: REVITALIZATION

PHASE 4 GUIDELINES OVERVIEW

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APPLICABLE TO EACH REGION UPON TRANSITION TO PHASE IV

ALL INDUSTRIES

- All employees who can work from home should continue to do so
- Continue to wear face covering that covers nose and mouth, maintain social distance of 6 ft., and frequently wash hands
- Continue employee health screenings upon entry into the workplace and mid-shift screenings for employees with shifts >5 hours (virtual screening permitted)
- Follow guidelines on capacity limits and group sizes (to be continually reassessed throughout Phase 4)

FILM PRODUCTION

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% of sound stage/location occupancy
- Crowd scenes should be limited to 50 people or fewer
- All individuals should maintain 6 ft. of social distancing unless job duty cannot be performed without proximity (e.g. actors performing, hair, make-up, costumes)
- One-time nasal swab for RT-PCR testing of all cast and crew should be obtained within 48 to 72 hours prior to the start of work on set or location
- Craft services and catering should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines
- Live audiences permitted in line with Theatre/Performing Arts guidelines

HEALTH AND FITNESS

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Group fitness classes of up to 50 people with at least 6 ft. social distancing between individuals permitted; multiple groups permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Workout stations and equipment should be 6 ft. apart without barriers or 3 ft. apart with impermeable barriers in between
- For open gym spaces, have 1 employee per every 4,000 sq. ft. to monitor social distancing and sanitize equipment between use
- Sanitize equipment before and after each individual use and sanitize locker rooms and showers at least every hour
- Keep ancillary accommodations (e.g., saunas, hot tubs, steam rooms) closed, though childcare areas are permitted to reopen in line with DHFS childcare guidelines

MUSEUMS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Museums should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

INDOOR/OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Reopening select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks); indoor playgrounds and trampoline parks should remain closed
- Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers or 50% of facility capacity
- Outdoor recreation allowing group sizes of up to 50, and permitting multiple groups given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Activity stations should be spaced at least 6 ft. apart or limited in number to ensure social distancing
- Shared equipment should be disinfected before and after each use
- Clubhouses and other communal gathering places allowed to reopen
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

MANUFACTURING

- Employees must receive COVID training before returning to work
- All employers should have a wellness screening program. Employers should conduct in-person COVID-19 screening of employees upon entry and a mid-shift screening if employee shift is greater than 5 hours
- Stagger and space shifts, and designate shift entrances and exits (when possible) to minimize interactions of employees across unique shift groupings
- Workstations should be disinfected between every shift and in between employee handoffs
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted

MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- Limit to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of room capacity
- Multiple groups may meet in the same facility if they are socially distanced and in separate rooms
- Groups should be static for duration of meeting or event. If event includes multiple sessions, participants should remain in one room, and speakers/presenters should rotate between rooms or be digitally displayed (e.g. projected, livestreamed) in multiple rooms
- Dance floors should remain closed
- Food service should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines

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OFFICES

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted
- Continue health screenings, though employers may screen office employees via in-person conversation or questionnaire once at their workstation, or using virtual method

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

- Indoor dining and drinking now permitted for parties of up to 10 people
- Seated areas should be arranged so that tables allow for 6 ft. between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths which are less than 6 ft. apart
- Standing areas (in restaurants or bars) should be limited to no more than 25% of standing area capacity
- Buffets and self-service food stations (e.g. hot and cold bars, bulk items, baked goods) should adhere to additional minimum guidelines
- Self-service beverage fountains are permissible with the additional precautions

RETAIL AND SERVICE COUNTER

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Mall food courts may reopen in line with Indoor Dining and Drinking guidelines

PERSONAL CARE

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- If services require customer to remove his or her mask, employee must wear both a face mask and eye protection (e.g., face shield, protective glasses)
- No time restrictions on massage or other services

OUTDOOR SEATED SPECTATOR EVENTS

- Outdoor spectator events only; indoor spectator events not permitted at this time
- Tickets events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Maximum of 20% of seating capacity for spectators
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

THEATERS AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers for ticketed events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Indoor capacity limit of 50 people or less or 50% of space capacity (applies to each screening room); outdoor capacity limited to 20% of overall space capacity
- Patrons should wear face coverings over their nose and mouth, except while seated within a venue (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering)
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

YOUTH AND RECREATIONAL SPORTS

- Competitive gameplay and tournaments permitted for moderate and lower risk sports. Intra-team scrimmages for higher risk sports
- Limit of 50 spectators for events
- Sporting venues may host multiple groups of participants engaged in active exercise or gameplay provided the venue has space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

ZOOS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Indoor exhibits are limited to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of the building capacity
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Zoos should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions



If you have questions or need additional support: Please call our hotline at 1-800-252-2923or e-mail us at ceo.support@illinois.gov or return to Illinois.gov/businessguidelines

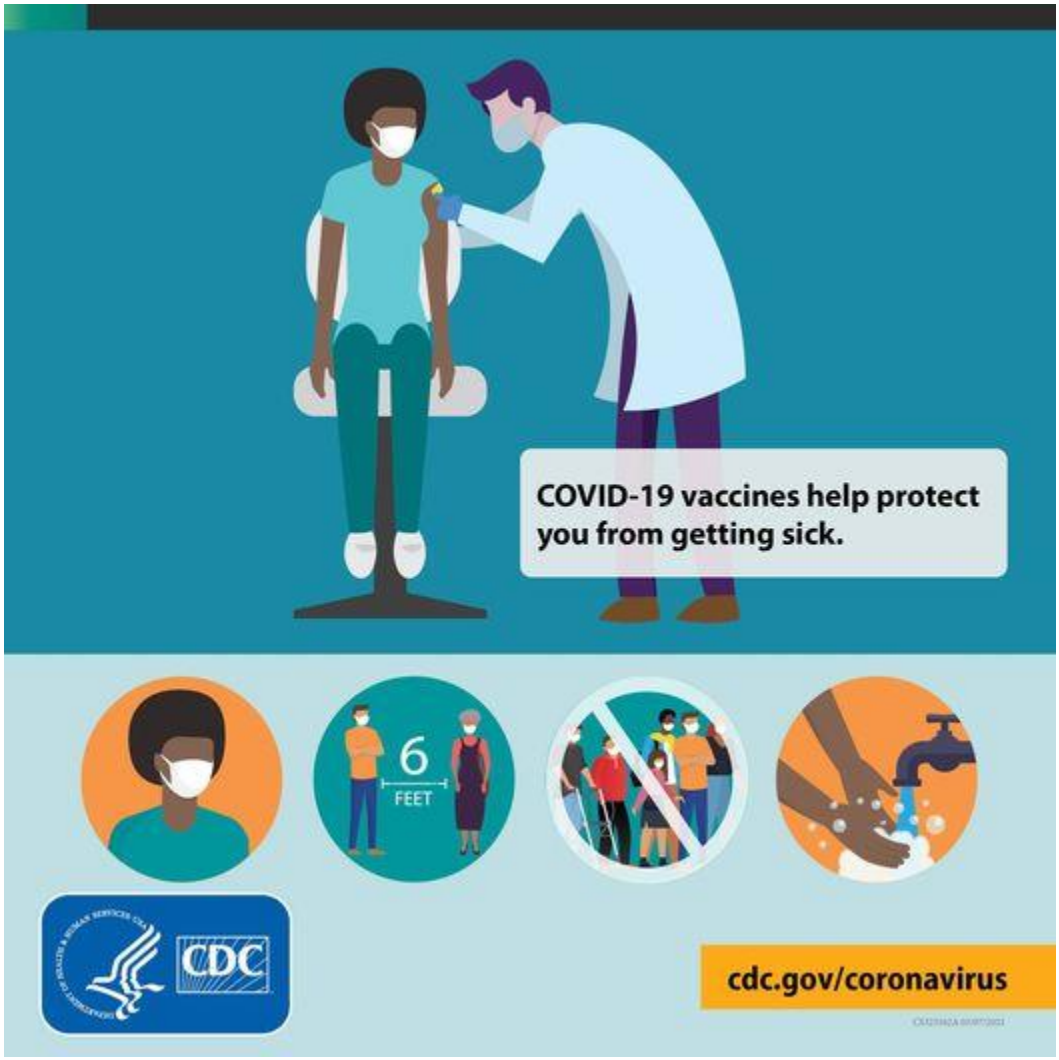
Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS about COVID-19 Vaccines

If you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, you can start doing some things again, like gathering indoors with other fully vaccinated friends and family without wearing masks. Continue to take preventive steps when in public spaces to protect yourself and others:

- Wear a mask, stay at least 6 feet apart from others, and avoid crowds and poorly ventilated areas.
- Avoid travel, both at home and abroad.
- Watch out for COVID-19 symptoms. If you do have symptoms, get tested and stay home.

For more on CDC's recommendations for people who are fully vaccinated, see: https://bit.ly/3btJaFU.



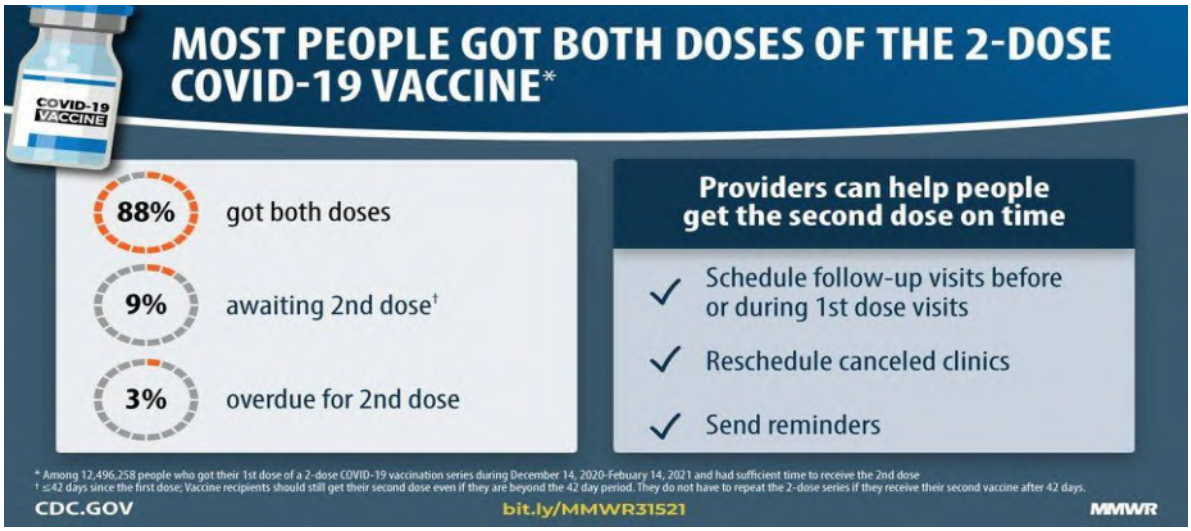
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Vaccine Second-Dose Completion and Interval Between First and Second Doses Among Vaccinated Persons — United States, December 14, 2020–February 14, 2021

A new CDC report looking at the first two months of COVID-19 vaccination shows that most people got both doses of the 2-dose vaccine. The report found:

1. Among people who received a first dose of the vaccine, 88% got a second dose, 9% were awaiting a second dose, and 3% were overdue for a second dose.
2. Among those who received two doses, 96% received their second dose within the recommended timeframe.
3. Series completion and missed second doses vary widely by state.

Getting all recommended doses of a COVID-19 vaccine on time offers you the best protection.
Learn more: https://bit.ly/MMWR31521



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant
- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2020.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-s ditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#:~:text=2020%20%2D%202021%20Flu%20Activity%20Report,care%20sites%20throughout%20the%20state.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm



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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

March 26, 2021

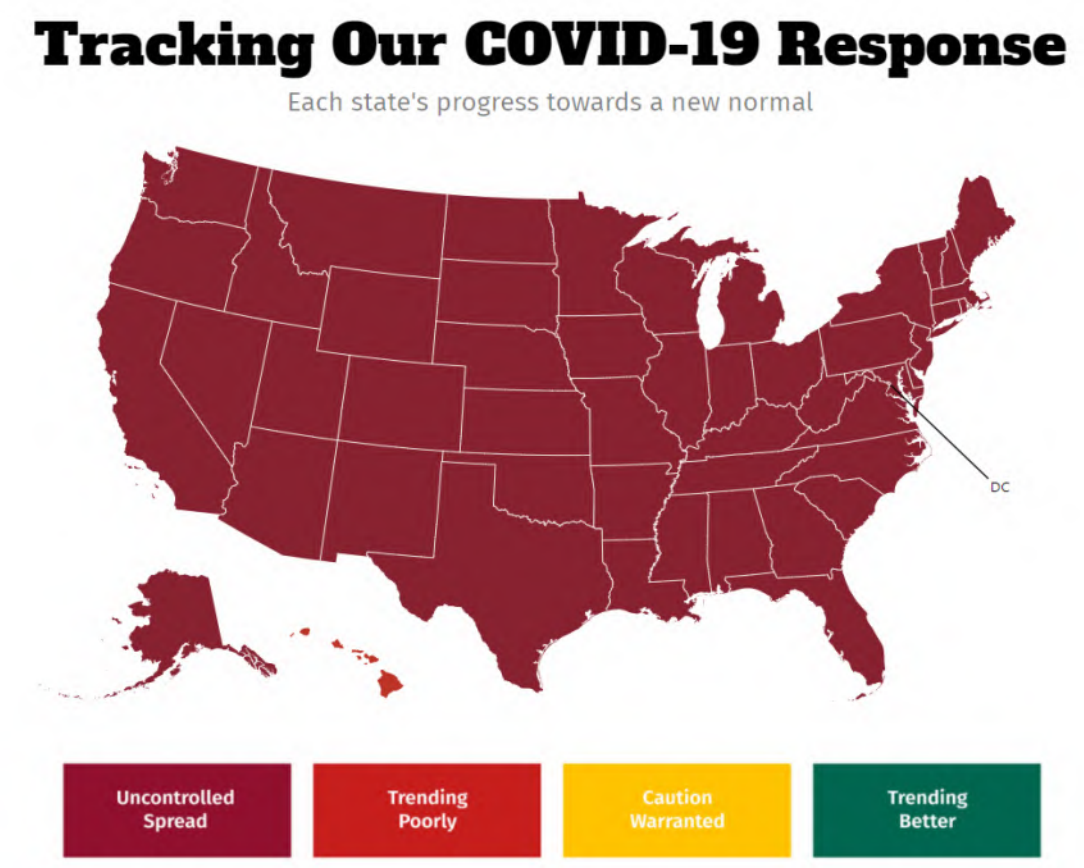
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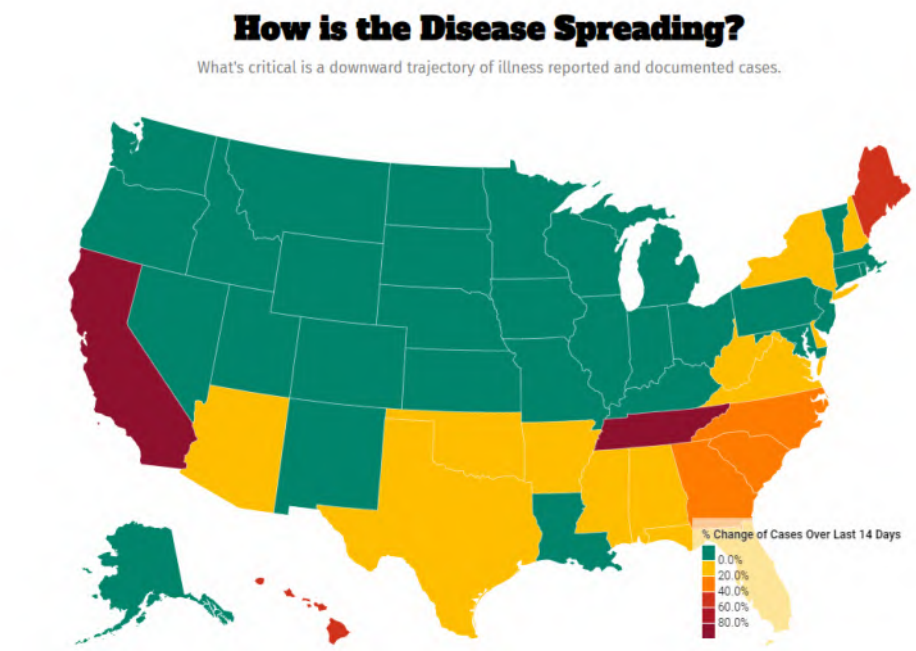
Due to the Holiday on April 2, 2021, next week's COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin will be published on Thursday, April 1, 2021.

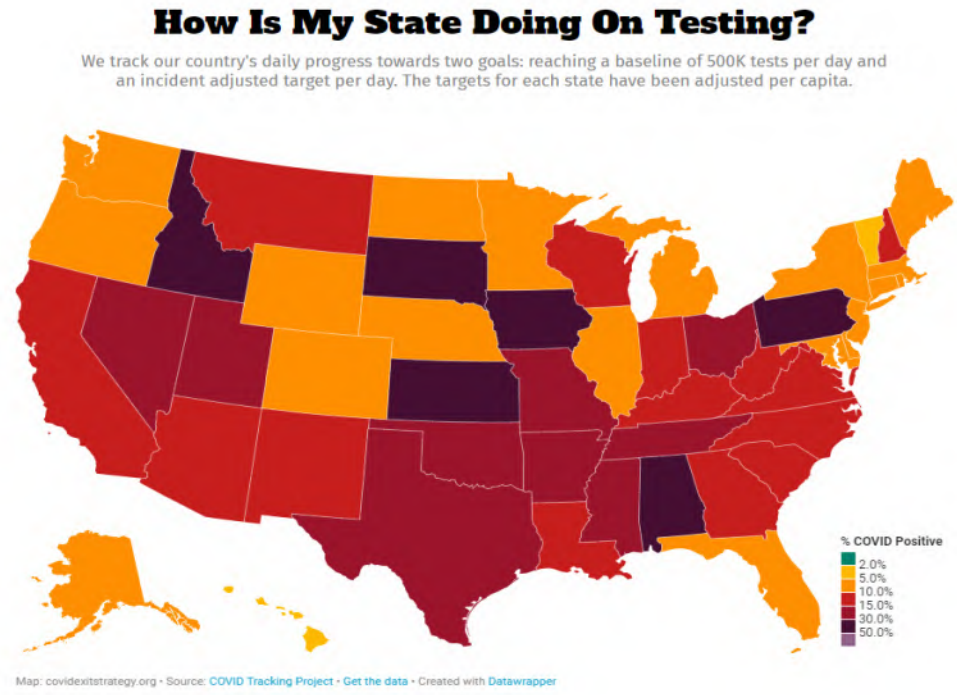
COVID-19 Situational Update



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Change in Cases over last 14 days





Maps from https://www.covidexitstrategy.org/ which provides state by state data including
14-DAY TREND OF COVID+, LAST 14 DAYS OF COVID+ (ROLLING), INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS, % OF TEST TARGET (US: 500K/DAY), ICU AVAILABILITY, NEW CASES PER MILLION PER DAY, and COVID+ RATE

COVID Numbers at a Glance

This week 03/26/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
11294	9497	286	1511	40,661	2.6 %

Last week 03/19/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
11,202	9347	283	1572	35,333	2.0 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 11,042 individuals with 3538 of those individuals being fully vaccinated with 2 doses since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

Below is the overall County and State data:

LaSalle County	Illinois
40,661 Administered Vaccine Doses	5,281,618 Administered Vaccine Doses
14,958 # Population Fully Vaccinated	1,963,630 # Population Fully Vaccinated
13.67 % of Population Fully Vaccinated	15.41 % of Population Fully Vaccinated

COVID-19 Cases

03/19/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	121,958,229	2,694,915
US	29,677,422	539,868
Illinois	1,218,470	21,034
LaSalle County	11202	283

03/26/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	125,698,834	2,758,365
US	30,096,139	547,097
Illinois	1,232,900	21,203
LaSalle County	11,294	286

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	193	213	3.59	0.00
10-19	464	573	9.18	0.00
20s	906	997	16.85	0.00
30s	876	858	15.35	0.00
40s	814	843	14.67	1.05
50s	843	920	15.61	2.45
60s	667	641	11.58	7.34
70s	355	387	6.57	22.03
80s	206	289	4.38	35.66
90s	85	149	2.07	27.97
100s	1	14	0.13	3.50
UNK				
Total	5410	5884		
%	47.90	52.10		
TOTAL CASES		**11294**		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	**425**
April	50	
May	98	
June	67	
July	261	
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**2852**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	**8**
April	0	
May	12	
June	4	
July	1	
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**55**

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. The total has been adjusted

Deaths by Age	**283**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	3
50's	7
60's	21
70's	63
80's	102
90's	80
100s	10
Males	148
Females	138

Cases by City/Village

03.19.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	30	0.27%
Dana	25	0.22%
Earlville	202	1.80%
Grand Ridge	92	0.82%
LaSalle	1063	9.49%
Leland	154	1.37%
Leonore	5	0.04%
Lostant	66	0.59%
Marseilles	747	6.67%
Mendota	1193	10.65%
Millington	38	0.34%
Oglesby	460	4.11%
Ottawa	2208	19.71%
Peru	1189	10.61%
Ransom	38	0.34%
Rutland	20	0.18%
Sandwich	395	3.53%
Serena	52	0.46%
Seneca	281	2.51%
Sheridan	734	6.55%
Somonauk	200	1.79%
Streator	1686	15.05%
Tonica	95	0.85%
Troy Grove	23	0.21%
Utica	176	1.57%
Wedron	5	0.04%
Wenona	18	0.16%
Other**	7	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**11202**	

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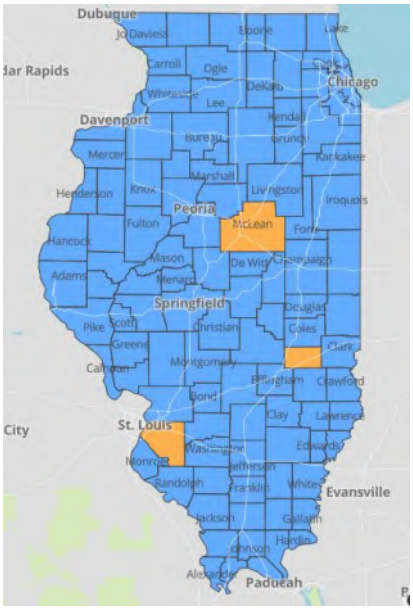
Town	Current Total	Increase since last week	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	30	0	0.27%
Dana	26	1	0.23%
Earlville	202	0	1.79%
Grand Ridge	93	1	0.82%
LaSalle	1066	3	9.44%
Leland	154	0	1.36%
Leonore	5	0	0.04%
Lostant	66	0	0.58%
Marseilles	753	6	6.67%
Mendota	1201	8	10.63%
Millington	38	0	0.34%
Oglesby	463	3	4.10%
Ottawa	2222	14	19.67%
Peru	1195	6	10.58%
Ransom	38	0	0.34%
Rutland	23	3	0.20%
Sandwich	399	4	3.53%
Serena	54	2	0.48%
Seneca	282	1	2.50%
Sheridan	739	5	6.54%
Somonauk	200	0	1.77%
Streator	1715	29	15.19%
Tonica	98	3	0.87%
Troy Grove	23	0	0.20%
Utica	179	3	1.58%
Wedron	5	0	0.04%
Wenona (LC Cases)	18	0	0.16%
Other**	7	0	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**11294**	**92**	

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.

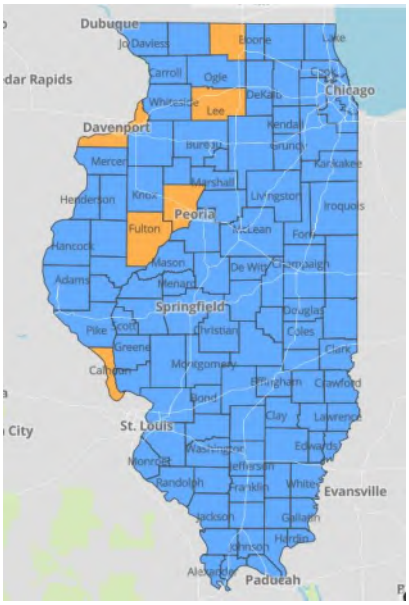
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

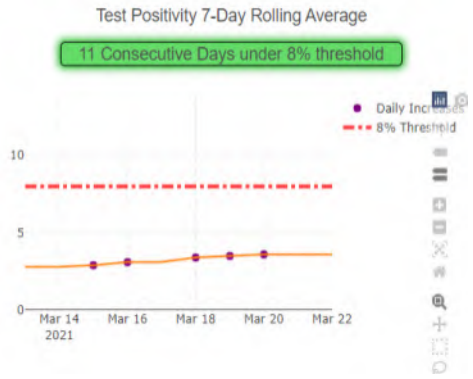
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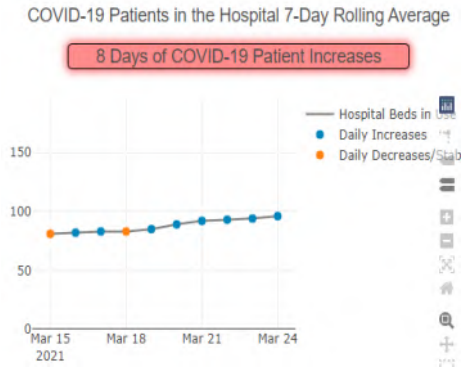


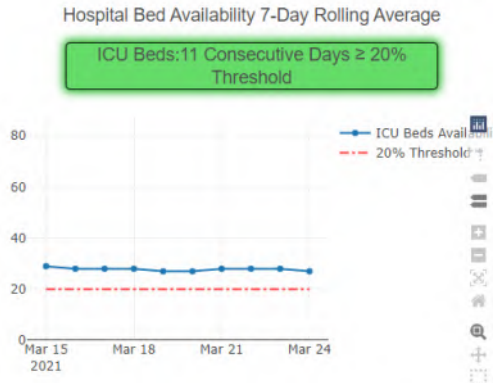
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Region 2 Summary - 03/25/2021







County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 03/14-03/20/2021

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **106 per 100K** *Increase from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1** * No Change from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **2.6 %** *Increase from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **4573** *less tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2.6 %** *Decrease in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **7** * No Change from previous week
Cluster (%) of cases No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **0.0 %** *Decrease in reported clusters from previous week	**ICU (%) Available** ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **27 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

Local Testing Information

LaSalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

*** COVID -19 Testing**
The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Testing will be performed Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

ST. MARGARET'S HEALTH – PERU

Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their primary care provider for an order or may call the St. Margaret's Health Peru Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Outpatient testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only. Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.

Morris Hospital

Morris Hospital offers nasal swab testing by appointment for symptomatic individuals with a physician's order. Testing is available for individuals of all ages from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Appointments are required – no exceptions. Testing is NOT available at this time for asymptomatic individuals due to a nationwide shortage of the testing reagent. Testing is performed through the drive-up testing site on the Morris Hospital campus at the corner of Lisbon & High Streets on the far southwest corner of the hospital campus. When you arrive on the hospital campus, please follow the Drive-Thru Testing directional signs on Lisbon Street or High Street. Patients are required to have photo ID, insurance card and sign a release at the time of their test.

After a physician places an order for your test, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital will call you to schedule. Please allow up to 72 hours for test results to get sent to

the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
    - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
    - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
    - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

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- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to our OSF Saint Paul Medical Center lab.
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

St. Margaret's Hospital – Spring Valley

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing

Illinois Department of Public Health Focuses Mobile COVID-19 Testing in High-Risk Communities

In an effort to make one of the largest COVID-19 testing infrastructures in the country more easily accessible for residents, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is fine tuning its targeted mobile testing operations. This is in response to a decline in the number of people utilizing state supported testing sites and in preparation for the next phases of the pandemic response. IDPH is realigning its testing strategy to deploy mobile testing teams to locations with a high demand for testing, such as schools, processing plants, high risk workplaces, and other targeted locations.
"By focusing on taking testing to where people are, we hope to increase the number of people being tested for COVID-19," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Testing is important to quickly identify individuals with COVID-19 to stop further spread of the virus. Our test positivity rate is currently low, and one way to keep it low is to identify infected individuals as quickly as possible so contact tracing efforts can identify close contacts who may have been exposed and have them quarantine so the virus does not spread further."

Due to changes in public demand, the days of operation for the State community-based testing sites are being adjusted. These changes will go into effect on Thursday, March 18, 2021. The new days of operation for the community-based testing sites are as follows:

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W. Euclid Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
East St. Louis	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.



At what age are children authorized to receive a COVID-19 vaccination?

Under the Emergency Use Authorizations (EUAs), the following age groups are authorized to receive vaccination:

Pfizer-BioNTech: ages ≥16 years

Moderna: ages ≥18 years

Janssen: ages ≥18 years

Pfizer-BioNTech

Adolescents aged 16–17 years are included among people eligible to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine under the EUA.

While vaccine safety and efficacy data in this age group are limited, there are no biologically plausible reasons for safety and efficacy profiles to differ from those observed in people 18 years of age and older. Adolescents aged 16–17 years who are part of a group recommended to receive a COVID-19 vaccine may be vaccinated with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine with appropriate assent. **Children and adolescents younger than 16 years of age are not authorized to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at this time.**

Moderna and Janssen (Johnson and Johnson)

Children and adolescents younger than 18 years of age are not authorized to receive the Moderna or Janssen COVID-19 vaccines at this time.

Children and adolescents outside these authorized age groups should not receive COVID-19 vaccination at this time.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

LaSalle County Phase 1B Clinic Updates

The LaSalle County Health Department continues to move forward and has expanded our clinic availability to include ALL individuals who qualify as Phase 1B and Phase 1B+ (Frontline Essential Workers and 16*-64 years of age with underlying medical conditions). Please note, appointments are still available for those individuals 65 years and older at our COVID-19 clinics, in addition to anyone who qualifies under Phase 1A as a healthcare worker.

Anyone who signed up on the Health Departments COVID-19 Phase 1B Vaccine Notification sign up list before March 25th should check their email.

The link to schedule Appointments for first-dose COVID-19 vaccines has been sent out for the following clinics:

Tuesday, March 30th (All appointments filled)
Thursday, April 1st (All appointments filled)
Tuesday April 6th
Thursday April 8th

The clinics will be held at Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC) and Moderna vaccine will be given.

Please remember to check your spam/junk folder if you have not received an email. Please be assured additional clinics are being scheduled. If you are unable to schedule an appointment at these clinics, you will continue to receive additional notifications about

future clinics. The LaSalle County Health Department (LCHD) is holding weekly clinics as vaccine availability allows.

If you are eligible under Phase1B or Phase 1B+, and have not signed up for the COVID-19 Vaccination Notification form, please visit the LaSalle County website at www.lasallecounty.org. Click on the red COVID-19 Vaccine Information icon and complete the green Phase 1B notification form. You should receive an email to register for an appointment at clinic within a few days.

*Current clinics can provide vaccination to those 18 years and older. Clinics providing vaccination for those 16-18 years of age, are in the process of being scheduled.

Current Vaccination Phase

****People in Phase 1B who choose to sign-up for our notification form are put on a list in the order in which they signed up. Phase 1B individuals who signed up were asked to clarify the sub-group which qualified them for this phase. On March 19th, LaSalle County Health Department in Ottawa, Illinois expanded their clinic operations to include individuals who qualify as Frontline Essential Workers in Phase 1B. Please note that appointments are still available for those individuals 65 and older.****

Phase 1b: Individuals over 65 years of age and Frontline Essential Workers
Individuals 16-64 years of age with Underlying Medical Conditions

Eligible persons for this phase include:

- Individuals over 65 years of age
- Front Line Workers (fire, law enforcement, 911 workers, security personnel, school officers)
- Education and Agriculture (Processing, Plants, Veterinary Health, Livestock Services, Animal Care)
- Manufacturing (Industrial Production of Goods for Distribution to Retail, Wholesale, and Other Manufacturing)
- Corrections Workers and Inmates (Prison/Jail Officers, Juvenile Facility Staff, workers Providing In-Person Support, Inmates
- United States Postal Services Workers
- Public Transit Workers (Flight Crew, Bus Drivers, Train Conductors, Taxi Drivers, Ride Sharing Services)
- Grocery Store Workers (Baggers, Cashiers, Stockers, Pick-Up, Customer Service)
- Shelters/Adult Day Care (Homeless Shelter, Women's Shelter, Adult Day/Drop-in Program, Sheltered Workshop, Psycho-Social Rehab)
- **Persons age 16 to 64 with underlying medical conditions, including:**
  - 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
- **The following can sign up and would become eligible on March 222nd:**
  - Higher Education Staff
  - Government Workers
  - Media
- **The following can sign up and would become eligible on March 29th:**
  - Food and Beverage Workers
  - Construction and Trade Workers
  - Religious Leaders

In Preparation and planning, LaSalle County Health Department is collecting the number of persons in Phase 1b (as defined by ACIP and IDPH) who are most eligible and who intend to receive the vaccine through LaSalle County.

Please click the link below and answer the questions, and LCHD will include you as a potential recipient of vaccine in LaSalle County.

COVID-19 Phase 1b Vaccine Notification Sign-Up

LaSalle County Partners with Saint Margaret's Health-Peru (SMHP)

In addition, on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, Saint Margaret's Health-Peru (SMHP) will offer a 1st Dose COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic for eligible individuals at LaSalle-Peru High School. The clinic is being held in coordination with the LaSalle County Health Department. The LaSalle County Health Department is grateful for the partnership with SMHP and LaSalle-Peru High School to provide this additional vaccination opportunity.

LaSalle County Health Department, St. Margaret's Health-Peru, and LaSalle-Peru High School will continue to evaluate if additional clinics will be able to be held in the future based on vaccine availability.

Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is outreaching to patients who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.

Under Illinois' Phase 1b, OSF is offering vaccines to their patients who are age 65 and older and who reside in counties **where we have received the vaccine from the local health department**. Those patients who are eligible for vaccination are prioritized based on certain medical conditions they have that could put them at greater risk of serious illness if they contract COVID-19.

If you're eligible, OSF will contact you by phone or a message in OSF MyChart.

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)

Please visit their websites for appointment availability.

State-run Mass Vaccination Site in Grundy County

Grundy County now has a mass vaccination site. Priority is given to Grundy residents and workforce, but, as a Mass Vaccination Site, appointments are open to any IL resident 18 years and older. (Phases 1A, 1B, 1B +).

Regularly check www.grundyhealth.com for upcoming appointment information.

Eligible Illinoisans can now call (833) 621-1284 to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment in your area.



Gov. Pritzker Announces Metrics-Based Pathway for Illinois to Fully Reopen; Expands Vaccine Eligibility to All Residents 16+ on April 12

On Thursday, March 18, 2021, Governor Pritzker and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike announced a metrics-based, vaccination-informed framework for Illinois to advance to Phase 5 of the state's Restore Illinois Plan, our new normal. In recognition of an increasing national vaccine supply and the state now averaging 100,000 vaccine administrations per day, Governor Pritzker also announced that all Illinois residents age 16+ will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine starting April 12th, with additional announcements to come about populations who will be made eligible prior to universal eligibility.

Currently, every region of the state is in Phase 4 of the five-phase Restore Illinois mitigation plan, with Phase 5 comprising a post-pandemic normalcy as detailed here. The newly announced metrics offer Illinois a bridge between the state's current Phase 4 restrictions and the "new normal" operations of Phase 5. This "Bridge Phase" will serve as a transition period with higher capacity limits and increased business operations, without prematurely embracing a reckless reopening before the majority of Illinoisans have been vaccinated. All regions of the state will move through the Bridge Phase and ultimately to Phase 5, together. The state's mask mandate will continue in accordance with current CDC guidance.

"COVID-19 has not gone away, but the light we can see at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter and brighter as more people get vaccinated," **said Governor JB Pritzker.** "It's time to begin to cautiously move toward normalcy, and it's imperative that we do so in a way that maintains all the progress we've made to date. With projections from the Biden

Administration indicating that weekly vaccine deliveries to Illinois will surpass one million doses in April, it is fully in our power to turn the page on this dark and devastating chapter even as we race a tough clock: the new variants. I invite all Illinoisans to join me in wearing your mask and getting vaccinated when it's your turn. Step by step, we can get out of this the same we came into it – together."

"We want and need to move forward, but we must be measured and cautious in the approach," **said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike.** "Rather than flipping a switch and saying we're now in Phase 5, we're looking at it more like a dial – dialing back some of the capacity restrictions that helped reduce transmission, and ultimately the number of new cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. We don't want to move too quickly and risk a significant reversal of our progress."

"We are proud to have worked alongside IDPH and our industry partners to craft guidelines that will allow a safe return for some of the biggest economic drivers in our state," **said Sylvia Garcia, Acting Director of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).** "This measured approach to reopening under Governor Pritzker's Restore Illinois plan will help support a sustained economic recovery for our businesses and communities."

METRICS AND GUIDELINES

As Illinois moves towards our new normal, the administration is outlining clear metrics that will allow the state to continue progressing in the battle against COVID-19 without sacrificing the gains made over the last twelve months.

The bridge to Phase 5 allows for higher capacity limits at places like museums, zoos and spectator events as well as increased business operations. As with all mitigations the administration has implemented to combat the virus to date, the Bridge Phase is based on science and was developed by health experts.

To advance into the Bridge Phase, the entire state must reach a 70% first dose vaccination rate for residents 65 and over, maintain a 20% or lower ICU bed availability rate and hold steady on COVID-19 and COVID-like illness hospital admissions, mortality rate, and case rate over a 28-day monitoring period. To advance to Phase 5, the state must reach a 50% vaccination rate for residents age 16 and over and meet the same metrics and rates required to enter the transition phase, over an additional 28-day period.

To prevent a large increase in new COVID-19 cases, Illinois will revert back to an earlier phase if over the course of 10 days the state experiences an increasing trend in COVID-19 and COVID-like illness hospital admissions, a decrease in ICU bed availability, an increase in the mortality rate, and an increasing case rate.

In an update to current Phase 4 mitigations and the capacity limits of the bridge to Phase 5, individuals with proof of full vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test (PCR) 1-3 days prior to an event or outing do not count against capacity limits. The mitigation plan announced today also includes additional adjustments to current Phase 4 mitigations, made in coordination with business leaders and health experts, to ensure mitigations reflect the latest science and are consistent across industries.

As regulations are rolled back gradually in the weeks ahead, Illinoisans should continue practicing the public health guidelines that have kept us safe during the pandemic, including wearing face coverings and maintaining social distance.

“Today’s announcement provides what retailers across Illinois have been seeking: a clear path forward to a full re-opening that will help stem the devastation the pandemic has inflicted on the industry. This will also help bring some financial stability to state and local governments that rely on the vital revenue stream retail generates. With the expanding availability of vaccines – including those offered at hundreds of retail pharmacy locations across Illinois – we are hopeful the pathway toward a full re-opening will be a short one,” **said Rob Karr, President and CEO, Illinois Retail Merchants Association.**

“The plan outlined by Governor Pritzker is a step in the right direction, and we appreciate him understanding the need for a roadmap to allow hotels and convention centers to hold larger meetings and events,” **said Michael Jacobson, President and CEO, Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association.** “This underscores the importance of providing clarity to event planners, supports our shared goal of getting people back to work safely, and illustrates why the Governor’s announcement reflects his desire to serve as the chief marketing officer for the state.”

“While we still have a long way to go, today’s announcement is an important step towards recovery,” **said Sam Toia, President and CEO, Illinois Restaurant Association.** "We have urged Governor Pritzker to set a path to allow for expanded events with extensive safety measures in place, and this pragmatic approach to loosening restrictions will greatly enhance business opportunities for restaurants, event companies, conventions, and culinary tourism — all of which are critical to Illinois’ economic engine.”

COVID-19 VACCINE AVAILABILITY

Since the COVID-19 vaccine was first made available in Illinois last December, the state has administered over 4.3 million doses. Through partnerships with local health departments, pharmacies, community health centers and other care providers, the state is currently administering an average of 100,000 vaccines each day. So far, the state has administered the COVID-19 vaccine to more than 1 in 4 Illinois adults over the age of 16, including over 58% of Illinoisans ages 65 and over.

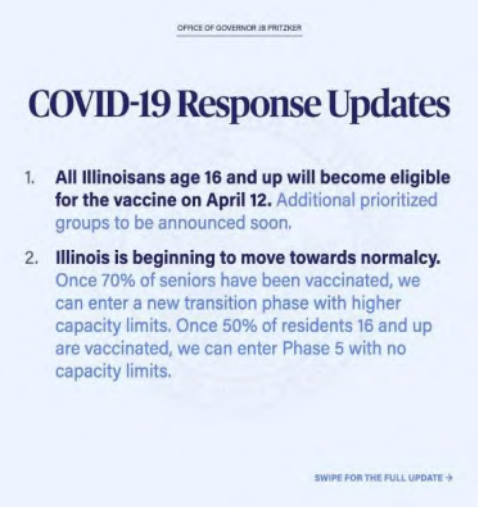
Since coming into office two months ago, the Biden Administration has taken the weekly vaccine distribution to states from 8.6 million when it came into office to over 16 million this week. Back in December, the first shipment that came into Illinois was about 109,000 doses. This week, including the federal government’s allocations for pharmacy partners, community health centers, the United Center and the City of Chicago, more than 800,000 doses were delivered to Illinois. Based on current projections, the state expects that number to surpass one million doses a week in April.

Thanks to an increased allocation of vaccine doses from the federal government, all Illinois residents will be eligible to receive the vaccine beginning April 12th. At that date, all state-supported mass vaccination sites, local health departments, pharmacy partners – in short, every jurisdiction that receives vaccine from the State of Illinois’ allocation – will be instructed to move to widespread eligibility.

Currently, all vaccines are administered by appointment only. While vaccine eligibility is expanding on April 12th, making an appointment to receive a shot may take time. Information regarding vaccination locations as well as details on how to book an appointment to receive the vaccine can be found at the state's COVID website, coronavirus.illinois.gov. Residents who don't have access to or need assistance navigating online services can call the toll-free IDPH hotline at 833-621-1284 to book an appointment. The hotline is open 7 days a week from 6am to midnight with agents available in English and Spanish.

Illinoisans who are not currently eligible to receive the vaccine cannot schedule an appointment for a future date. Residents are encouraged to be patient in the days and weeks following April 12th as vaccination appointments may be limited.

To date, the FDA has authorized the Pfizer/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for use in 16- and 17-year-olds as well as adults. The Johnson & Johnson and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are currently FDA authorized for use in those 18 and older.





Over the next few weeks, additional populations will be eligible for COVID-19 vaccination. Find your nearest location: https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location



Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker

RESTORE ILLINOIS

All Regions across Illinois are in Phase 4. Let's stay there by continuing to wear our mask, wash our hands, keep a safe distance and #VaxUpIL if you are eligible!

PHASE 4: REVITALIZATION

PHASE 4 GUIDELINES OVERVIEW

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APPLICABLE TO EACH REGION UPON TRANSITION TO PHASE IV

ALL INDUSTRIES

- All employees who can work from home should continue to do so
- Continue to wear face covering that covers nose and mouth, maintain social distance of 6 ft., and frequently wash hands
- Continue employee health screenings upon entry into the workplace and mid-shift screenings for employees with shifts >5 hours (virtual screening permitted)
- Follow guidelines on capacity limits and group sizes (to be continually reassessed throughout Phase 4)

FILM PRODUCTION

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% of sound stage/location occupancy
- Crowd scenes should be limited to 50 people or fewer
- All individuals should maintain 6 ft. of social distancing unless job duty cannot be performed without proximity (e.g. actors performing, hair, make-up, costumes)
- One-time nasal swab for RT-PCR testing of all cast and crew should be obtained within 48 to 72 hours prior to the start of work on set or location
- Craft services and catering should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines
- Live audiences permitted in line with Theatre/Performing Arts guidelines

HEALTH AND FITNESS

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Group fitness classes of up to 50 people with at least 6 ft. social distancing between individuals permitted; multiple groups permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Workout stations and equipment should be 6 ft. apart without barriers or 3 ft. apart with impermeable barriers in between
- For open gym spaces, have 1 employee per every 4,000 sq. ft. to monitor social distancing and sanitize equipment between use
- Sanitize equipment before and after each individual use and sanitize locker rooms and showers at least every hour
- Keep ancillary accommodations (e.g., saunas, hot tubs, steam rooms) closed, though childcare areas are permitted to reopen in line with DHFS childcare guidelines

MUSEUMS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Museums should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

INDOOR/OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Reopening select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks); indoor playgrounds and trampoline parks should remain closed
- Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers or 50% of facility capacity
- Outdoor recreation allowing group sizes of up to 50, and permitting multiple groups given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Activity stations should be spaced at least 6 ft. apart or limited in number to ensure social distancing
- Shared equipment should be disinfected before and after each use
- Clubhouses and other communal gathering places allowed to reopen
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

MANUFACTURING

- Employees must receive COVID training before returning to work
- All employers should have a wellness screening program. Employers should conduct in-person COVID-19 screening of employees upon entry and a mid-shift screening if employee shift is greater than 5 hours
- Stagger and space shifts, and designate shift entrances and exits (when possible) to minimize interactions of employees across unique shift groupings
- Workstations should be disinfected between every shift and in between employee handoffs
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted

MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- Limit to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of room capacity
- Multiple groups may meet in the same facility if they are socially distanced and in separate rooms
- Groups should be static for duration of meeting or event. If event includes multiple sessions, participants should remain in one room, and speakers/ presenters should rotate between rooms or be digitally displayed (e.g. projected, livestreamed) in multiple rooms
- Dance floors should remain closed
- Food service should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines

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OFFICES

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted
- Continue health screenings, though employers may screen office employees via in-person conversation or questionnaire once at their workstation, or using virtual method

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

- Indoor dining and drinking now permitted for parties of up to 10 people
- Seated areas should be arranged so that tables allow for 6 ft. between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths which are less than 6 ft. apart
- Standing areas (in restaurants or bars) should be limited to no more than 25% of standing area capacity
- Buffets and self-service food stations (e.g. hot and cold bars, bulk items, baked goods) should adhere to additional minimum guidelines
- Self-service beverage fountains are permissible with the additional precautions

RETAIL AND SERVICE COUNTER

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Mall food courts may reopen in line with Indoor Dining and Drinking guidelines

PERSONAL CARE

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- If services require customer to remove his or her mask, employee must wear both a face mask and eye protection (e.g., face shield, protective glasses)
- No time restrictions on massage or other services

OUTDOOR SEATED SPECTATOR EVENTS

- Outdoor spectator events only; indoor spectator events not permitted at this time
- Tickets events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Maximum of 20% of seating capacity for spectators
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

THEATERS AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers for ticketed events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Indoor capacity limit of 50 people or less or 50% of space capacity (applies to each screening room); outdoor capacity limited to 20% of overall space capacity
- Patrons should wear face coverings over their nose and mouth, except while seated within a venue (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering)
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

YOUTH AND RECREATIONAL SPORTS

- Competitive gameplay and tournaments permitted for moderate and lower risk sports. Intra-team scrimmages for higher risk sports
- Limit of 50 spectators for events
- Sporting venues may host multiple groups of participants engaged in active exercise or gameplay provided the venue has space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

ZOOS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Indoor exhibits are limited to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of the building capacity
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Zoos should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions



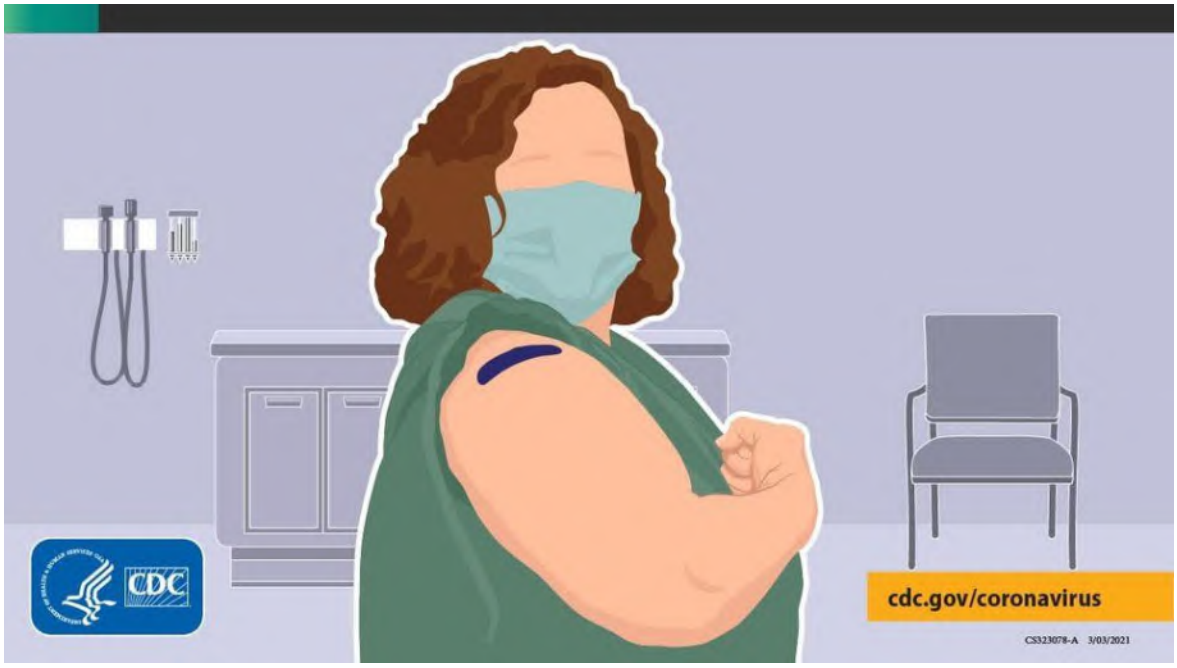
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Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS about COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective.
More than 5 million vaccines have been administered in Illinois.

Eligible Illinoisans can find their nearest vaccination location here:
https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

Illinois Taking Aggressive Action to Address First Signs of Possible Resurgence

IDPH Authorizes Local Health Departments with Low Demand to Vaccinate Residents 16+ as Federal Projections Show State Expected to Receive 1 Million Doses Next Week

Rapid Response Vaccination Teams to Deploy to Areas Seeing Upticks to Accelerate Vaccine Administration

State Hasn't Met Metrics for Bridge Phase Reopening as Hospitalizations and Cases Increase in Chicago, Cook County and Region 1 (Rockford area)

To address a concerning possible trend in increasing COVID hospitalizations and case rates, the State of Illinois is launching Rapid Response Vaccination Teams to five counties and expanding vaccine eligibility where demand appears to have waned.

The Illinois Department of Public Health has seen vaccine demand slow in several counties throughout the state, with early signs of unfilled appointments and increased vaccine inventory. IDPH is authorizing those communities to begin vaccinating all residents 16 and

older at their immediate discretion, in order to use the vaccine doses they currently have available.

"Recent increases in hospital admissions and test positivity are concerning new developments and we don't want to go down the same path we've seen before and experience a resurgence in the pandemic, which is why Governor Pritzker directed us to use all our resources to halt these upticks," IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said. "We cannot move forward if our metrics are going backward. The vaccine will help get us to the end of the pandemic, but we need to continue to reduce spread of the virus by wearing a mask, avoiding large crowds, keeping six feet of distance, getting tested after seeing others, and getting vaccinated as soon as possible."

Expanded Eligibility

The federal government is projecting that Illinois will receive nearly 1 million doses next week for distribution, an all-time high. Steady vaccination operations are the best tool to keep Illinois residents safe. Reductions in demand result in inventory that could be unused, and all inventory should be used as quickly as possible to protect residents.

Residents should contact their local health department to learn whether they have expanded eligibility.

"The number one goal for the state is to get as many people vaccinated, as quickly and safely as possible in order to stay ahead of variants," Dr. Ezike said. "This shift is similar to what we saw when expanding vaccine eligibility from Phase 1B to Phase 1B+ where some parts of the state were ready to move forward, while others were not. Each county is different and local health departments know better how to vaccinate people in their communities as soon as and as equitably as possible."

While all communities will continue to receive their baseline allocation of doses, new doses above that baseline will be allocated to high-demand areas where at-risk eligible residents face long waits for appointments.

Rapid Response Vaccination Teams

To bend the trend in a region seeing increased vulnerability and protect vulnerable residents, several teams are being deployed for rapid operations.

Mobile rapid response vaccination teams will deploy over the next two weeks in five counties in Region 1 where IDPH epidemiologists have determined there is a need to administer doses quickly to blunt increasing trends. These doses are on top of the allocation to the local health department. These mobile teams will be providing single-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine to county residents. Appointments will be coordinated by the local health department.

Residents of Region 1 are also encouraged to visit the existing mass vaccination site set up in Winnebago County.

Date	County	Make an appointment	Daily doses
March 31	Carroll County	http://www.ccphd.org/	800
April 1	Ogle County	https://www.oglecounty.org/departments/health_department/new_page.php	1,200
April 2	Boone County	https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/b1ad1b51-64d4-4d91-b283-3529b668f435/	600
April 3	Lee County	http://www.lchd.com/covid19-vaccinations/	600
April 5	Whiteside County	https://www.whitesidehealth.org/covid-19-information.html	600

Bridge Phase Update

Since March 8, Illinois has seen 10 days of increases in the seven-day rolling average for hospital admissions. The COVID-19 test positivity on March 10 was 2.5%. Today's reported test positivity is 3.3%. While these rates are certainly significantly lower than the peak, they represent a potential early warning sign about a possible resurgence.

Chicago has seen its daily case rate increase by nearly 50% since last week, along with six days of increases in test positivity. Suburban Cook County has seen its daily case rate increase more than 40%, along with nine days of increasing hospital bed usage. Region 1, the Northern portion of the state including Rockford and surrounding communities, has seen eight days of increasing hospital bed usage and six days of increasing test positivity.

To advance into the Bridge Phase that is the final step before the full reopening, the entire state must achieve several metrics:

- 70% of residents 65 years and older must have received a first dose;
- Hospitals must maintain 20% or greater ICU bed availability;
- Hospitalizations for COVID-19, admissions for COVID-like illness and deaths must hold steady or decline over a 28-day monitoring period.

As outlined in the March 18 update to the Restore Illinois plan, IDPH will evaluate statewide performance against the metrics by looking back at the data from the preceding 28 days

While Illinois is on pace to reach 70% first doses for residents 65 years and older in the coming days, IDPH is monitoring an increase in new hospital admissions for COVID and COVID, which will need to be appropriately addressed and resolved before moving into the Bridge Phase. In recognition of the rapidly increasing vaccination rates, the 28-day monitoring period will not need to restart once current trends stabilize or decrease. However, IDPH epidemiologists will focus on the most recent 10 days to monitor any acute trends that prevent the state from reaching the Bridge Phase.

Statewide reopening metrics can be found at http://www.dph.illinois.gov/statewidemetrics.

Information regarding vaccination locations as well as details on how to book an appointment to receive the vaccine can be found at the state's COVID website, coronavirus.illinois.gov. Residents who don't have access to or need assistance navigating online services can call the toll-free IDPH hotline at 833-621-1284 to book an appointment. The hotline is open 7 days a week from 6am to midnight with agents available in English and Spanish.

Travel During COVID-19

What you need to know

Travel increases your chance of spreading and getting COVID-19. Delay travel and stay home to protect yourself and others from COVID-19, even if you are vaccinated.

If you **must** travel, take steps to protect yourself and others:

- If you are eligible, get fully vaccinated for COVID-19.
- Before you travel, get tested with a viral test 1-3 days before your trip.
- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth when in public.
- Avoid crowds and stay at least 6 feet/2 meters (about 2 arm lengths) from anyone who did not travel with you.
- Get tested 3-5 days after your trip and stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel, even if your test is negative. If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
- Follow all state and local recommendations or requirements after travel.

Travel Requirements

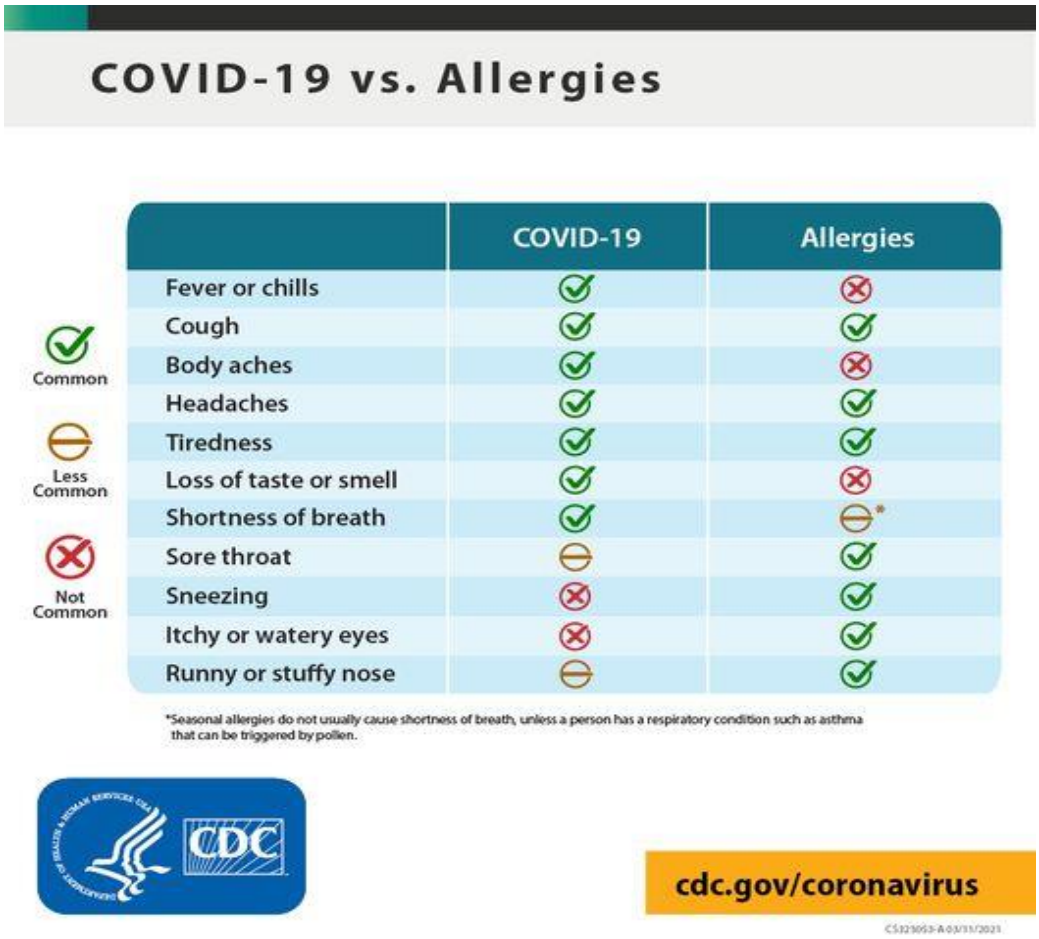
All air passengers coming to the United States, including U.S. citizens, are **required** to have a negative COVID-19 test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before they board a flight to the United States. See the Frequently Asked Questions for more information.

Masks are required on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.

COVID-19 vs. Allergies

It's allergy season. COVID-19 and seasonal allergies share some symptoms, but not others. Use this chart to compare the common symptoms of COVID-19 and seasonal allergies so you can tell the difference.

If you're sick, you may need a COVID-19 test to confirm your diagnosis. For more information, visit http://bit.ly/3qEzjRD.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

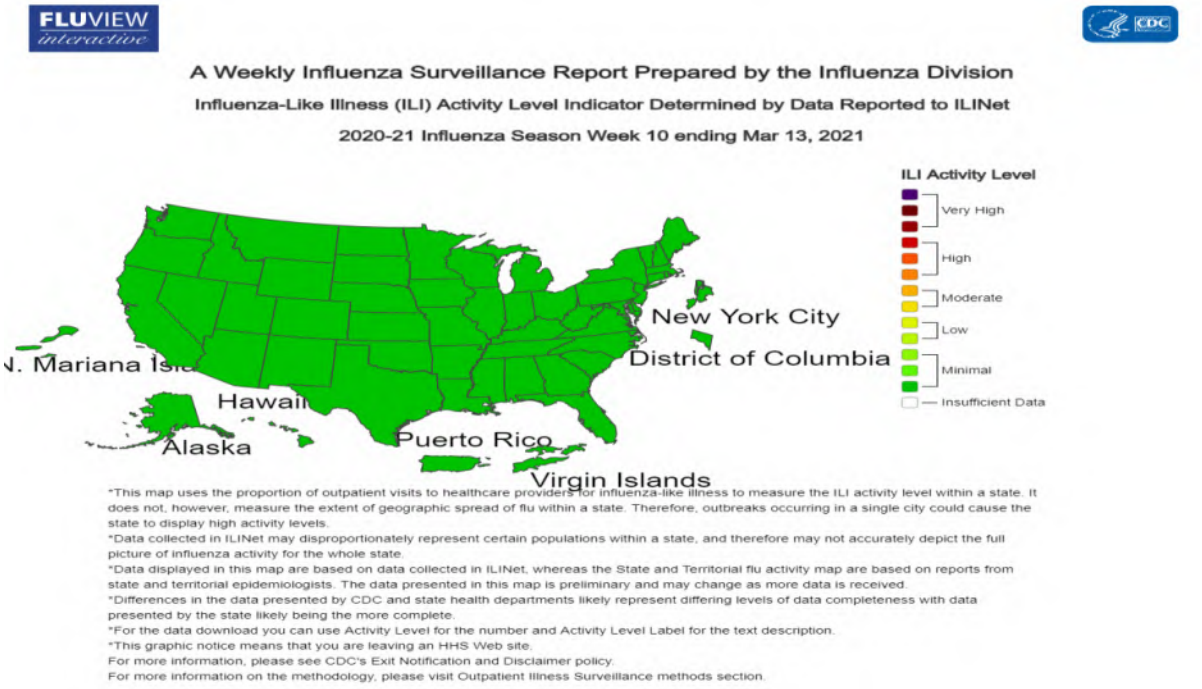
- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant
- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2020.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed by visit the following link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-

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In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm



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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

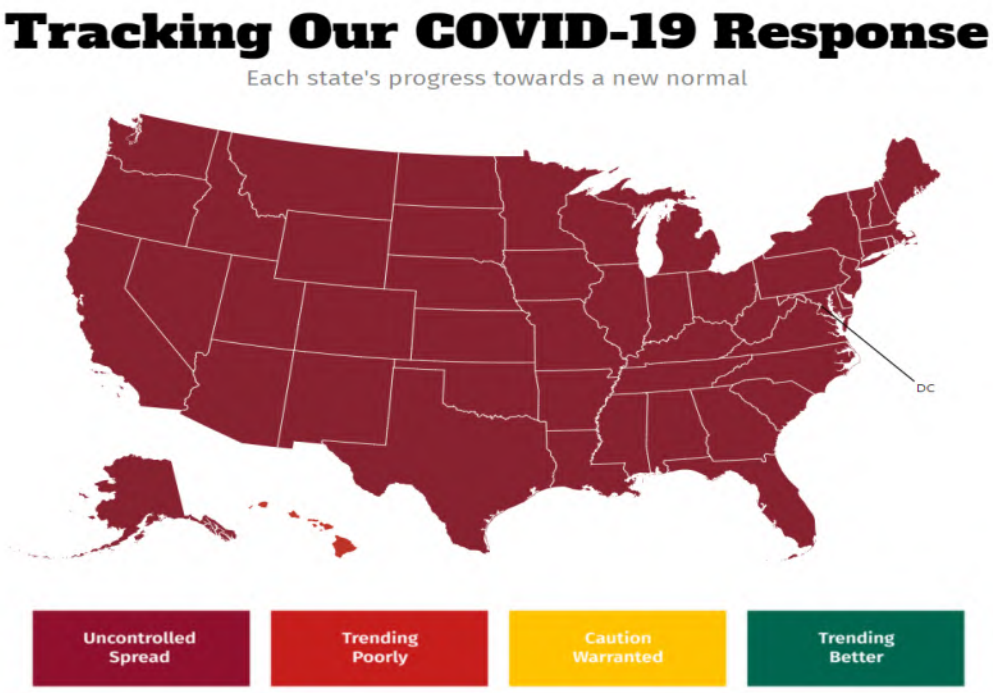
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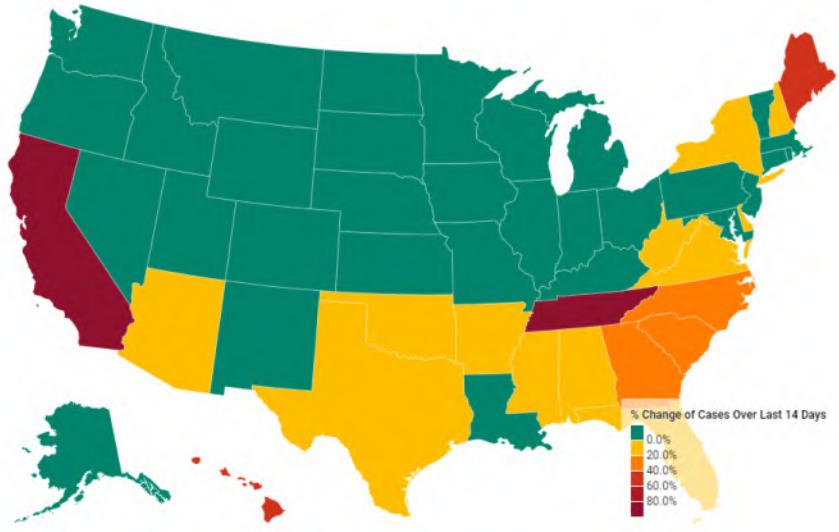
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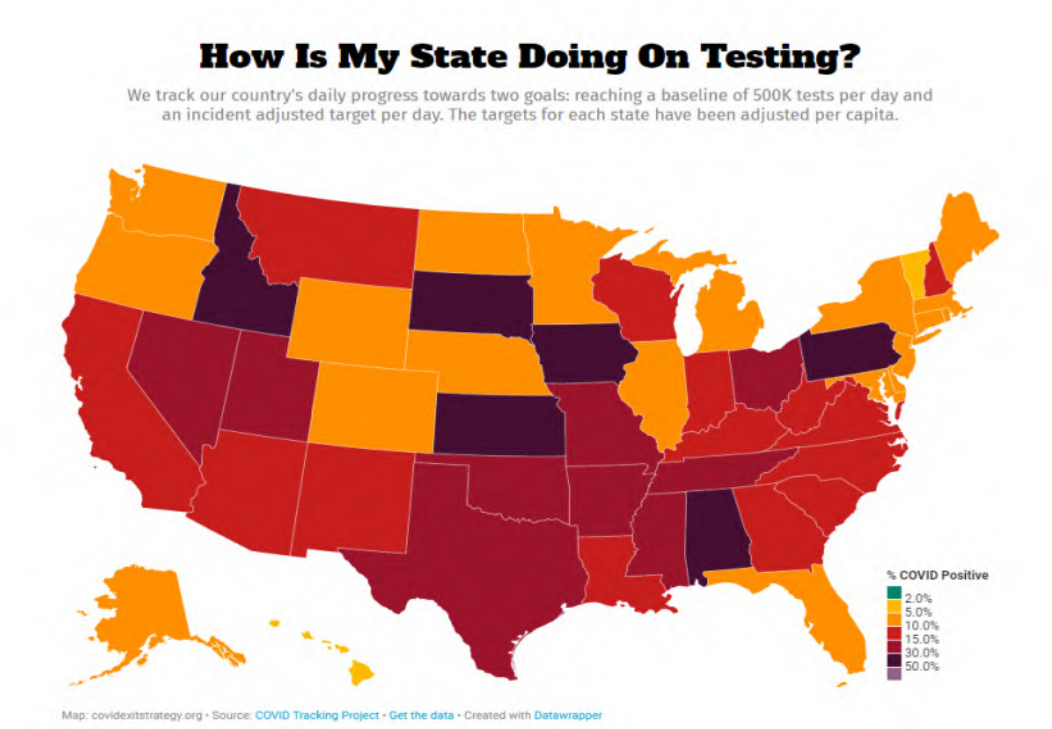
COVID-19 Situational Update



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Maps from https://www.covidexitstrategy.org/ which provides state by state data including
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COVID Numbers at a Glance

This week 04/09/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
11,587	9731	288	1568	51,327	5.4 %

Last week 04/01/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
11,422	9565	287	1570	43,867	2.3 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 13541 individuals with 4265 of those individuals being fully vaccinated with 2 doses since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

Below is the overall County and State data:

LaSalle County

51,327
Administered Vaccine Doses

18,837
Population Fully Vaccinated

17.21
% of Population Fully Vaccinated

Illinois

6,871,645
Administered Vaccine Doses

2,665,722
Population Fully Vaccinated

20.92
% of Population Fully Vaccinated

COVID-19 Cases

04/01/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	129,073,878	2,818,576
US	30,462,642	552,140
Illinois	1,248,111	21,326
LaSalle County	11,422	287

04/09/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	134,094,356	2,905,097
US	31,003,199	560,115
Illinois	1,273,200	21.476
LaSalle County	11,587	288

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	199	226	3.67	0.00
10-19	481	587	9.22	0.00
20s	938	1015	16.86	0.00
30s	902	885	15.42	0.00
40s	833	872	14.71	1.04
50s	868	938	15.59	2.43
60s	677	658	11.52	7.29
70s	360	395	6.52	22.22
80s	210	293	4.34	35.42
90s	85	150	2.03	28.13
100s	1	14	0.13	3.47
UNK				
Total	5554	6033		
%	47.93	52.07		
TOTAL CASES		11587		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	**198**
May	98	
June	67	
July	261	
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**3145**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	**9**
April	0	**1**
May	12	
June	4	
July	1	
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**57**

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. The total has been adjusted

Deaths by Age	**288**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	3
50's	7
60's	21
70's	64
80's	102
90's	81
100s	10
Males	149
Females	139

Cases by City/Village

04.01.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	30	0.26%
Dana	26	0.23%
Earlville	209	1.83%
Grand Ridge	93	0.81%
LaSalle	1075	9.41%
Leland	154	1.35%
Leonore	5	0.04%
Lostant	66	0.58%
Marseilles	756	6.62%
Mendota	1215	10.64%
Millington	38	0.33%
Oglesby	465	4.07%
Ottawa	2246	19.66%
Peru	1201	10.51%
Ransom	39	0.34%
Rutland	23	0.20%
Sandwich	404	3.54%
Serena	55	0.48%
Seneca	285	2.50%
Sheridan	756	6.62%
Somonauk	202	1.77%
Streator	1743	15.26%
Tonica	99	0.87%
Troy Grove	23	0.20%
Utica	182	1.59%
Wedron	5	0.04%
Wenona	20	0.18%
Other**	7	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**11422**	

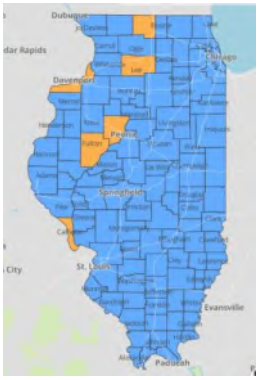
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Town	Current Total	Increase since last week	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	30	0	0.26%
Dana	26	0	0.22%
Earlville	214	5	1.85%
Grand Ridge	94	1	0.81%
LaSalle	1090	15	9.41%
Leland	154	0	1.33%
Leonore	5	0	0.04%
Lostant	68	2	0.59%
Marseilles	769	13	6.64%
Mendota	1238	23	10.68%
Millington	38	0	0.33%
Oglesby	468	3	4.04%
Ottawa	2285	39	19.72%
Peru	1218	17	10.51%
Ransom	39	0	0.34%
Rutland	28	5	0.24%
Sandwich	409	5	3.53%
Serena	55	0	0.47%
Seneca	287	2	2.48%
Sheridan	763	7	6.58%
Somonauk	204	2	1.76%
Streator	1766	23	15.24%
Tonica	102	3	0.88%
Troy Grove	23	0	0.20%
Utica	182	0	1.57%
Wedron	5	0	0.04%
Wenona (LC Cases)	20	0	0.17%
Other**	7	0	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**11587**	**165**	

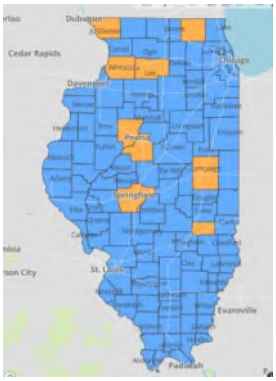
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** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

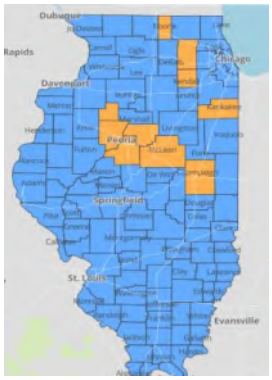
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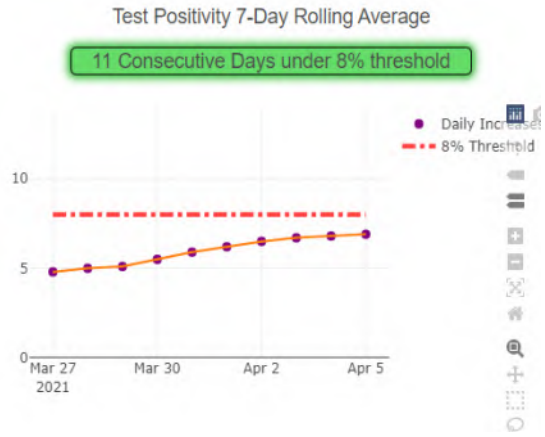
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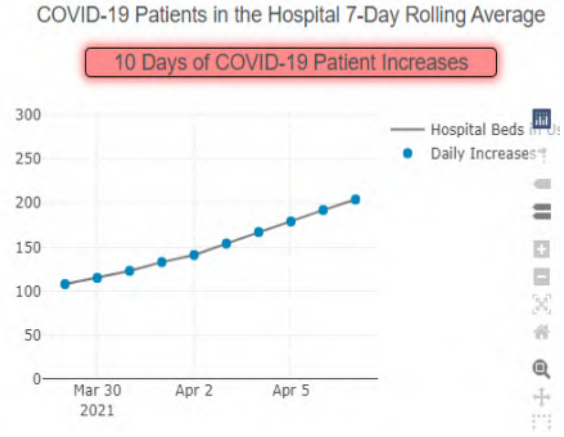


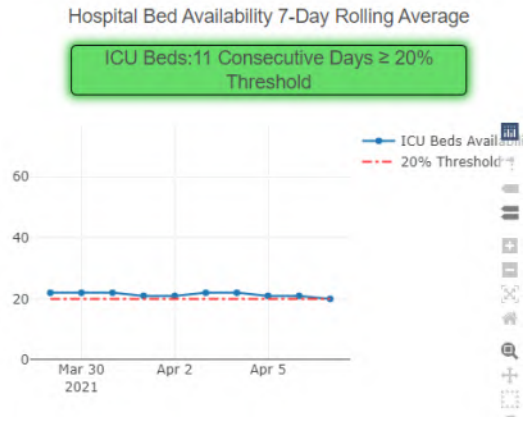
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Region 2 Summary - 04/08/2021







County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 03/21-03/27/2021

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **89 per 100K** *Decrease from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2** * Increase from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **2.3 %** *Decrease from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **4999** *more tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2.6 %** *no change in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **<5** * Decrease from previous week
Cluster (%) of cases No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **2.9 %** *Increase in reported clusters from previous week	**ICU (%) Available** ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **25 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 03/28-04/03/2021

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **140 per 100K** *Increase from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1** * Decrease from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **5.4 %** *Increase from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **3039** *less tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **3.5 %** *Increase in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **7** * Increase from previous week
Cluster (%) of cases No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **3.2 %** *Increase in reported clusters from previous week	**ICU (%) Available** ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **22 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

Local Testing Information

LaSalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

*** COVID -19 Testing**
The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Testing will be performed Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

ST. MARGARET'S HEALTH – PERU

Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their primary care provider for an order or may call the St. Margaret's Health Peru Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Outpatient testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only. Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.

Morris Hospital

Morris Hospital offers nasal swab testing by appointment for symptomatic individuals with a physician's order. Testing is available for individuals of all ages from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday. Appointments are required – no exceptions. Testing is NOT available at this time for asymptomatic individuals due to a nationwide shortage of the testing reagent. Testing is performed through the drive-up testing site on the Morris Hospital campus at the corner of Lisbon & High Streets on the far southwest corner of the hospital campus. When you arrive on the hospital campus, please follow the Drive-Thru Testing directional signs on Lisbon Street or High Street. Patients are required to have photo ID, insurance card and sign a release at the time of their test.

After a physician places an order for your test, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital will call you to schedule. Please allow up to 72 hours for test results to get sent to

the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
    - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
    - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
    - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center

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- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to our OSF Saint Paul Medical Center lab.
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

St. Margaret's Hospital – Spring Valley

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing

Illinois Department of Public Health Focuses Mobile COVID-19 Testing in High-Risk Communities

In an effort to make one of the largest COVID-19 testing infrastructures in the country more easily accessible for residents, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is fine tuning its targeted mobile testing operations. This is in response to a decline in the number of people utilizing state supported testing sites and in preparation for the next phases of the pandemic response. IDPH is realigning its testing strategy to deploy mobile testing teams to locations with a high demand for testing, such as schools, processing plants, high risk workplaces, and other targeted locations.

"By focusing on taking testing to where people are, we hope to increase the number of people being tested for COVID-19," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Testing is important to quickly identify individuals with COVID-19 to stop further spread of the virus. Our test positivity rate is currently low, and one way to keep it low is to identify infected individuals as quickly as possible so contact tracing efforts can identify close contacts who may have been exposed and have them quarantine so the virus does not spread further."

Due to changes in public demand, the days of operation for the State community-based testing sites are being adjusted. These changes will go into effect on Thursday, March 18, 2021. The new days of operation for the community-based testing sites are as follows:

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W. Euclid Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
East St. Louis	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.



What Should My Family Do If Someone in Our Household is Sick With COVID-19?

If someone in your household is sick with COVID-19, keep them separated from others as much as possible. Wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet apart. Also:

• If possible, have only one person providing care for the sick person.
• If you need to share a bedroom or bathroom, use fans and open windows and doors to improve airflow.
• If you are sick, do not help prepare food.
• Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces like door handles.
• Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

More tips: https://bit.ly/2KAILDa.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

LaSalle County Phase 2 Clinic Updates

LaSalle County Health Department Opens COVID-19 Vaccination Appointments to Individuals in Phase 2

The LaSalle County Health Department continues to move forward and will expand our clinic availability to include individuals in Phase 2, which focuses on ensuring access to vaccine for all populations 16 years and above. **Please note, appointments are still available for those individuals who qualify as Phase 1A, Phase 1B (65 years and older and Frontline Essential Workers) and Phase 1B+ (16-64 years of age with underlying medical conditions).**

As the vaccine will be available for all ages 16 and above, the Health Department has transitioned away from utilizing the "COVID Vaccine Notification Sign-up List" we began in early January. **Information regarding upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics and Appointment Availability will NOW be posted on our website**. Please visit www.lasallecounty.org and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment at an upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic. Please continue to check the website regularly for appointment availability. Additional dates will be added as more vaccine become available.

To meet the demand of expanded eligibility, the Health Department is planning a large clinic on Friday, April 23, 2021 at Illinois Valley Community College from 11am-7pm. Appointments are currently available and able to be scheduled for this clinic.

Friday, April 23, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)

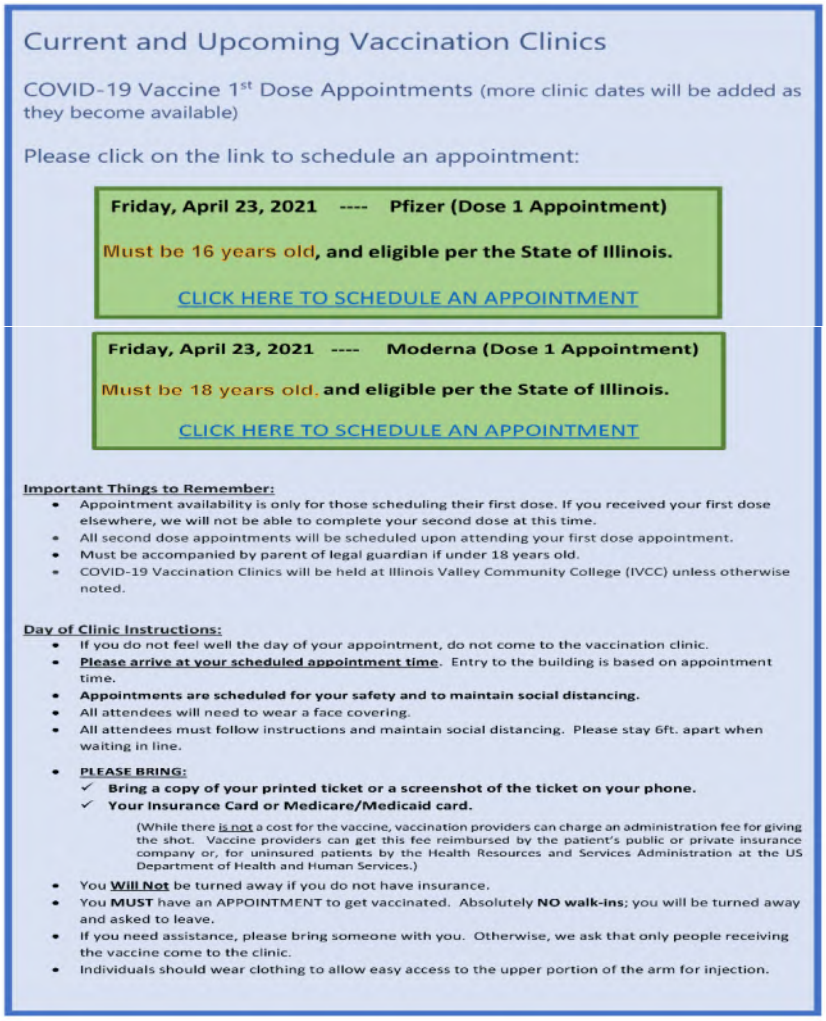
Must be 16 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.

Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/8992d086-90df-4e76-a53b-9bab46e788d3/

Friday, April 23, 2021 ---- Moderna (Dose 1 Appointment)

Must be 18 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/1f88a51c-3b06-4ecf-a97c-8d0de4bb9017/

For additional information, please contact the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 or visit the Health Department's website at www.lasallecounty.org.



Current and Upcoming Vaccination Clinics

COVID-19 Vaccine 1st Dose Appointments (more clinic dates will be added as they become available)

Please click on the link to schedule an appointment:

Friday, April 23, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)

Must be 16 years old, **and eligible per the State of Illinois.**

CLICK HERE TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

Friday, April 23, 2021 ---- Moderna (Dose 1 Appointment)

Must be 18 years old, **and eligible per the State of Illinois.**

CLICK HERE TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

Important Things to Remember:

- Appointment availability is only for those scheduling their first dose. If you received your first dose elsewhere, we will not be able to complete your second dose at this time.
- All second dose appointments will be scheduled upon attending your first dose appointment.
- Must be accompanied by parent of legal guardian if under 18 years old.
- COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics will be held at Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC) unless otherwise noted.

Day of Clinic Instructions:

- If you do not feel well the day of your appointment, do not come to the vaccination clinic.
- **Please arrive at your scheduled appointment time**. Entry to the building is based on appointment time.
- **Appointments are scheduled for your safety and to maintain social distancing.**
- All attendees will need to wear a face covering.
- All attendees must follow instructions and maintain social distancing. Please stay 6ft. apart when waiting in line.
- **PLEASE BRING:**
  - ✓ **Bring a copy of your printed ticket or a screenshot of the ticket on your phone.**
  - ✓ **Your Insurance Card or Medicare/Medicaid card.**

  (While there is not a cost for the vaccine, vaccination providers can charge an administration fee for giving the shot. Vaccine providers can get this fee reimbursed by the patient's public or private insurance company or, for uninsured patients by the Health Resources and Services Administration at the US Department of Health and Human Services.)
- You **Will Not** be turned away if you do not have insurance.
- You **MUST** have an APPOINTMENT to get vaccinated. Absolutely **NO walk-ins**; you will be turned away and asked to leave.
- If you need assistance, please bring someone with you. Otherwise, we ask that only people receiving the vaccine come to the clinic.
- Individuals should wear clothing to allow easy access to the upper portion of the arm for injection.

Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is outreaching to patients who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Under Illinois' Phase 1b, OSF is offering vaccines to their patients who are age 65 and older and who reside in counties **where we have received the vaccine from the local health**

department. Those patients who are eligible for vaccination are prioritized based on certain medical conditions they have that could put them at greater risk of serious illness if they contract COVID-19.
If you're eligible, OSF will contact you by phone or a message in OSF MyChart.

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

Please visit their websites for appointment availability.

State-run Mass Vaccination Site in Grundy County

Grundy County now has a mass vaccination site. Priority is given to Grundy residents and workforce, but, as a Mass Vaccination Site, appointments are open to any IL resident 18 years and older. (Phase 1a, 1b and 1b+).
Regularly check www.grundyhealth.com for upcoming appointment information.

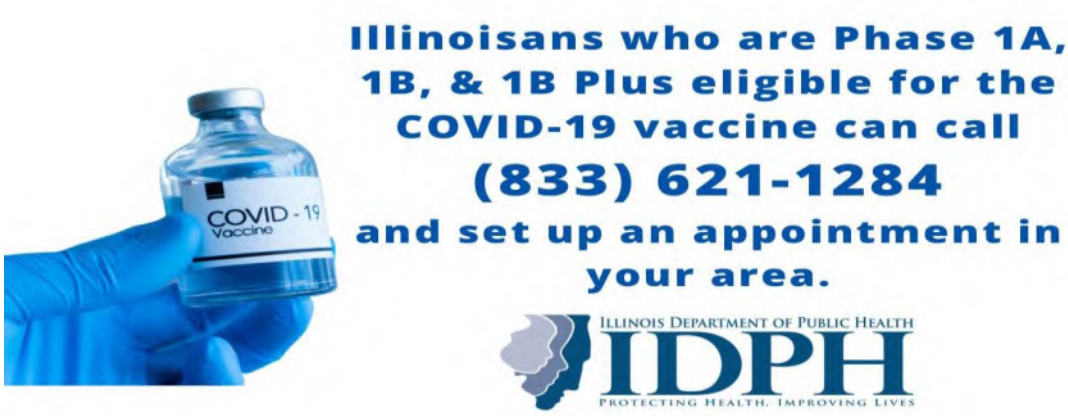
State-Supported Mass Vaccination Locations

The State of Illinois has established 20 state-supported mass vaccination locations across Illinois where residents from anywhere in Illinois can be vaccinated. All state-supported vaccination sites require appointments.

County	Location	Address
Adams County	Oakley Lindsey Center	300 Civic Center Dr., Quincy
Cook County*	North Riverside, Morton, Thornton, Arlington Heights, and others	https://vaccine.cookcountyil.gov/ *Smaller Cook County sites acting as mass vax sites the week of April 12th
Cook County	Des Plaines K-Mart	1155 E. Oakton St., Des Plaines
Cook County	Triton College	2000 5th Ave., River Grove
Cook County	South Suburban College	158000 St. St., South Holland
Cook County	Tinley Park Convention Center	18451 Convention Center Dr., Tinley Park

Cook County	Forest Park HOBO	7630 W Roosevelt Rd, Forest Park
DuPage County	DuPage County Health Department	111 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton
Grundy County	Shabbona Middle School	725 School St., Morris
Jackson County	Banterra Center	1490 Douglas Dr., Carbondale
Jackson County	Carbondale Civic Center	200 S. Illinois Ave., Carbondale
Kane County	Batavia Sam's Club	501 N. Randall Rd., Batavia
Kane County	Former Carson Pirie Scott	970 N. Lake St, Aurora
Kane County	Elgin Eastside Recreation Center	1800 E. Chicago Street, Elgin
Lake County	At the Community Based Testing Center	102 W. Water Street, Waukegan
Madison County	Gateway Convention Center	1 Gateway Dr., Collinsville
Sangamon County	State Fairgrounds – Orr Building	801 E. Sangamon Ave., Springfield
St. Clair County	Belle-Clair Fairgrounds	200 S. Belt E. #2650, Belleville
Will County	Former Toys "R" Us	3128 Voyager Ln. Joliet
Winnebago County	Winnebago County Health Department	555 N. Court St. Ste. 4, Rockford

Eligible Illinoisans can now call (833) 621-1284 to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment in your area.



Over the next few weeks, additional populations will be eligible for COVID-19 vaccination. Find your nearest location: https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location



Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker

RESTORE ILLINOIS

All Regions across Illinois are in Phase 4. Let's stay there by continuing to wear our mask, wash our hands, keep a safe distance and #VaxUpIL if you are eligible!

PHASE 4: REVITALIZATION

PHASE 4 GUIDELINES OVERVIEW

Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
JB Pritzker, Governor

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A Public Health Approach To Safely Reopen Our State

PART OF PHASE IV OF RESTORE ILLINOIS PLAN

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ALL INDUSTRIES

- All employees who can work from home should continue to do so
- Continue to wear face covering that covers nose and mouth, maintain social distance of 6 ft., and frequently wash hands
- Continue employee health screenings upon entry into the workplace and mid-shift screenings for employees with shifts >5 hours (virtual screening permitted)
- Follow guidelines on capacity limits and group sizes (to be continually reassessed throughout Phase 4)

FILM PRODUCTION

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% of sound stage/location occupancy
- Crowd scenes should be limited to 50 people or fewer
- All individuals should maintain 6 ft. of social distancing unless job duty cannot be performed without proximity (e.g. actors performing, hair, make-up, costumes)
- One-time nasal swab for RT-PCR testing of all cast and crew should be obtained within 48 to 72 hours prior to the start of work on set or location
- Craft services and catering should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines
- Live audiences permitted in line with Theatre/Performing Arts guidelines

HEALTH AND FITNESS

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Group fitness classes of up to 50 people with at least 6 ft. social distancing between individuals permitted; multiple groups permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Workout stations and equipment should be 6 ft. apart without barriers or 3 ft. apart with impermeable barriers in between
- For open gym spaces, have 1 employee per every 4,000 sq. ft. to monitor social distancing and sanitize equipment between use
- Sanitize equipment before and after each individual use and sanitize locker rooms and showers at least every hour
- Keep ancillary accommodations (e.g., saunas, hot tubs, steam rooms) closed, though childcare areas are permitted to reopen in line with DHFS childcare guidelines

MUSEUMS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Museums should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

INDOOR/OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Reopening select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks); indoor playgrounds and trampoline parks should remain closed
- Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers or 50% of facility capacity
- Outdoor recreation allowing group sizes of up to 50, and permitting multiple groups given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Activity stations should be spaced at least 6 ft. apart or limited in number to ensure social distancing
- Shared equipment should be disinfected before and after each use
- Clubhouses and other communal gathering places allowed to reopen
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

MANUFACTURING

- Employees must receive COVID training before returning to work
- All employers should have a wellness screening program. Employers should conduct in-person COVID-19 screening of employees upon entry and a mid-shift screening if employee shift is greater than 5 hours
- Stagger and space shifts, and designate shift entrances and exits (when possible) to minimize interactions of employees across unique shift groupings
- Workstations should be disinfected between every shift and in between employee handoffs
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted

MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- Limit to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of room capacity
- Multiple groups may meet in the same facility if they are socially distanced and in separate rooms
- Groups should be static for duration of meeting or event. If event includes multiple sessions, participants should remain in one room, and speakers/presenters should rotate between rooms or be digitally displayed (e.g. projected, livestreamed) in multiple rooms
- Dance floors should remain closed
- Food service should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines

PHASE 4: REVITALIZATION

PHASE 4 GUIDELINES OVERVIEW

Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
JB Pritzker, Governor

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OFFICES

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted
- Continue health screenings, though employers may screen office employees via in-person conversation or questionnaire once at their workstation, or using virtual method

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

- Indoor dining and drinking now permitted for parties of up to 10 people
- Seated areas should be arranged so that tables allow for 6 ft. between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths which are less than 6 ft. apart
- Standing areas (in restaurants or bars) should be limited to no more than 25% of standing area capacity
- Buffets and self-service food stations (e.g. hot and cold bars, bulk items, baked goods) should adhere to additional minimum guidelines
- Self-service beverage fountains are permissible with the additional precautions

RETAIL AND SERVICE COUNTER

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Mall food courts may reopen in line with Indoor Dining and Drinking guidelines

PERSONAL CARE

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- If services require customer to remove his or her mask, employee must wear both a face mask and eye protection (e.g., face shield, protective glasses)
- No time restrictions on massage or other services

OUTDOOR SEATED SPECTATOR EVENTS

- Outdoor spectator events only; indoor spectator events not permitted at this time
- Tickets events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Maximum of 20% of seating capacity for spectators
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

THEATERS AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers for ticketed events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Indoor capacity limit of 50 people or less or 50% of space capacity (applies to each screening room); outdoor capacity limited to 20% of overall space capacity
- Patrons should wear face coverings over their nose and mouth, except while seated within a venue (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering)
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

YOUTH AND RECREATIONAL SPORTS

- Competitive gameplay and tournaments permitted for moderate and lower risk sports. Intra-team scrimmages for higher risk sports
- Limit of 50 spectators for events
- Sporting venues may host multiple groups of participants engaged in active exercise or gameplay provided the venue has space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

ZOOS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Indoor exhibits are limited to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of the building capacity
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Zoos should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions



If you have questions or need additional support: Please call our hotline at 1-800-252-2923or e-mail us at ceo.support@illinois.gov or return to Illinois.gov/businessguidelines

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS about COVID-19 Vaccine

Vax Fact: COVID-19 vaccines teach your immune system how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19. This helps keep you from getting sick with COVID-19. More vaccine facts: https://bit.ly/3hQ9yv9.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

CDC Issues Updated Guidance on Travel for Fully Vaccinated People

On April 2, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its travel guidance for fully vaccinated people to reflect the latest evidence and science. Given recent studies evaluating the real-world effects of vaccination, CDC recommends that fully vaccinated people can travel at low risk to themselves. A person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the last recommended dose of vaccine.

Fully vaccinated people can travel within the United States and COVID-19 testing or post-travel self-quarantine are not required as long as they continue to take COVID-19 precautions while traveling – wearing a mask, avoiding crowds, socially distancing, and washing hands frequently.

“With millions of Americans getting vaccinated every day, it is important to update the public on the latest science about what fully vaccinated people can do safely, now including guidance on safe travel,” said CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky. “We continue to encourage every American to get vaccinated as soon as it’s their turn, so we can begin to safely take steps back to our everyday lives. Vaccines can help us return to the things we love about life, so we encourage every American to get vaccinated as soon as they have the opportunity.”

Because of the potential introduction and spread of new SARS-CoV-2 variants, differences in disease burden and vaccines, and vaccine coverage around the world, CDC is providing the following guidance related to international travel:

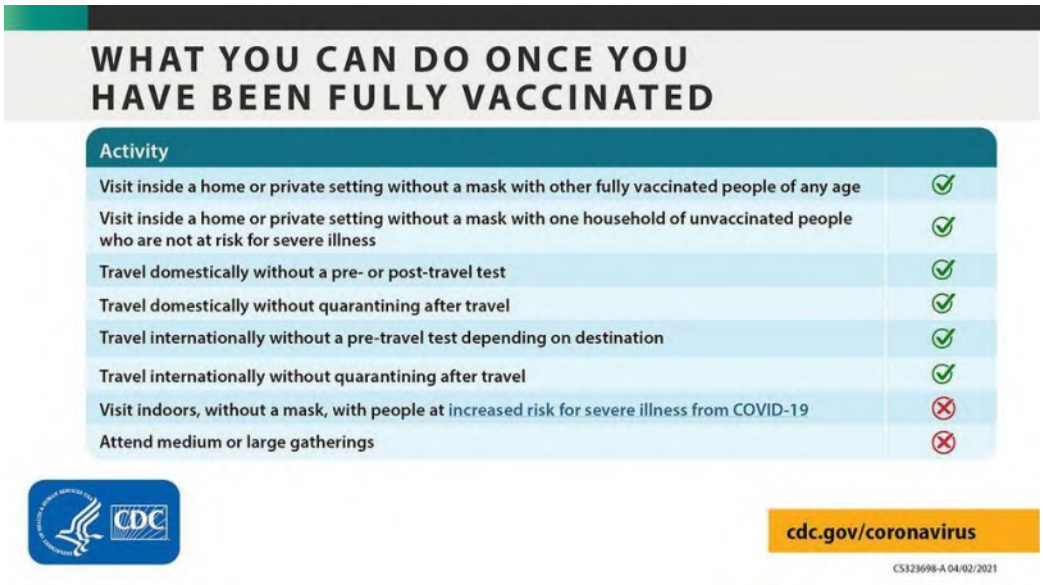
- Fully vaccinated people can travel internationally without getting a COVID-19 test before travel unless it is required by the international destination.
- Fully vaccinated people do not need to self-quarantine after returning to the United States, unless required by a state or local jurisdiction.
- Fully vaccinated people should still have a negative COVID-19 test result before they board a flight to the United States and get a COVID-19 test 3 to 5 days after returning from international travel.
- Fully vaccinated people should continue to take COVID-19 precautions while traveling internationally.

The guidance issued does not change the agency's existing guidance for people who are not fully vaccinated. Unvaccinated travelers should still get tested 1-3 days before domestic travel and again 3-5 days after travel. They should stay home and self-quarantine for 7 days after travel or 10 days if they don't get tested at the conclusion of travel. CDC discourages non-essential domestic travel by those who are not fully vaccinated.

Updates to CDC travel guidance for vaccinated people can be found here:
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/international-travel-during-covid19.html
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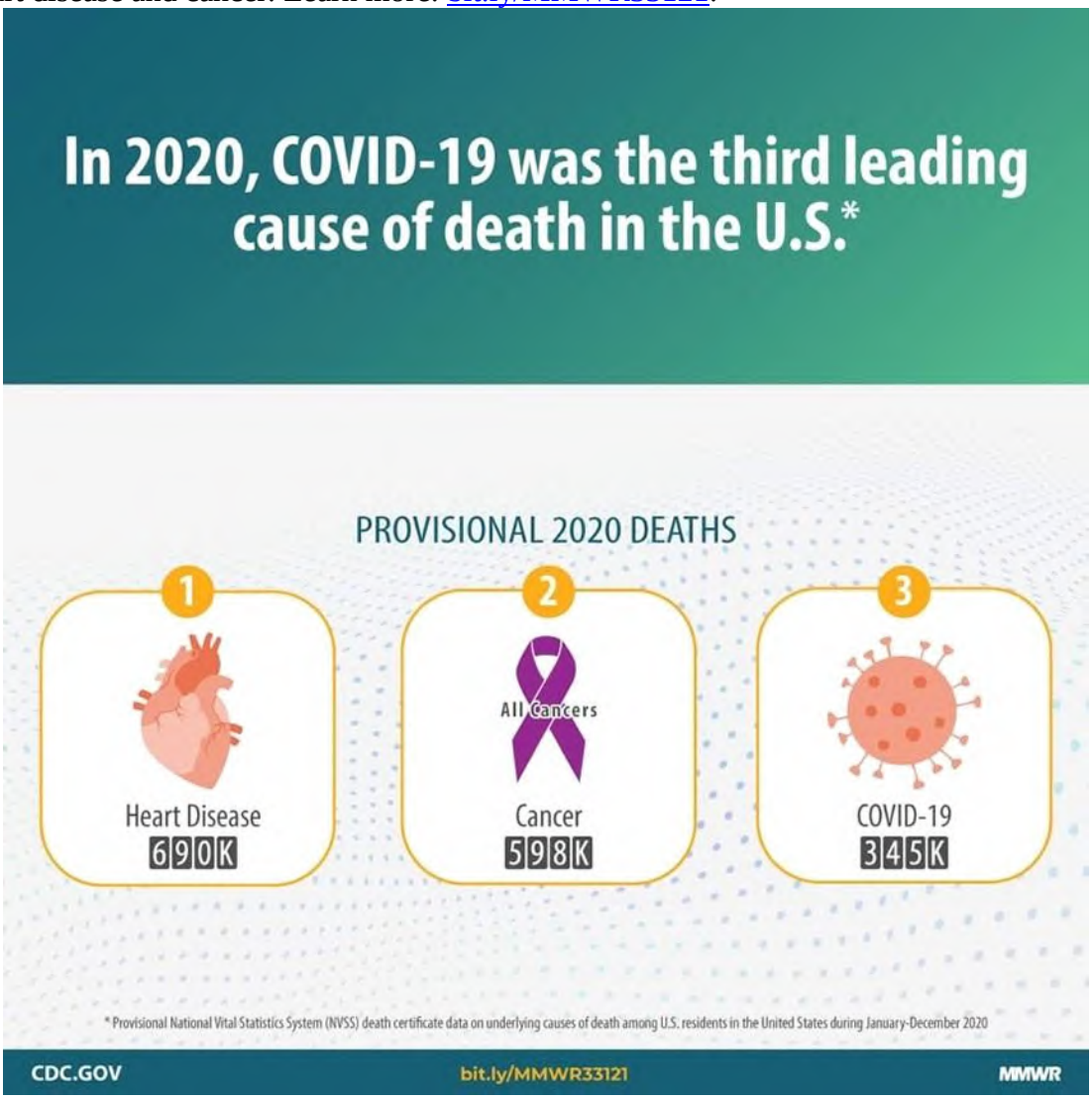
Due to the large number of Americans who remain unvaccinated and the current state of the pandemic, CDC recommends that fully vaccinated people continue to take COVID-19 precautions, such as wearing a mask, social distancing, washing hands frequently and avoiding crowds when in public, when visiting with unvaccinated people from multiple other households, and when around unvaccinated people who are at high risk of getting severely ill from COVID-19.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



Provisional Mortality Data — United States, 2020

A new CDC report finds that in 2020, more than 3.3 million deaths occurred in the United States, based on early data from death certificates. This represents an 18% increase in deaths from 2019. COVID-19 ranked as the third leading cause of death in 2020, following heart disease and cancer. Learn more: bit.ly/MMWR33121.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

SARS-CoV-2 Variant Classifications and Definitions

Viruses constantly change through mutation. A variant has one or more mutations that differentiate it from other variants in circulation. As expected, multiple variants of SARS-CoV-2 have been documented in the United States and globally throughout this pandemic. To inform local outbreak investigations and understand national trends, scientists compare genetic differences between viruses to identify variants and how they are related to each other.

Key Points

- Genetic variants of SARS-CoV-2 have been emerging and circulating around the world throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Viral mutations and variants in the United States are routinely monitored through sequence-based surveillance, laboratory studies, and epidemiological investigations.
- A US government interagency group developed a Variant Classification scheme that defines three classes of SARS-CoV-2 variants:
    - Variant of Interest
    - Variant of Concern
    - Variant of High Consequence
- The B.1.1.7, B.1.351, P.1, B.1.427, and B.1.429 variants circulating in the United States are classified as variants of concern

Variant classifications

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) established a SARS-CoV-2 Interagency Group (SIG) to improve coordination among the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Institutes of Health (NIH), US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), and Department of Defense (DoD). This interagency group is focused on the rapid characterization of emerging variants and actively monitors their potential impact on critical SARS-CoV-2 countermeasures, including vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics.

- Variants of Interest
- Variants of Concern
- Variants of High Consequence

In collaboration with the SIG, CDC established a classification scheme for variants of SARS-CoV-2. These classifications include definitions and attributes of the variants. Resulting public health actions are also described in the sections below.

Notes: Each class of variant includes the possible attributes of lower classes; variant status might escalate or deescalate based on scientific evidence. This page will be updated as needed to show the variants that belong to each class. The World Health Organization (WHO) also classifies variant viruses as Variants of Concern and Variants of Interest; US classifications may differ from those of WHO since the importance of variants may differ by location.

Variant of Interest

A variant with specific genetic markers that have been associated with changes to receptor binding, reduced neutralization by antibodies generated against previous infection or vaccination, reduced efficacy of treatments, potential diagnostic impact, or predicted increase in transmissibility or disease severity.

Possible attributes of a variant of interest:

- Specific genetic markers that are predicted to affect transmission, diagnostics, therapeutics, or immune escape
- Evidence that demonstrates it is the cause of an increased proportion of cases or unique outbreak clusters
- Limited prevalence or expansion in the US or in other countries

A variant of interest might require one or more appropriate public health actions, including enhanced sequence surveillance, enhanced laboratory characterization, or epidemiological investigations to assess how easily the virus spreads to others, the severity of disease, the risk of reinfection, and whether currently authorized vaccines offer protection.

Current variants of interest in the United States that are being monitored and characterized are listed in the table below. The table will be updated when a new variant of interest is identified.

Name (Pango lineage)	First Detected	Predicted Attributes
B.1.526	New York/November 2020	• Potential reduction in neutralization by monoclonal antibody treatments • Potential reduction in neutralization by convalescent and post-vaccination sera
B.1.525	New York/December 2020	• Potential reduction in neutralization by monoclonal antibody treatments • Potential reduction in neutralization by convalescent and post-vaccination sera
P.2	Brazil/April 2020	• Potential reduction in neutralization by monoclonal antibody treatments • Potential reduction in neutralization by convalescent and post-vaccination sera

Variant of Concern

A variant for which there is evidence of an increase in transmissibility, more severe disease (increased hospitalizations or deaths), significant reduction in neutralization by antibodies generated during previous infection or vaccination, reduced effectiveness of treatments or vaccines, or diagnostic detection failures.

Possible attributes of a variant of concern:

In addition to the possible attributes of a variant of interest

- Evidence of impact on diagnostics, treatments, and vaccines
    - Widespread interference with diagnostic test targets
    - Evidence of substantially increased resistance to one or more class of therapies

- Evidence of significant decreased neutralization by antibodies generated during previous infection or vaccination
- Evidence of reduced vaccine-induced protection from severe disease

- Evidence of increased transmissibility
- Evidence of increased disease severity

Name (Pango lineage)	**First Detected**	**Known Attributes**
B.1.1.7	United Kingdom	• ~50% increased transmission • Likely increased severity based on hospitalizations and case fatality rates • Minimal impact on neutralization by EUA monoclonal antibody therapeutics • Minimal impact on neutralization by convalescent and post-vaccination sera
P.1	Japan/ Brazil	• Moderate impact on neutralization by EUA monoclonal antibody therapeutics • Reduced neutralization by convalescent and post-vaccination sera
B.1.351	South Africa	• ~50% increased transmission • Moderate impact on neutralization by EUA monoclonal antibody therapeutics • Moderate reduction on neutralization by convalescent and post-vaccination sera
B.1.427	US-California	• ~20% increased transmissibility • Significant impact on neutralization by some, but not all, EUA therapeutics • Moderate reduction in neutralization using convalescent and post-vaccination sera
B.1.429	US-California	• ~20% increased transmissibility • Significant impact on neutralization by some, but not all, EUA therapeutics • Moderate reduction in neutralization using convalescent and post-vaccination sera

Variants of concern might require one or more appropriate public health actions, such as notification to WHO under the International Health Regulations, reporting to CDC, local or regional efforts to control spread, increased testing, or research to determine the effectiveness of vaccines and treatments against the variant. Based on the characteristics of the variant, additional considerations may include the development of new diagnostics or the modification of vaccines or treatments.

Current variants of concern in the United States that are being closely monitored and characterized by federal agencies are included in the table below. The table will be updated when a new variant of concern is identified.

Variant of High Consequence

A variant of high consequence has clear evidence that prevention measures or medical countermeasures (MCMs) have significantly reduced effectiveness relative to previously circulating variants.

Possible attributes of a variant of high consequence:

In addition to the possible attributes of a variant of concern

- Impact on Medical Countermeasures (MCM)
    - Demonstrated failure of diagnostics
    - Evidence to suggest a significant reduction in vaccine effectiveness, a disproportionately high number of vaccine breakthrough cases, or very low vaccine-induced protection against severe disease
    - Significantly reduced susceptibility to multiple Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) or approved therapeutics
    - More severe clinical disease and increased hospitalizations

A variant of high consequence would require notification to WHO under the International Health Regulations, reporting to CDC, an announcement of strategies to prevent or contain transmission, and recommendations to update treatments and vaccines.

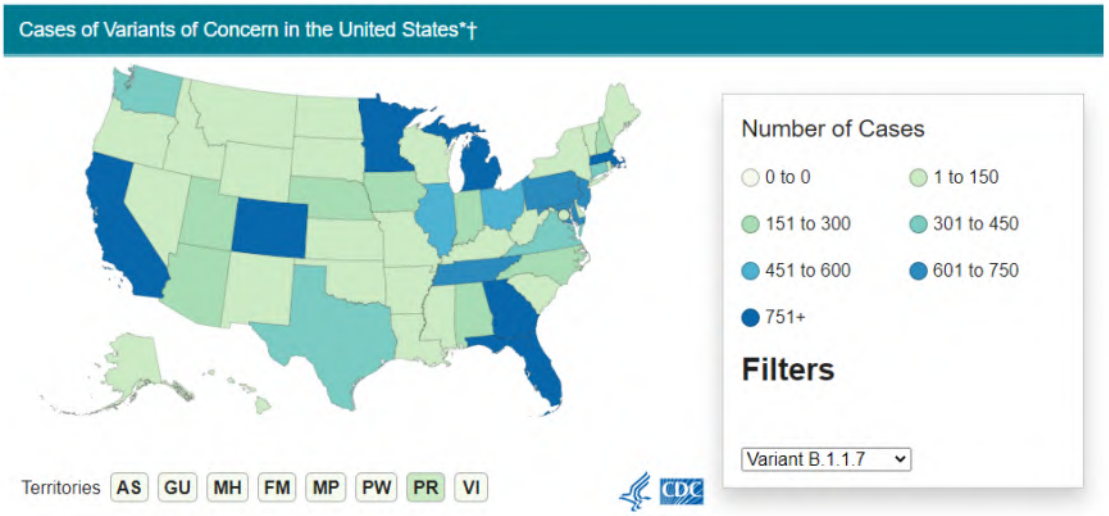
Currently there are no SARS-CoV-2 variants that rise to the level of high consequence.

Variant Reports in U.S. *

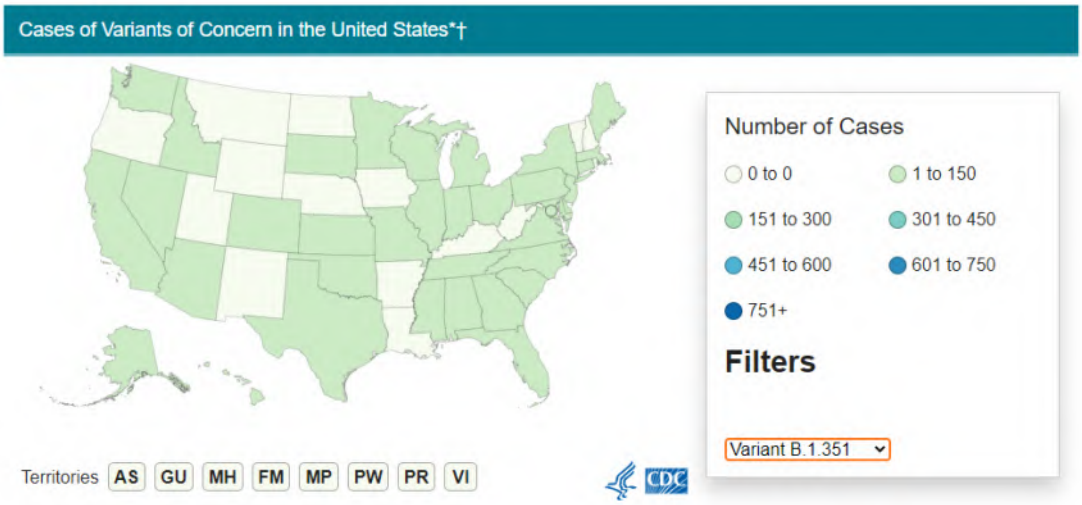
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Variant	Reported Cases in US	Number of Jurisdictions Reporting
B.1.1.7	19,554	52
B.1.351	424	36
P.1	434	28

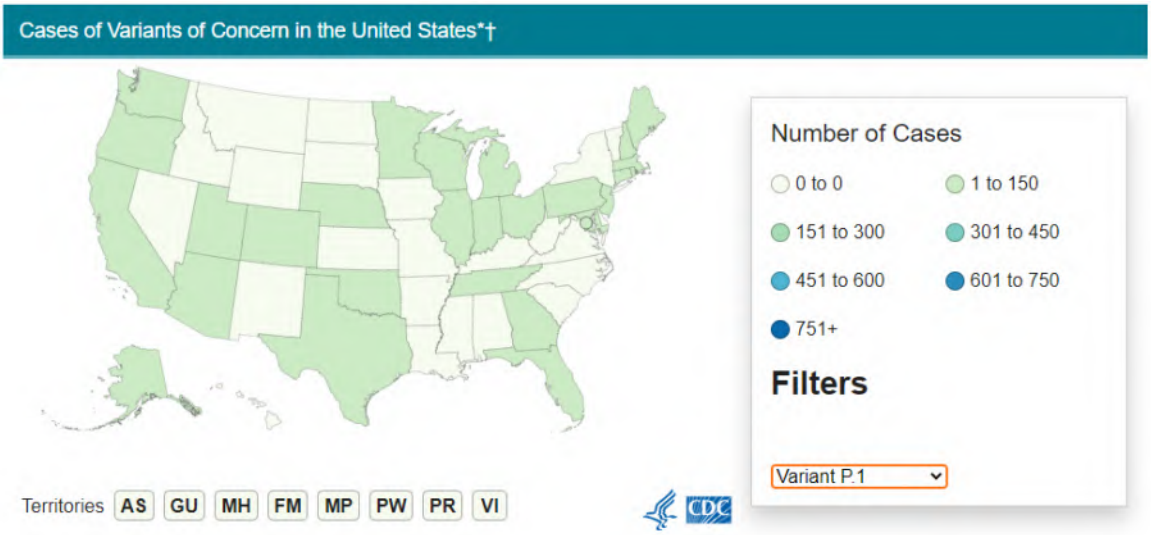
VARIANT B.1.1.7



VARIANT B.1.351



VARIANT P.1



2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

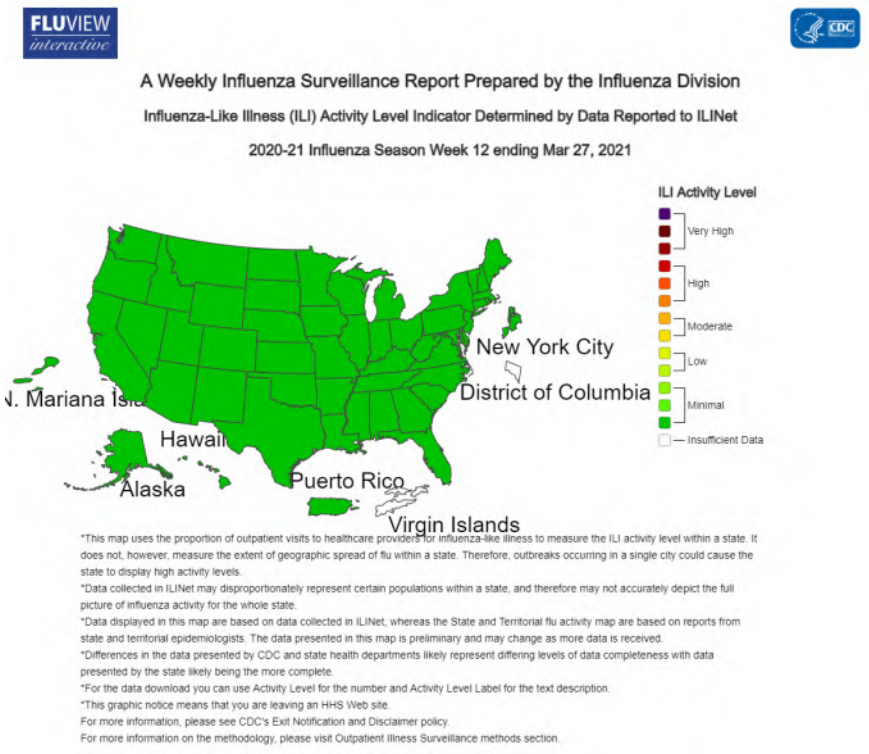
While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant
- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2020.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed by visit the following link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#:~:text=2020%20%2D%202021%20Flu%20Activity%20Report,care%20sites%20throughout%20the%20state.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm



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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin

Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.

For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

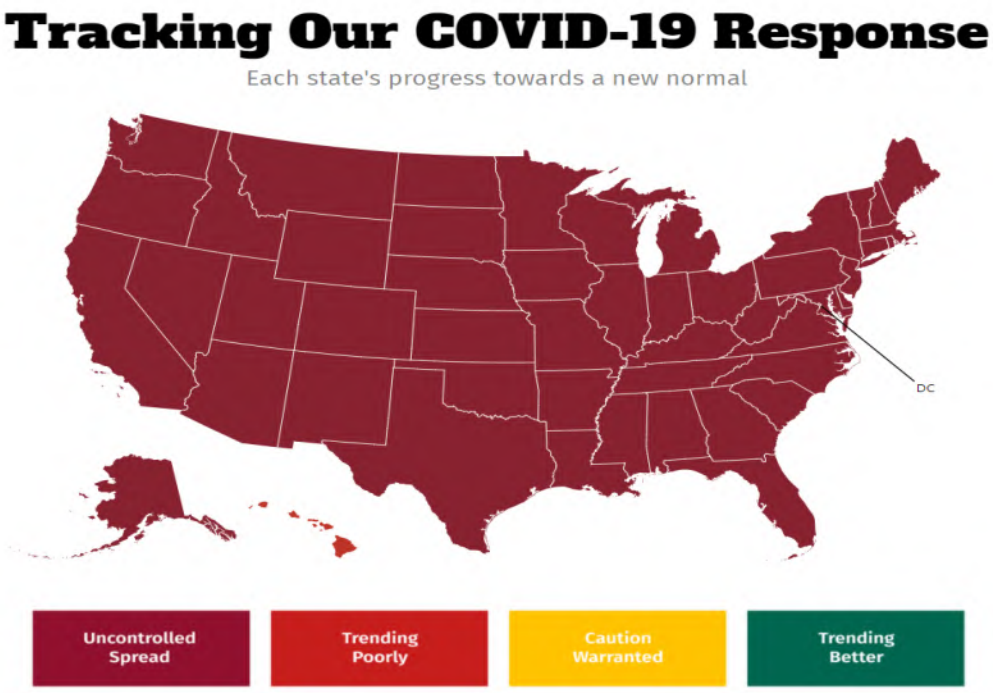
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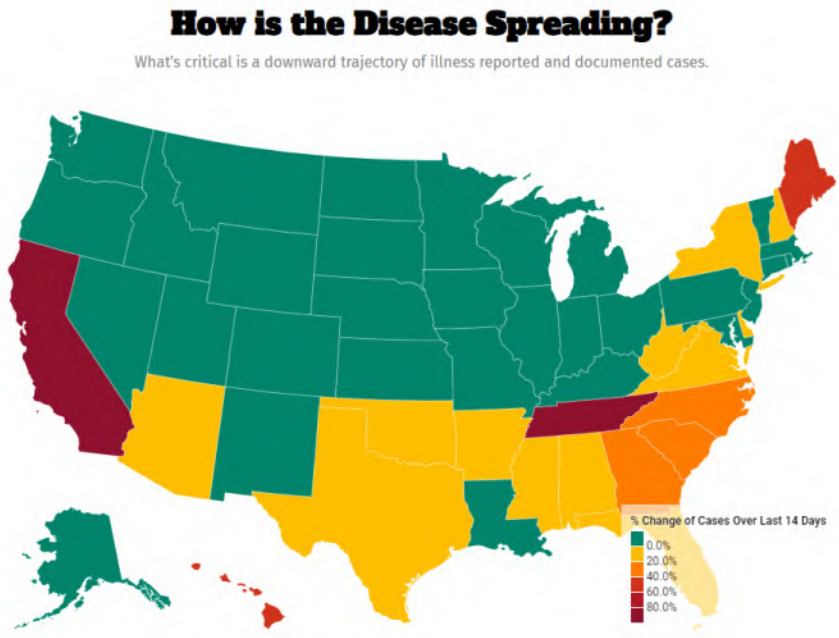
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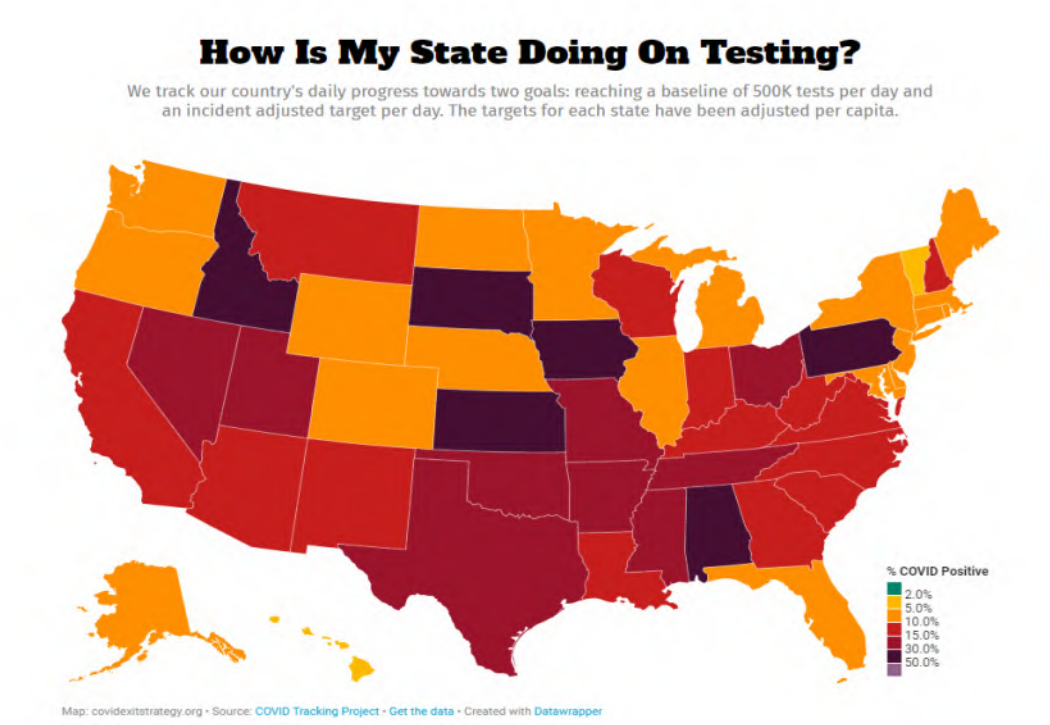
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Change in Cases over last 14 days



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Maps from https://www.covidexitstrategy.org/ which provides state by state data including
14-DAY TREND OF COVID+, LAST 14 DAYS OF COVID+ (ROLLING), INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS, % OF TEST TARGET (US: 500K/DAY), ICU AVAILABILITY, NEW CASES PER MILLION PER DAY, and COVID+ RATE

COVID Numbers at a Glance

This week 04/16/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
11,816	9819	292	1705	57,942	3.4%

Last week 04/01/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
11,587	9731	288	1568	51,327	5.4 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 15,478 individuals with 5379 of those individuals being fully vaccinated with 2 doses since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

Below is the overall County and State data:

LaSalle County	Illinois
57,942 Administered Vaccine Doses	7,779,290 Administered Vaccine Doses
22,716 # Population Fully Vaccinated	3,182,010 # Population Fully Vaccinated
20.76 % of Population Fully Vaccinated	24.97 % of Population Fully Vaccinated

COVID-19 Cases

04/01/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	134,094,356	2,905,097
US	31,003,199	560,115
Illinois	1,273,200	21.476
LaSalle County	11,587	288

04/16/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	139,264,407	2,989,432
US	31,499,477	565,318
Illinois	1,296,381	21,630
LaSalle County	11,816	292

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	204	231	3.68	0.00
10-19	497	599	9.28	0.00
20s	947	1031	16.74	0.00
30s	924	904	15.47	0.00
40s	848	891	14.72	1.03
50s	881	960	15.58	2.40
60s	689	675	11.54	7.53
70s	365	406	6.53	22.26
80s	210	301	4.32	35.62
90s	87	151	2.01	27.74
100s	1	14	0.13	3.42
UNK				
Total	5653	6163		
%	47.84	52.16		
TOTAL CASES		11816		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	**427**
May	98	
June	67	
July	261	
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**3374**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	**5**
May	12	
June	4	
July	1	
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**61**

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. The total has been adjusted

Deaths by Age	292
20's	0
30's	0
40's	3
50's	7
60's	22
70's	65
80's	104
90's	81
100s	10
Males	151
Females	141

Cases by City/Village

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Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	30	0.26%
Dana	26	0.22%
Earlville	214	1.85%
Grand Ridge	94	0.81%
LaSalle	1090	9.41%
Leland	154	1.33%
Leonore	5	0.04%
Lostant	68	0.59%
Marseilles	769	6.64%
Mendota	1238	10.68%
Millington	38	0.33%
Oglesby	468	4.04%
Ottawa	2285	19.72%
Peru	1218	10.51%
Ransom	39	0.34%
Rutland	28	0.24%
Sandwich	409	3.53%
Serena	55	0.47%
Seneca	287	2.48%
Sheridan	763	6.58%
Somonauk	204	1.76%
Streator	1766	15.24%
Tonica	102	0.88%
Troy Grove	23	0.20%
Utica	182	1.57%
Wedron	5	0.04%
Wenona	20	0.17%
Other**	7	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**11587**	

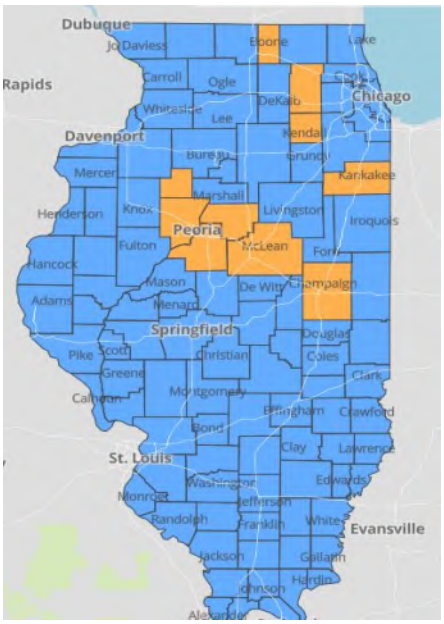
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Town	Current Total	Increase since last week	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	30	0	0.25%
Dana	26	0	0.22%
Earlville	220	6	1.86%
Grand Ridge	94	0	0.80%
LaSalle	1108	18	9.38%
Leland	156	2	1.32%
Leonore	5	0	0.04%
Lostant	69	1	0.58%
Marseilles	787	18	6.66%
Mendota	1260	22	10.66%
Millington	38	0	0.32%
Oglesby	474	6	4.01%
Ottawa	2342	57	19.82%
Peru	1239	21	10.49%
Ransom	40	1	0.34%
Rutland	29	1	0.25%
Sandwich	421	12	3.56%
Serena	55	0	0.47%
Seneca	292	5	2.47%
Sheridan	768	5	6.50%
Somonauk	210	6	1.78%
Streator	1809	43	15.31%
Tonica	103	1	0.87%
Troy Grove	23	0	0.19%
Utica	186	4	1.57%
Wedron	5	0	0.04%
Wenona (LC Cases)	20	0	0.17%
Other**	7	0	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**11816**	**229**	

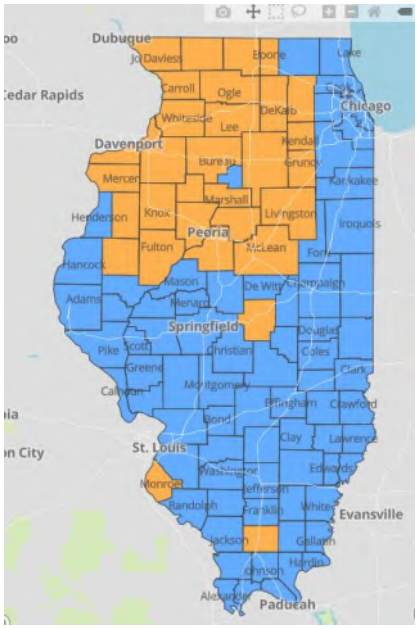
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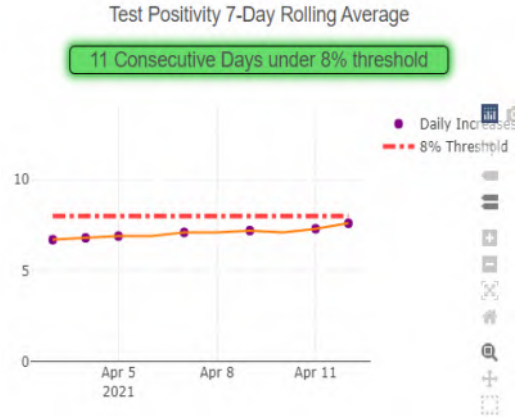
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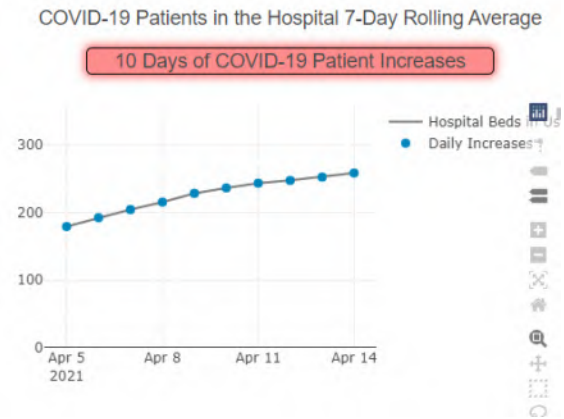


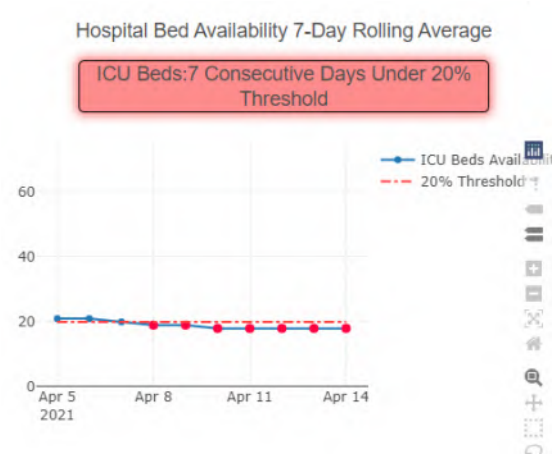
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Region 2 Summary - 04/15/2021







County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 04/04-04/10/2021

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **139 per 100K** *Decrease from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1** * No change from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **3.4 %** *Decrease from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **4697** *more tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **4.4 %** *Increase in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **10** * Increase from previous week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **0.0 %** *Decrease in reported clusters from previous week	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **18 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	

Local Testing Information

Lasalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

*** COVID -19 Testing**
The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Testing will be performed Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

St. Margaret's Health – Peru

Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their primary care provider for an order or may call the St. Margaret's Health Peru Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Outpatient testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only. Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.

Morris Hospital

There are two options for COVID-19 testing through Morris Hospital:

OUTPATIENT DRIVE-THRU TESTING – PHYSICIAN ORDER REQUIRED

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY: M-F 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

TESTING LOCATION: Morris Hospital, 150 W. High St., Morris (follow drive-thru testing signs leading to corner of Lisbon & High Streets)

INSTRUCTIONS: Testing through the Morris Hospital drive-thru requires an order from your physician/provider. After the order is received, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital will call you to schedule a testing appointment. Test results can take up to 72 hours (sometimes longer) and will get sent to the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

IMMEDIATE/CONVENIENT CARE VISIT

WALK-IN: Hours vary by location (see below)

INSTRUCTIONS: Individuals seeking COVID-19 testing due to COVID-like symptoms, COVID exposure concerns, school or travel requirements are first examined by a medical provider at one of our urgent care locations. Depending on testing supply availability and the provider's recommendation, a rapid test or a send out test may be used. Test results on send out tests are typically available within 72 hours (sometimes longer depending on demand). We will submit to your insurance company for the COVID-19 exam and test. To find out more about what to expect from your COVID-19 visit at one of our Urgent Care locations, click here.

Locations include:

- **Immediate Care at the Morris Hospital Ridge Road Campus**

  Address: 27240 W. Saxony Dr., Channahon

  Phone: 815-521-1500

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Immediate Care at the Diagnostic & Rehabilitative Center of Morris Hospital**

  Address: 100 W. Gore Rd., Morris

  Phone: 815-364-8919

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Convenient Care at the Morris Hospital Diamond-Coal City Campus**

  Address: 1450 E. Division St., Diamond

  Phone: 815-634-3500

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Convenient Care at the Morris Hospital Yorkville Campus**

  Address: 105 Saravanos Dr., Yorkville

  Phone: 630-553-8200

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
  - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
  - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
  - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

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- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to our OSF Saint Paul Medical Center lab.
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

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St. Margaret's Hospital – Spring Valley

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing

Illinois Department of Public Health Focuses Mobile COVID-19 Testing in High-Risk Communities

In an effort to make one of the largest COVID-19 testing infrastructures in the country more easily accessible for residents, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is fine tuning its targeted mobile testing operations. This is in response to a decline in the number of people utilizing state supported testing sites and in preparation for the next phases of the pandemic response. IDPH is realigning its testing strategy to deploy mobile testing teams to locations with a high demand for testing, such as schools, processing plants, high risk workplaces, and other targeted locations.

"By focusing on taking testing to where people are, we hope to increase the number of people being tested for COVID-19," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Testing is important to quickly identify individuals with COVID-19 to stop further spread of the

virus. Our test positivity rate is currently low, and one way to keep it low is to identify infected individuals as quickly as possible so contact tracing efforts can identify close contacts who may have been exposed and have them quarantine so the virus does not spread further."

Due to changes in public demand, the days of operation for the State community-based testing sites are being adjusted. These changes will go into effect on Thursday, March 18, 2021. The new days of operation for the community-based testing sites are as follows:

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W. Euclid Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
East St. Louis	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.



How do I talk about COVID-19 vaccines with friends and family?

COVID-19 vaccines are new, and it's normal to have questions about them. You can help friends and family by listening with empathy and identifying the cause of their concerns. For example, you can say, "The pandemic has been so stressful for all of us. I know it can feel like these vaccines were developed quickly, so it's understandable you have questions. Have you done any research of your own about them?"

Learn more COVID-19 vaccine conversation tips: https://bit.ly/3cE25OH.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

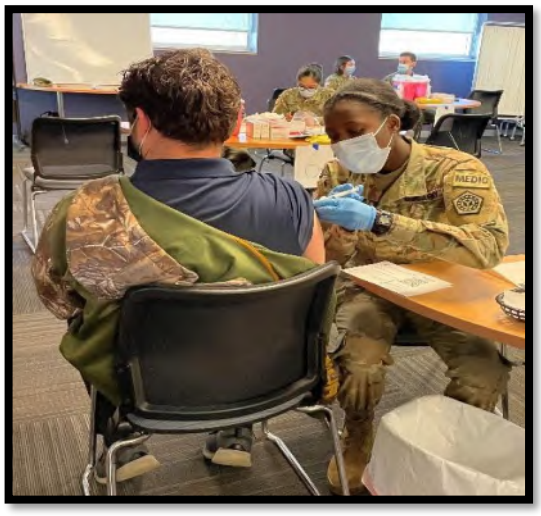
COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

LaSalle County Phase 2 Clinic Updates

LaSalle County Health Department Shifts to Moderna Vaccine for April 14, 2021 Clinic with the IL National Guard

The LaSalle County Health Department quickly adjusted the COVID-19 vaccination clinic scheduled in partnership with the Illinois National Guard after the CDC's recent recommendation concerning the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. The COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at Illinois Valley Community College continued as scheduled, however **Moderna vaccine was utilized**. Anyone who had an appointment scheduled, was encouraged to keep their appointment.





Current and Upcoming LaSalle County Health Department COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

On Monday, April 12, 2021, Illinois expanded its eligibility to include anyone 16 years of age and older.

Information regarding upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics and Appointment Availability is NOW posted on our website. Please visit www.lasallecounty.org and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment at an upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic. Please continue to check the website regularly for appointment availability. Additional dates will be added as more vaccine become available.

Appointments are currently available (see below) and able to be scheduled for these clinics. **Must be 18 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois**.

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 OR Thursday, May 13, 2021 ---- Moderna (Dose 1 Appointment)

Click link to schedule an appointment: https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/2031e7e1-58ea-4dc3-b862-a3f15d260300/

Thursday, May 20, 2021, Tuesday, May 25, 2021 or Thursday, May 27, 2021 ---- Moderna (Dose 1 Appointment)

Click link to schedule an appointment: https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/48d258dc-14a1-4310-8341-3c133fce4979/

Current and Upcoming Vaccination Clinics

COVID-19 Vaccine 1st Dose Appointments (more clinic dates will be added as they become available)

Please click on the link to schedule an appointment:

Friday, April 23, 2021 --- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)

Must be 16 years old, **and eligible per the State of Illinois.**

CLICK HERE TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

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Important Things to Remember:

- Appointment availability is only for those scheduling their first dose. If you received your first dose elsewhere, we will not be able to complete your second dose at this time.
- All second dose appointments will be scheduled upon attending your first dose appointment.
- Must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.
- COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics will be held at Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC) unless otherwise noted.

Day of Clinic Instructions:

- If you do not feel well the day of your appointment, do not come to the vaccination clinic.
- **Please arrive at your scheduled appointment time.** Entry to the building is based on appointment time.
- **Appointments are scheduled for your safety and to maintain social distancing.**
- All attendees will need to wear a face covering.
- All attendees must follow instructions and maintain social distancing. Please stay 6ft. apart when waiting in line.
- **PLEASE BRING:**
  - ✓ **Bring a copy of your printed ticket or a screenshot of the ticket on your phone.**
  - ✓ **Your Insurance Card or Medicare/Medicaid card.**

    (While there is not a cost for the vaccine, vaccination providers can charge an administration fee for giving the slot. Vaccine providers can get this fee reimbursed by the patient's public or private insurance company or, for uninsured patients by the Health Resources and Services Administration at the US Department of Health and Human Services.)
- You **Will Not** be turned away if you do not have insurance.
- You **MUST** have an APPOINTMENT to get vaccinated. Absolutely **NO Walk-ins;** you will be turned away and asked to leave.
- If you need assistance, please bring someone with you. Otherwise, we ask that only people receiving the vaccine come to the clinic.
- Individuals should wear clothing to allow easy access to the upper portion of the arm for injection.

Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 16 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

Please visit their websites for appointment availability.

State-run Mass Vaccination Site in Grundy County

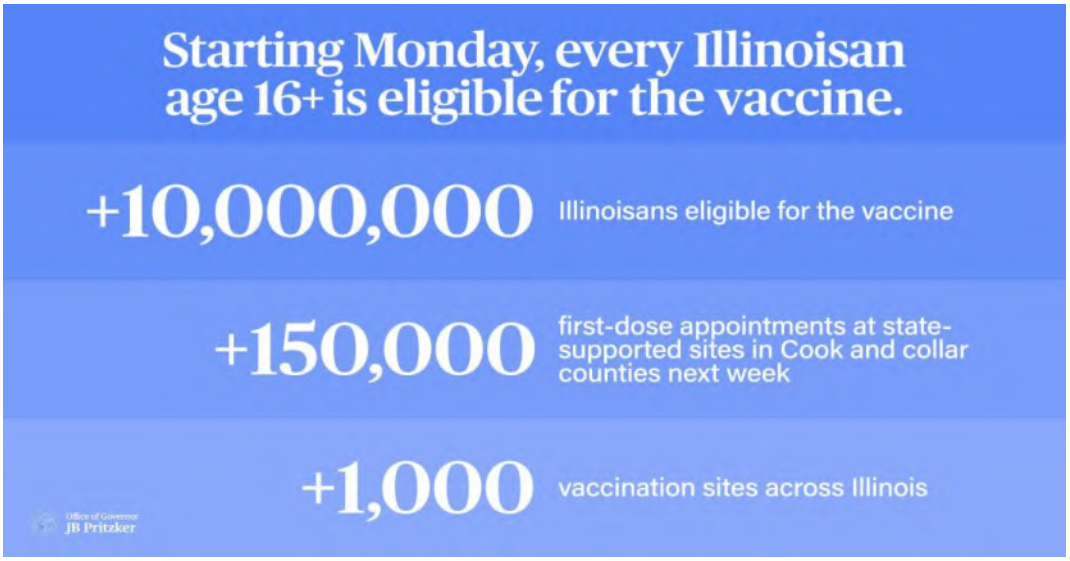
Grundy County now has a mass vaccination site. Priority is given to Grundy residents and workforce, but, as a Mass Vaccination Site, appointments are open to any IL resident 16 years and older.
Regularly check www.grundyhealth.com for upcoming appointment information.

Eligible Illinoisans can now call (833) 621-1284 to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment in your area.



On Monday, April 12th ALL Illinoisans 16 years of age and older became eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Learn more at: https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/





Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker

RESTORE ILLINOIS

All Regions across Illinois are in Phase 4. Let's stay there by continuing to wear our mask, wash our hands, keep a safe distance and #VaxUpIL if you are eligible!

PHASE 4: REVITALIZATION

PHASE 4 GUIDELINES OVERVIEW

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APPLICABLE TO EACH REGION UPON TRANSITION TO PHASE IV

ALL INDUSTRIES

- All employees who can work from home should continue to do so
- Continue to wear face covering that covers nose and mouth, maintain social distance of 6 ft., and frequently wash hands
- Continue employee health screenings upon entry into the workplace and mid-shift screenings for employees with shifts >5 hours (virtual screening permitted)
- Follow guidelines on capacity limits and group sizes (to be continually reassessed throughout Phase 4)

FILM PRODUCTION

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% of sound stage/location occupancy
- Crowd scenes should be limited to 50 people or fewer
- All individuals should maintain 6 ft. of social distancing unless job duty cannot be performed without proximity (e.g. actors performing, hair, make-up, costumes)
- One-time nasal swab for RT-PCR testing of all cast and crew should be obtained within 48 to 72 hours prior to the start of work on set or location
- Craft services and catering should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines
- Live audiences permitted in line with Theatre/Performing Arts guidelines

HEALTH AND FITNESS

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Group fitness classes of up to 50 people with at least 6 ft. social distancing between individuals permitted; multiple groups permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Workout stations and equipment should be 6 ft. apart without barriers or 3 ft. apart with impermeable barriers in between
- For open gym spaces, have 1 employee per every 4,000 sq. ft. to monitor social distancing and sanitize equipment between use
- Sanitize equipment before and after each individual use and sanitize locker rooms and showers at least every hour
- Keep ancillary accommodations (e.g., saunas, hot tubs, steam rooms) closed, though childcare areas are permitted to reopen in line with DHFS childcare guidelines

MUSEUMS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Museums should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

INDOOR/OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Reopening select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks); indoor playgrounds and trampoline parks should remain closed
- Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers or 50% of facility capacity
- Outdoor recreation allowing group sizes of up to 50, and permitting multiple groups given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Activity stations should be spaced at least 6 ft. apart or limited in number to ensure social distancing
- Shared equipment should be disinfected before and after each use
- Clubhouses and other communal gathering places allowed to reopen
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

MANUFACTURING

- Employees must receive COVID training before returning to work
- All employers should have a wellness screening program. Employers should conduct in-person COVID-19 screening of employees upon entry and a mid-shift screening if employee shift is greater than 5 hours
- Stagger and space shifts, and designate shift entrances and exits (when possible) to minimize interactions of employees across unique shift groupings
- Workstations should be disinfected between every shift and in between employee handoffs
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted

MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- Limit to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of room capacity
- Multiple groups may meet in the same facility if they are socially distanced and in separate rooms
- Groups should be static for duration of meeting or event. If event includes multiple sessions, participants should remain in one room, and speakers/presenters should rotate between rooms or be digitally displayed (e.g. projected, livestreamed) in multiple rooms
- Dance floors should remain closed
- Food service should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines

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OFFICES

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted
- Continue health screenings, though employers may screen office employees via in-person conversation or questionnaire once at their workstation, or using virtual method

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

- Indoor dining and drinking now permitted for parties of up to 10 people
- Seated areas should be arranged so that tables allow for 6 ft. between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths which are less than 6 ft. apart
- Standing areas (in restaurants or bars) should be limited to no more than 25% of standing area capacity
- Buffets and self-service food stations (e.g. hot and cold bars, bulk items, baked goods) should adhere to additional minimum guidelines
- Self-service beverage fountains are permissible with the additional precautions

RETAIL AND SERVICE COUNTER

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Mall food courts may reopen in line with Indoor Dining and Drinking guidelines

PERSONAL CARE

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- If services require customer to remove his or her mask, employee must wear both a face mask and eye protection (e.g., face shield, protective glasses)
- No time restrictions on massage or other services

OUTDOOR SEATED SPECTATOR EVENTS

- Outdoor spectator events only; indoor spectator events not permitted at this time
- Tickets events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Maximum of 20% of seating capacity for spectators
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

THEATERS AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers for ticketed events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Indoor capacity limit of 50 people or less or 50% of space capacity (applies to each screening room); outdoor capacity limited to 20% of overall space capacity
- Patrons should wear face coverings over their nose and mouth, except while seated within a venue (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering)
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

YOUTH AND RECREATIONAL SPORTS

- Competitive gameplay and tournaments permitted for moderate and lower risk sports. Intra-team scrimmages for higher risk sports
- Limit of 50 spectators for events
- Sporting venues may host multiple groups of participants engaged in active exercise or gameplay provided the venue has space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

ZOOS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Indoor exhibits are limited to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of the building capacity
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Zoos should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions



If you have questions or need additional support: Please call our hotline at 1-800-252-2923or e-mail us at ceo.support@illinois.gov or return to Illinois.gov/businessguidelines

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS about COVID-19 Vaccine

Some people have side effects after getting their COVID-19 vaccine, but these usually go away within a few days. Side effects after your second shot may be more intense than the ones you experienced after your first shot. Common side effects are

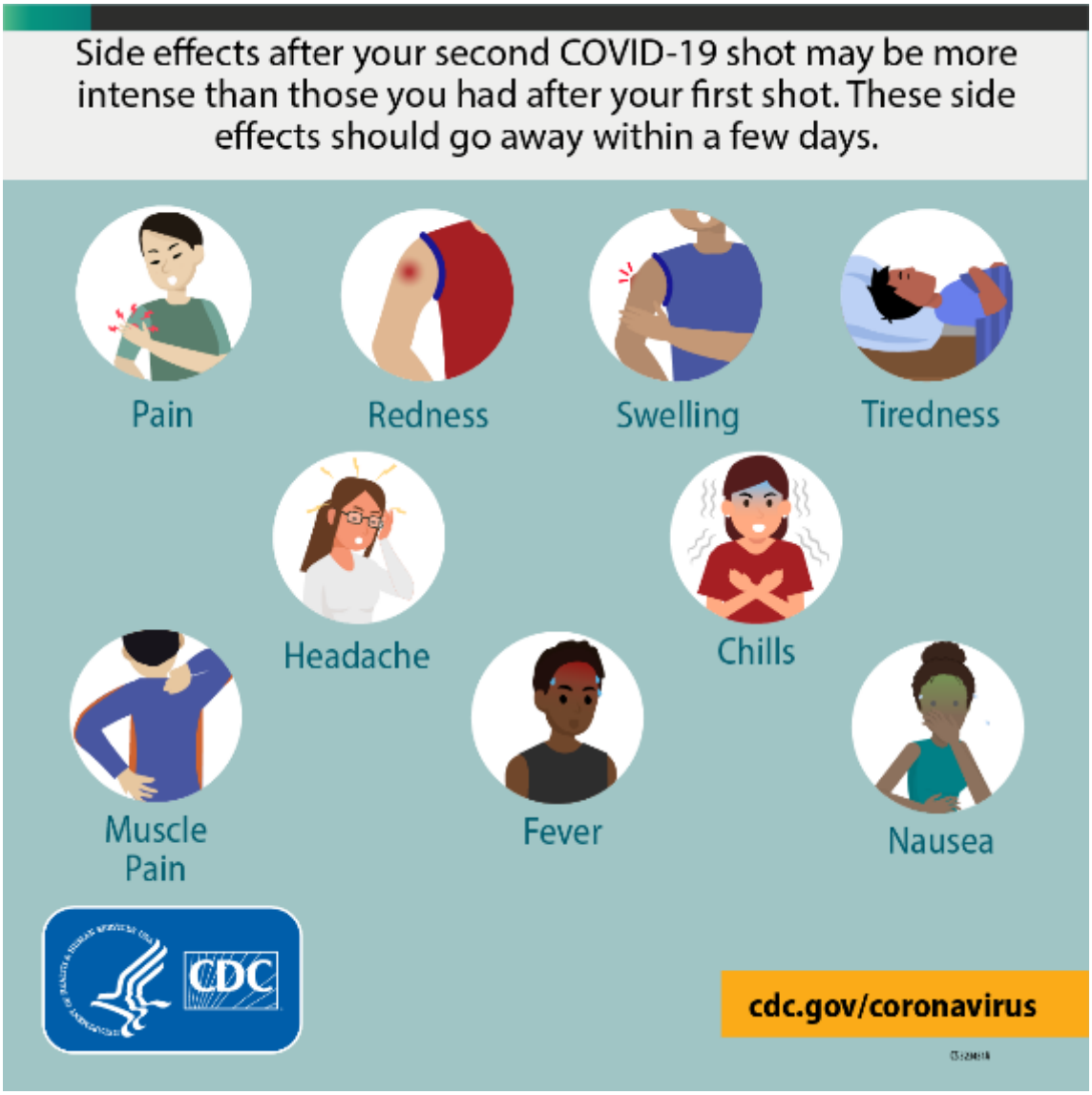
In the arm where you got the shot:

- Pain
- Redness
- Swelling

Throughout the rest of your body:

- Tiredness
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Chills
- Fever
- Nausea

Learn more: https://bit.ly/38AqxNA.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

County Level Risk Metrics – LaSalle County Moves Back to an Orange Warning Level

The LaSalle County Health Department is alerting residents that as of Friday, April 16, 2021, our County-Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics has been moved back to orange. As a reminder, orange status indicates there are warning signs of increased COVID-19 risk in the county. A warning level means that a county saw increases in two or more COVID-19 risk indicators.

LaSalle County has seen an uptick in our number of cases. In addition, within the North-Central Region (Region 2) there are 18.0% of ICU beds available, which is below the 20% target. Until LaSalle County can get a handle on the number of new cases being identified each week and slow the spread that is occurring, LaSalle County will continue to be at risk for remaining at the orange warning level.

Getting together in groups, both small and large, without taking appropriate precautions such as social distancing and wearing face coverings leads to increased transmission and will continue to steer us in the wrong direction. The LaSalle County Health Department also recommends that anyone who has attended a large event or a social gathering where social distancing was not being practiced to monitor themselves for symptoms. We advise anyone who has had exposure to these types of situations to consider being tested for COVID-19 5-7 days after the event or immediately if they begin to develop symptoms.

All residents are urged to wear a face covering, maintain 6 feet of social distance, wash hands frequently, avoid gatherings with people not in your household, and stay home when ill.

We must continue working together to slow the spread of COVID-19! Step up and help protect yourself, your family, and your community from this deadly virus. The LaSalle County Health Department encourages everyone 16 years and older to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

Illinois Department of Public Health Pauses Use of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine - Follows CDC and FDA Guidance, Advises Providers to Use Moderna and Pfizer Doses for Existing Appointments

In accordance with recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) will pause the use of the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine out of an abundance of caution. The CDC and FDA are reviewing data

involving six reported U.S. cases of a rare and severe type blood clot in individuals after receiving the J&J vaccine.

IDPH has notified all Illinois COVID-19 providers throughout the state to discontinue use of the J&J vaccine at this time. In order to keep appointments, IDPH is strongly advising providers to use Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines. Moderna and Pfizer make up the vast majority of doses on hand in the State of Illinois. This week, the state's allocation of J&J was 17,000 doses. For the week of April 18, 2021, the expected allocation for the State is 483,720 total doses. Of that total allocation, 5,800 doses were expected to be J&J.

Per the federal health authorities, people who have received the J&J vaccine who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination should contact their health care provider. Patients with other clinical questions should contact their health care provider. IDPH will continue to update the public as additional information becomes available.

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

Community Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 Associated with a Local Bar Opening Event — Illinois, February 2021

A new CDC report finds that a single bar opening event in Illinois in February 2021 led to a COVID-19 outbreak in the community among household members, long-term care residents and staff, and school athletes. This led to 46 cases, hospitalization of a long-term care resident, and a school closure affecting 650 children. Bars play a role in the spread of COVID-19 in communities because of limited mask use while eating and drinking, especially when physical distancing is not observed. Having takeout at home is the safest way to support restaurants and bars. If you choose to go, getting vaccinated, sitting outdoors, wearing a mask as much as possible, and staying at least 6 feet from others can help reduce the risk. Learn more: bit.ly/MMWR4521.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Home -Every Day and When Someone Is Sick

COVID-19 spreads mostly through close contact between people, but it is possible for people to be infected by touching surfaces or objects covered with germs. Protect yourself and others from COVID-19:
• Wear a mask with multiple layers that fits snugly against your face.
• Wash hands often for 20 seconds using soap or use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
• Clean high touch surfaces using soap and water or detergent.
Learn more: https://bit.ly/2RiCLD1.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant
- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2020.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed by visit the following link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#:~:text=2020%20%2D%202021%20Flu%20Activity%20Report,care%20sites%20throughout%20the%20state.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm



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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health

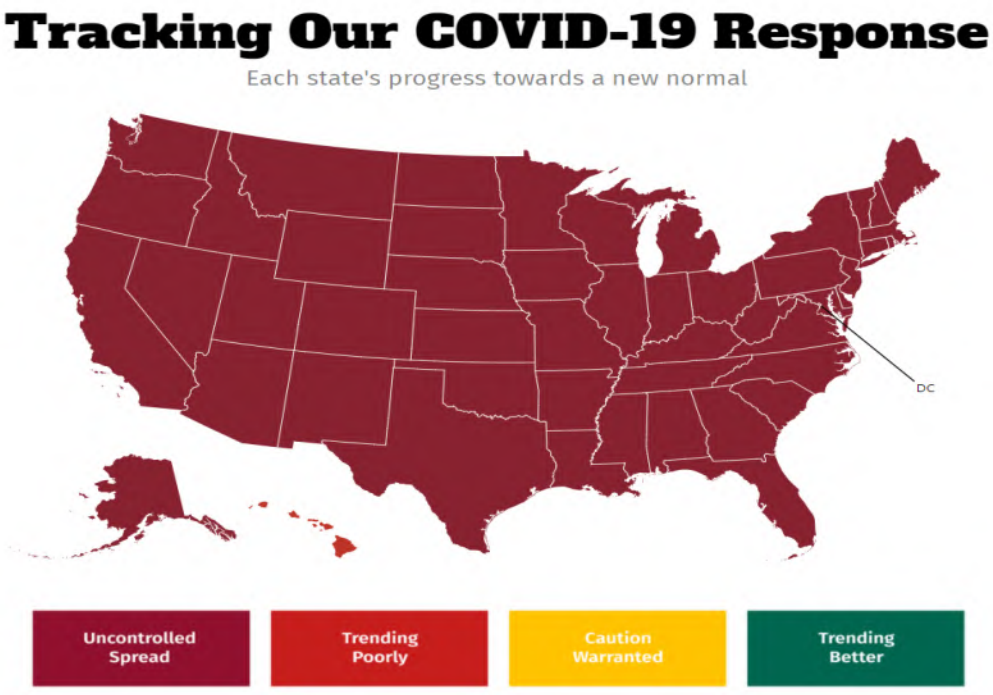
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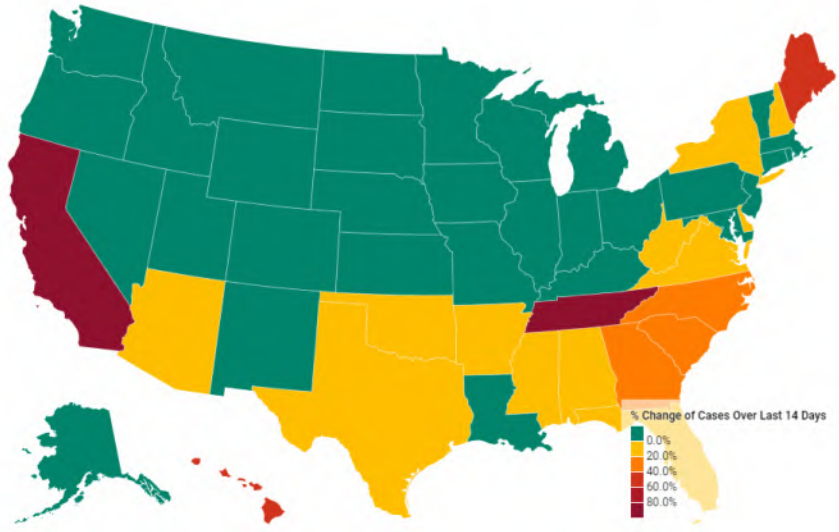
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COVID-19 Situational Update

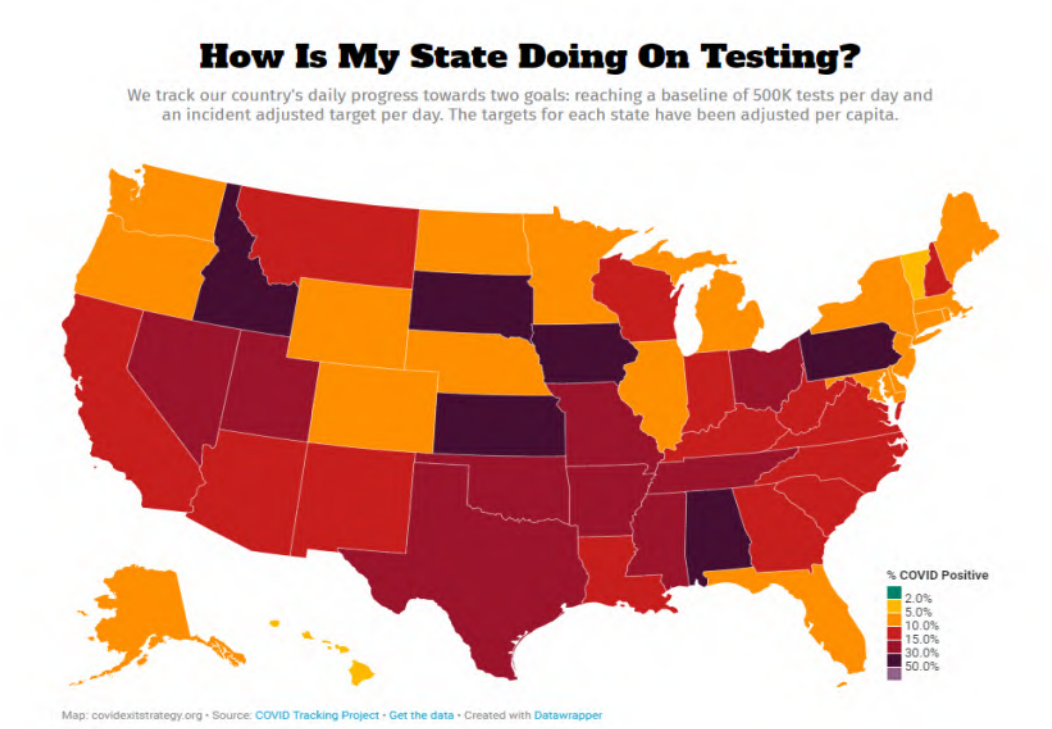


Change in Cases over last 14 days



Site in Grundy County

- Restore Illinois
- Get the FACTS about COVID-19 Vaccines
- COVID-19 Stats: COVID-19 and Influenza Discharge Diagnoses as a Percentage of Emergency Department (ED) Visits
- Attention Sports Administrator and Coaches
- 2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update



Maps from https://www.covidexitstrategy.org/ which provides state by state data including
14-DAY TREND OF COVID+, LAST 14 DAYS OF COVID+ (ROLLING), INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS, % OF TEST TARGET (US: 500K/DAY), ICU AVAILABILITY, NEW CASES PER MILLION PER DAY, and COVID+ RATE

COVID Numbers at a Glance

This week 04/22/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
11,993	10,000	292	1701	61,729	5.4 %

Last week 04/16/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
11,816	9819	292	1705	57,942	3.4%

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

AS of April 22, 2021, The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 17,229 individuals with 7066 of those individuals being fully vaccinated with 2 doses since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

Below is the overall County and State data:

LaSalle County	Illinois
61,729 Administered Vaccine Doses	8,473,953 Administered Vaccine Doses
25,066 # Population Fully Vaccinated	3,572,205 # Population Fully Vaccinated
22.91 % of Population Fully Vaccinated	28.04 % of Population Fully Vaccinated

COVID-19 Cases * as of 4/22/21

04/16/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	139,264,407	2,989,432
US	31,499,477	565,318
Illinois	1,296,381	21,630
LaSalle County	11,816	292

04/22/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	144,108,248	3,062,945
US	31,873,253	569,530
Illinois	1,312,722	21,755
LaSalle County	11,993	292

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	211	234	3.71	0.00
10-19	509	614	9.36	0.00
20s	965	1045	16.76	0.00
30s	939	924	15.53	0.00
40s	861	902	14.70	1.37
50s	897	972	15.58	2.40
60s	697	680	11.48	7.53
70s	368	408	6.47	22.26
80s	211	302	4.28	35.62
90s	87	152	1.99	27.40
100s	1	14	0.13	3.42
UNK				
Total	5746	6247		
%	47.91	52.09		
TOTAL CASES				

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	**604**
May	98	
June	67	
July	261	
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**3551**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	**5***
May	12	
June	4	
July	1	
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**61**

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported death in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Deaths by Age	**292**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	4
50's	7
60's	22
70's	65
80's	104
90's	80
100s	10
Males	152
Females	140

Cases by City/Village

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Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	30	0.25%
Dana	26	0.22%
Earlville	220	1.86%
Grand Ridge	94	0.80%
LaSalle	1108	9.38%
Leland	156	1.32%
Leonore	5	0.04%
Lostant	69	0.58%
Marseilles	787	6.66%
Mendota	1260	10.66%
Millington	38	0.32%
Oglesby	474	4.01%
Ottawa	2342	19.82%
Peru	1239	10.49%
Ransom	40	0.34%
Rutland	29	0.25%
Sandwich	421	3.56%
Serena	55	0.47%
Seneca	292	2.47%
Sheridan	768	6.50%
Somonauk	210	1.78%
Streator	1809	15.31%
Tonica	103	0.87%
Troy Grove	23	0.19%
Utica	186	1.57%
Wedron	5	0.04%
Wenona	20	0.17%
Other**	7	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**11816**	

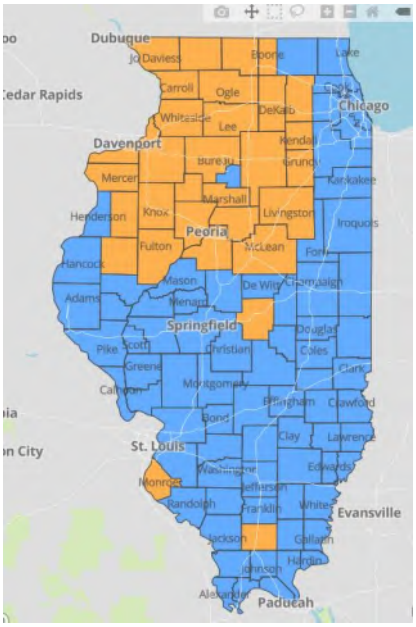
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Town	Current Total	Increase since last week	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	31	1	0.26%
Dana	26	0	0.22%
Earlville	222	2	1.85%
Grand Ridge	95	1	0.79%
LaSalle	1127	19	9.40%
Leland	159	3	1.33%
Leonore	5	0	0.04%
Lostant	72	3	0.60%
Marseilles	795	8	6.63%
Mendota	1271	11	10.60%
Millington	38	0	0.32%
Oglesby	480	6	4.00%
Ottawa	2388	46	19.91%
Peru	1251	12	10.43%
Ransom	40	0	0.33%
Rutland	30	1	0.25%
Sandwich	426	5	3.55%
Serena	56	1	0.47%
Seneca	301	9	2.51%
Sheridan	774	6	6.45%
Somonauk	217	7	1.81%
Streator	1842	33	15.36%
Tonica	105	2	0.88%
Troy Grove	23	0	0.19%
Utica	186	0	1.55%
Wedron	5	0	0.04%
Wenona (LC Cases)	20	0	0.17%
Other**	8	1	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	**11993**	**177**	

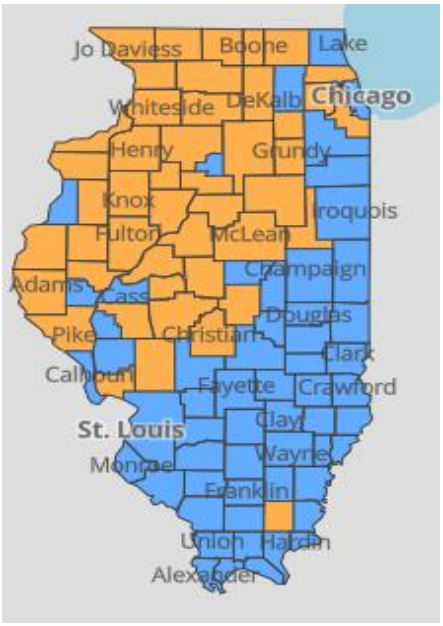
*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

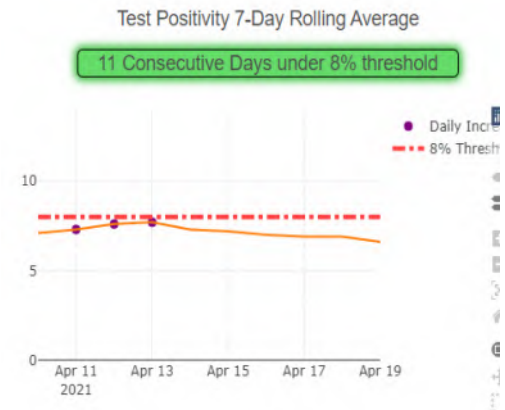
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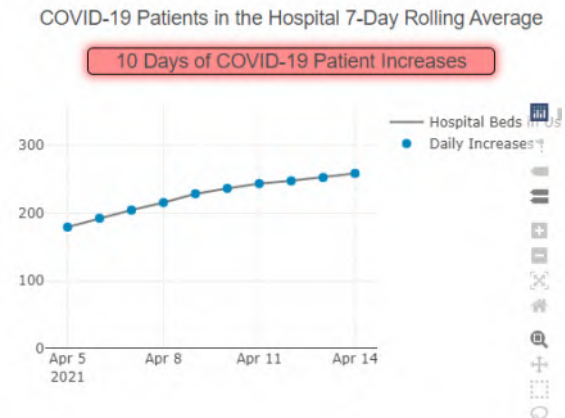


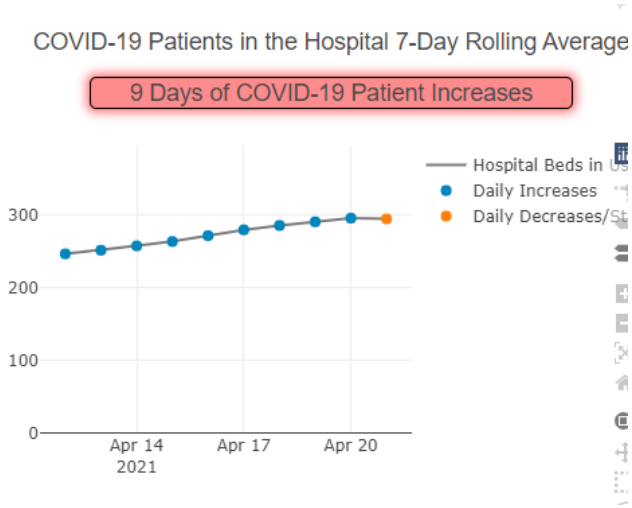
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Region 2 Summary - 04/22/2021







County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 04/11-04/17/2021

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **199 per 100K** *Increase from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **4** * Increase from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **5.4 %** *Increase from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **4498** *les tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **5.7 %** *Increase in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **11** * Increase from previous week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **1.2 %** *Increase in reported clusters from previous week	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **17 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	

Local Testing Information

Lasalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

*** COVID -19 Testing**
The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Testing will be performed Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

St. Margaret's Health – Peru

Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their primary care provider for an order or may call the St. Margaret's Health Peru Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Outpatient testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only. Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.

Morris Hospital

There are two options for COVID-19 testing through Morris Hospital:

OUTPATIENT DRIVE-THRU TESTING – PHYSICIAN ORDER REQUIRED

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY: M-F 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

TESTING LOCATION: Morris Hospital, 150 W. High St., Morris (follow drive-thru testing signs leading to corner of Lisbon & High Streets)

INSTRUCTIONS: Testing through the Morris Hospital drive-thru requires an order from your physician/provider. After the order is received, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital will call you to schedule a testing appointment. Test results can take up to 72 hours (sometimes longer) and will get sent to the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

IMMEDIATE/CONVENIENT CARE VISIT

WALK-IN: Hours vary by location (see below)

INSTRUCTIONS: Individuals seeking COVID-19 testing due to COVID-like symptoms, COVID exposure concerns, school or travel requirements are first examined by a medical provider at one of our urgent care locations. Depending on testing supply availability and the provider's recommendation, a rapid test or a send out test may be used. Test results on send out tests are typically available within 72 hours (sometimes longer depending on demand). We will submit to your insurance company for the COVID-19 exam and test. To find out more about what to expect from your COVID-19 visit at one of our Urgent Care locations, click here.

Locations include:

- **Immediate Care at the Morris Hospital Ridge Road Campus**
  Address: 27240 W. Saxony Dr., Channahon
  Phone: 815-521-1500
  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Immediate Care at the Diagnostic & Rehabilitative Center of Morris Hospital**

  Address: 100 W. Gore Rd., Morris

  Phone: 815-364-8919

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Convenient Care at the Morris Hospital Diamond-Coal City Campus**

  Address: 1450 E. Division St., Diamond

  Phone: 815-634-3500

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Convenient Care at the Morris Hospital Yorkville Campus**

  Address: 105 Saravanos Dr., Yorkville

  Phone: 630-553-8200

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
  - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
  - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
  - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

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- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to our OSF Saint Paul Medical Center lab.
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

St. Margaret's Hospital – Spring Valley

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing

Illinois Department of Public Health Focuses Mobile COVID-19 Testing in High-Risk Communities

In an effort to make one of the largest COVID-19 testing infrastructures in the country more easily accessible for residents, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is fine tuning its targeted mobile testing operations. This is in response to a decline in the number of people utilizing state supported testing sites and in preparation for the next phases of the pandemic response. IDPH is realigning its testing strategy to deploy mobile testing teams to locations with a high demand for testing, such as schools, processing plants, high risk workplaces, and other targeted locations.

"By focusing on taking testing to where people are, we hope to increase the number of people being tested for COVID-19," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Testing is important to quickly identify individuals with COVID-19 to stop further spread of the

virus. Our test positivity rate is currently low, and one way to keep it low is to identify infected individuals as quickly as possible so contact tracing efforts can identify close contacts who may have been exposed and have them quarantine so the virus does not spread further."

Due to changes in public demand, the days of operation for the State community-based testing sites are being adjusted. These changes will go into effect on Thursday, March 18, 2021. The new days of operation for the community-based testing sites are as follows:

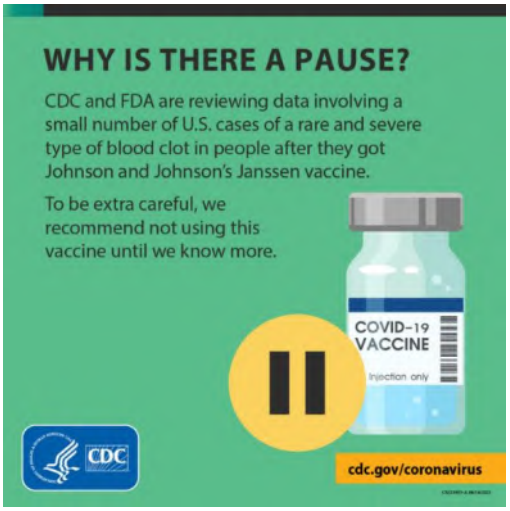
Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W. Euclid Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
East St. Louis	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

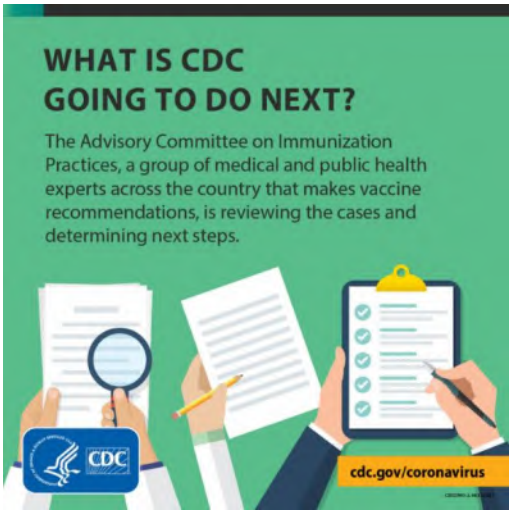
For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.

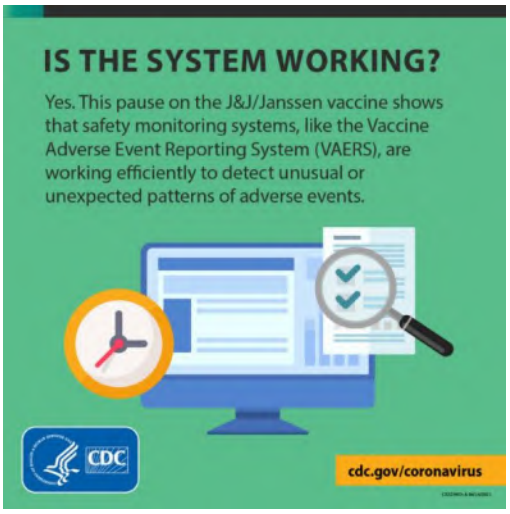


Why is There a Pause with the Johnson and Johnson Vaccine?

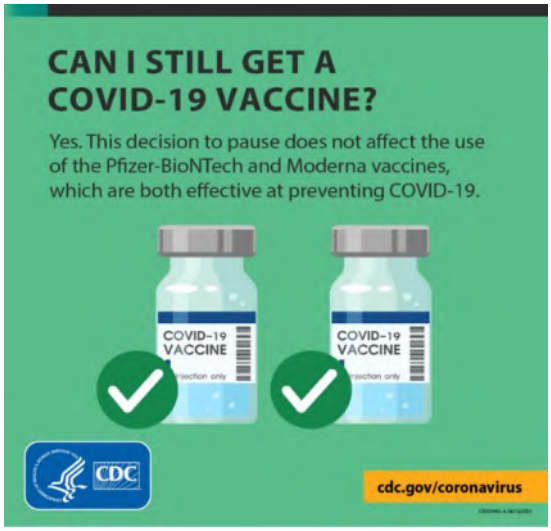
Of nearly 7 million doses of J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine given in the US, a small number of cases of a rare & severe type of blood clot have been reported in people after receiving the vaccine. CDC and the FDA are recommending a pause as we review the data. Learn more: https://bit.ly/3acYSnz











Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

County Level Risk Metrics – LaSalle County Remains at Orange Warning Level

The LaSalle County Health Department is alerting residents that as of Friday, April 23, 2021, our County-Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics remains at the orange warning level. As a reminder, orange status indicates there are warning signs of increased COVID-19 risk in the county. A warning level means that a county saw increases in two or more COVID-19 risk indicators.

LaSalle County has seen an uptick in our number of cases. In addition, within the North Central Region (Region 2) there are 17% of ICU beds available, which is below the 20% target. Until LaSalle County can get a handle on the number of new cases being identified each week and slow the spread that is occurring, LaSalle County will continue to be at risk for remaining at the orange warning level.

COVID-19 continues to spread across Illinois. Keep wearing your mask to protect you and those around you! #MaskUpIL



COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

LaSalle County Phase 2 Clinic Updates

On Monday, April 12, 2021, Illinois expanded its eligibility to include anyone 16 years of age and older.

Information regarding upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics and Appointment Availability is NOW posted on our website. Please visit www.lasallecounty.org and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment at an upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic. Please continue to check the website regularly for appointment availability. Additional dates will be added as more vaccine become available.

Current and Upcoming LaSalle County Health Department COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

Appointments are currently available (see below) and able to be scheduled for these clinics.

Must be 18 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 AND Thursday, April 29, 2021

---- Moderna (Dose 1 Appointment)

Click link to schedule an appointment: https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/21557247-8d0d-4fc8-80ac-9679ece95867/

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 AND Thursday, May 13, 2021 -

--- Moderna (Dose 1 Appointment)

Click link to schedule an appointment: https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/2031e7e1-58ea-4dc3-b862-a3f15d260300/

Thursday, May 20, 2021, Tuesday, May 25, 2021 AND Thursday, May 27, 2021

---- Moderna (Dose 1 Appointment)

Click link to schedule an appointment: https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/48d258dc-14a1-4310-8341-3c133fce4979/

Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 16 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)

- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

Please visit their websites for appointment availability.

State-run Mass Vaccination Site in Grundy County

Grundy County now has a mass vaccination site. Priority is given to Grundy residents and workforce, but, as a Mass Vaccination Site, appointments are open to any IL resident 16 years and older.
Regularly check www.grundyhealth.com for upcoming appointment information.

Eligible Illinoisans can now call (833) 621-1284 to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment in your area.



Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker

RESTORE ILLINOIS

All Regions across Illinois are in Phase 4. Let's stay there by continuing to wear our mask, wash our hands, keep a safe distance and #VaxUpIL if you are eligible!

PHASE 4: REVITALIZATION

PHASE 4 GUIDELINES OVERVIEW

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A Public Health Approach To Safely Reopen Our State

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APPLICABLE TO EACH REGION UPON TRANSITION TO PHASE IV

ALL INDUSTRIES

- All employees who can work from home should continue to do so
- Continue to wear face covering that covers nose and mouth, maintain social distance of 6 ft., and frequently wash hands
- Continue employee health screenings upon entry into the workplace and mid-shift screenings for employees with shifts >5 hours (virtual screening permitted)
- Follow guidelines on capacity limits and group sizes (to be continually reassessed throughout Phase 4)

FILM PRODUCTION

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% of sound stage/location occupancy
- Crowd scenes should be limited to 50 people or fewer
- All individuals should maintain 6 ft. of social distancing unless job duty cannot be performed without proximity (e.g. actors performing, hair, make-up, costumes)
- One-time nasal swab for RT-PCR testing of all cast and crew should be obtained within 48 to 72 hours prior to the start of work on set or location
- Craft services and catering should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines
- Live audiences permitted in line with Theatre/Performing Arts guidelines

HEALTH AND FITNESS

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Group fitness classes of up to 50 people with at least 6 ft. social distancing between individuals permitted; multiple groups permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Workout stations and equipment should be 6 ft. apart without barriers or 3 ft. apart with impermeable barriers in between
- For open gym spaces, have 1 employee per every 4,000 sq. ft. to monitor social distancing and sanitize equipment between use
- Sanitize equipment before and after each individual use and sanitize locker rooms and showers at least every hour
- Keep ancillary accommodations (e.g., saunas, hot tubs, steam rooms) closed, though childcare areas are permitted to reopen in line with DHFS childcare guidelines

MUSEUMS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Museums should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

INDOOR/OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Reopening select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks); indoor playgrounds and trampoline parks should remain closed
- Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers or 50% of facility capacity
- Outdoor recreation allowing group sizes of up to 50, and permitting multiple groups given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Activity stations should be spaced at least 6 ft. apart or limited in number to ensure social distancing
- Shared equipment should be disinfected before and after each use
- Clubhouses and other communal gathering places allowed to reopen
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

MANUFACTURING

- Employees must receive COVID training before returning to work
- All employers should have a wellness screening program. Employers should conduct in-person COVID-19 screening of employees upon entry and a mid-shift screening if employee shift is greater than 5 hours
- Stagger and space shifts, and designate shift entrances and exits (when possible) to minimize interactions of employees across unique shift groupings
- Workstations should be disinfected between every shift and in between employee handoffs
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted

MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- Limit to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of room capacity
- Multiple groups may meet in the same facility if they are socially distanced and in separate rooms
- Groups should be static for duration of meeting or event. If event includes multiple sessions, participants should remain in one room, and speakers/presenters should rotate between rooms or be digitally displayed (e.g. projected, livestreamed) in multiple rooms
- Dance floors should remain closed
- Food service should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines

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OFFICES

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted
- Continue health screenings, though employers may screen office employees via in-person conversation or questionnaire once at their workstation, or using virtual method

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

- Indoor dining and drinking now permitted for parties of up to 10 people
- Seated areas should be arranged so that tables allow for 6 ft. between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths which are less than 6 ft. apart
- Standing areas (in restaurants or bars) should be limited to no more than 25% of standing area capacity
- Buffets and self-service food stations (e.g. hot and cold bars, bulk items, baked goods) should adhere to additional minimum guidelines
- Self-service beverage fountains are permissible with the additional precautions

RETAIL AND SERVICE COUNTER

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Mall food courts may reopen in line with Indoor Dining and Drinking guidelines

PERSONAL CARE

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- If services require customer to remove his or her mask, employee must wear both a face mask and eye protection (e.g., face shield, protective glasses)
- No time restrictions on massage or other services

OUTDOOR SEATED SPECTATOR EVENTS

- Outdoor spectator events only; indoor spectator events not permitted at this time
- Tickets events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Maximum of 20% of seating capacity for spectators
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

THEATERS AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers for ticketed events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Indoor capacity limit of 50 people or less or 50% of space capacity (applies to each screening room); outdoor capacity limited to 20% of overall space capacity
- Patrons should wear face coverings over their nose and mouth, except while seated within a venue (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering)
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

YOUTH AND RECREATIONAL SPORTS

- Competitive gameplay and tournaments permitted for moderate and lower risk sports. Intra-team scrimmages for higher risk sports
- Limit of 50 spectators for events
- Sporting venues may host multiple groups of participants engaged in active exercise or gameplay provided the venue has space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

ZOOS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Indoor exhibits are limited to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of the building capacity
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Zoos should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions



If you have questions or need additional support: Please call our hotline at 1-800-252-2923or e-mail us at ceo.support@illinois.gov or return to Illinois.gov/businessguidelines

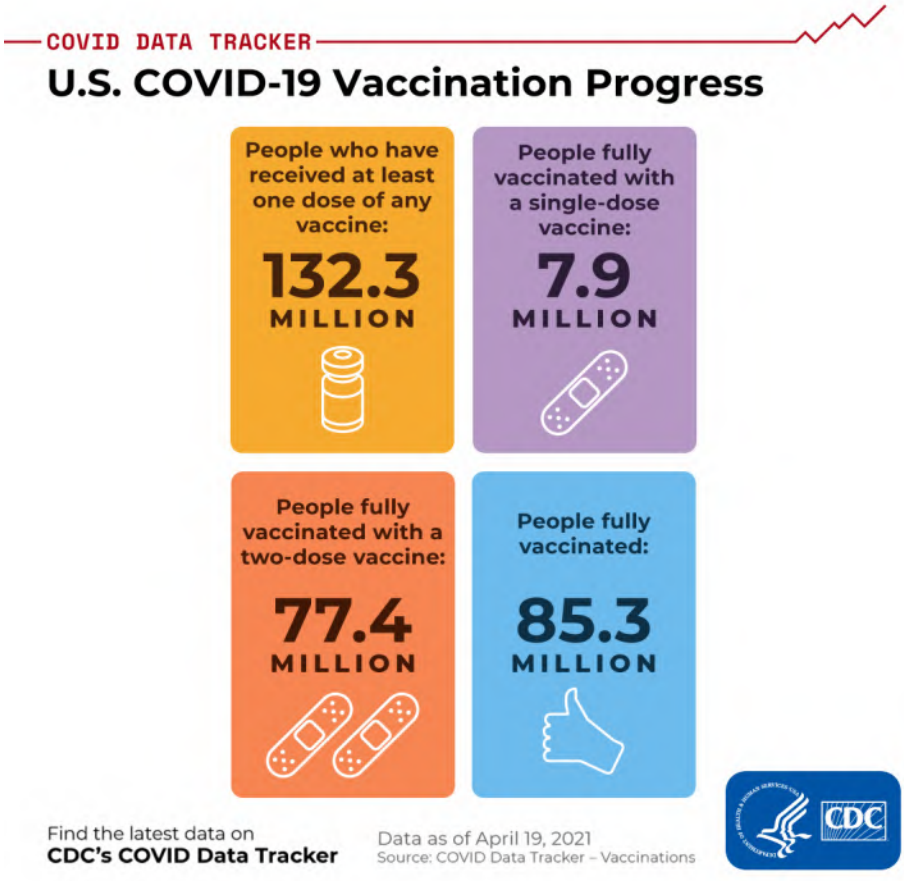
Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS about COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID-19 vaccines are a safe way to build protection. As of April 19, 2021, more than 132.3 million people across the United States have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. Of those, more than 85.3 million are fully vaccinated.

If you haven't been vaccinated, get a COVID-19 vaccine when it's available to you.

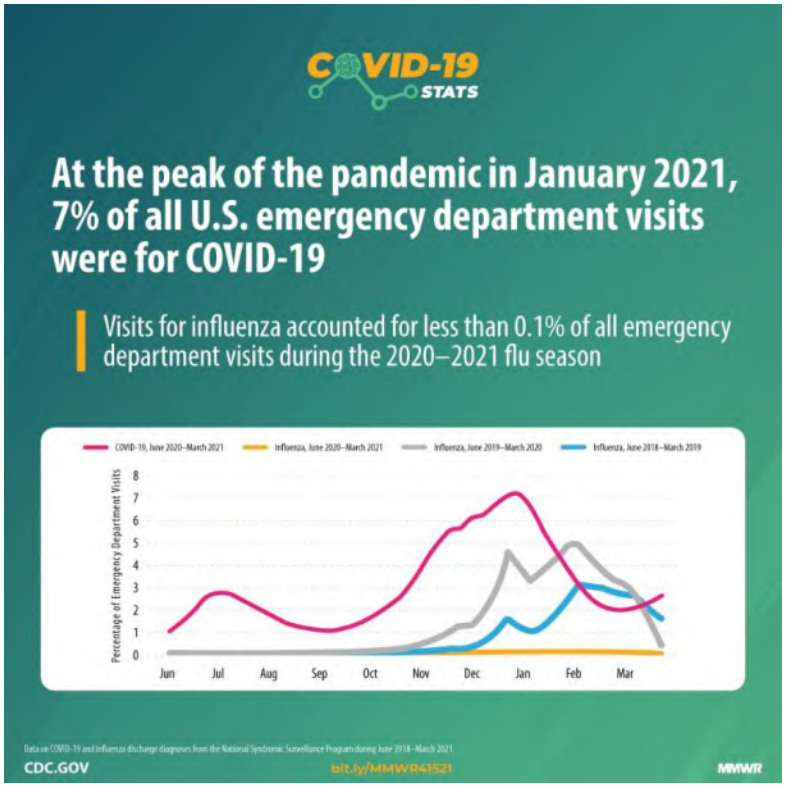
After you've been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, you should keep taking precautions in public places. Remember to:
Wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose.
Stay at least 6 feet away from people who don't live with you.
Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.
Wash your hands often.
For more COVID-19 vaccination data, visit http://bit.ly/CDT_vaccine.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Stats: COVID-19 and Influenza Discharge Diagnoses as a Percentage of Emergency Department (ED) Visits, by Year — United States, June 2018–March 2021

A new MMWR COVID-19 Stats shows that, from late June 2020 through July 2020, almost 3% of all emergency department visits in the United States were for COVID-19. Visits for COVID-19 then declined through August 2020. A larger and more prolonged increase of COVID-19 ED visits began in September 2020, peaking in early January 2021 with more than 7% of all visits from COVID-19. While influenza activity generally begins in October and occurs throughout the winter months, influenza accounted for less than 0.1% of all emergency department visits during June 2020─March 2021. More: https://bit.ly/MMWR41521.

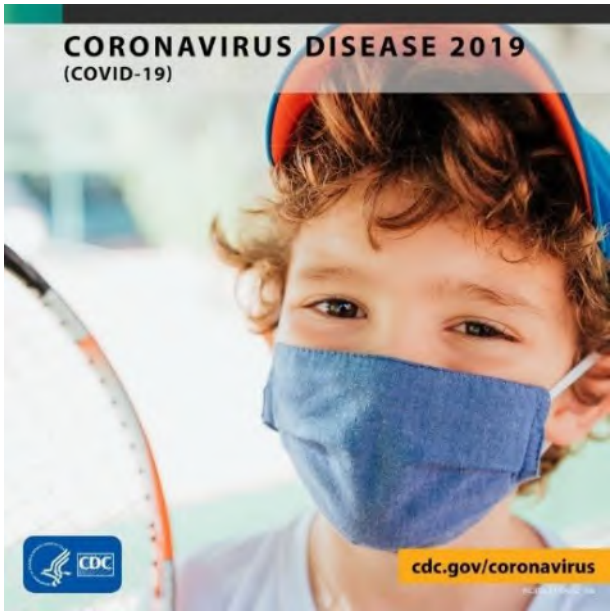


Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Attention Sports Administrator and Coaches

Youth sports administrators and coaches: CDC has a toolkit to protect teams & players and communicate with your community during COVID-19. You can find:
• Guidance and planning documents
• Web resources

• FAQ pages on youth sports
• Posters
• Fact sheets
Learn more: https://bit.ly/3x5qTqZ.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

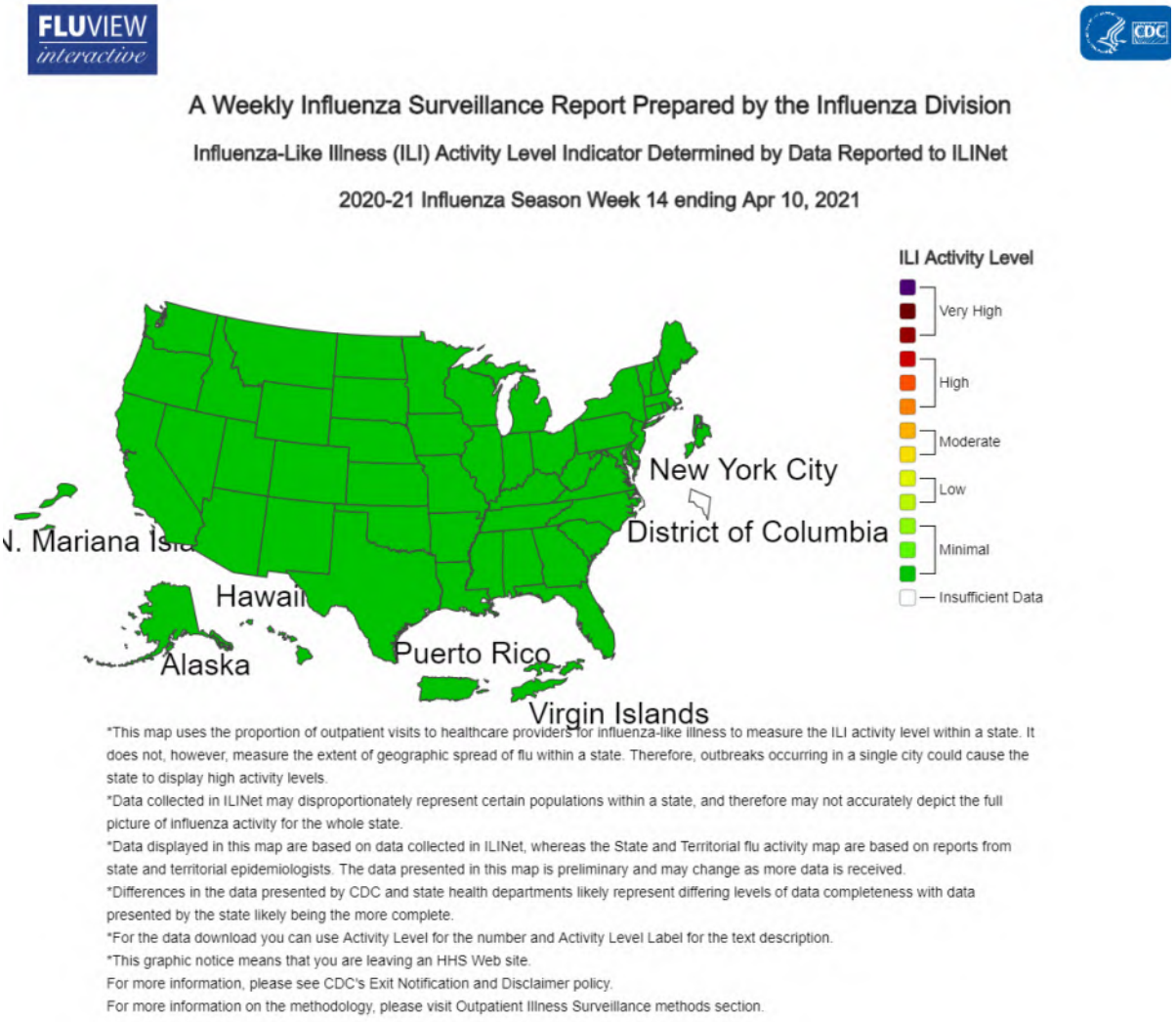
- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant
- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2020.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed by visit the following link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#:~:text=2020%20%2D%202021%20Flu%20Activity%20Report,care%20sites%20throughout%20the%20state.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United

States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm



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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

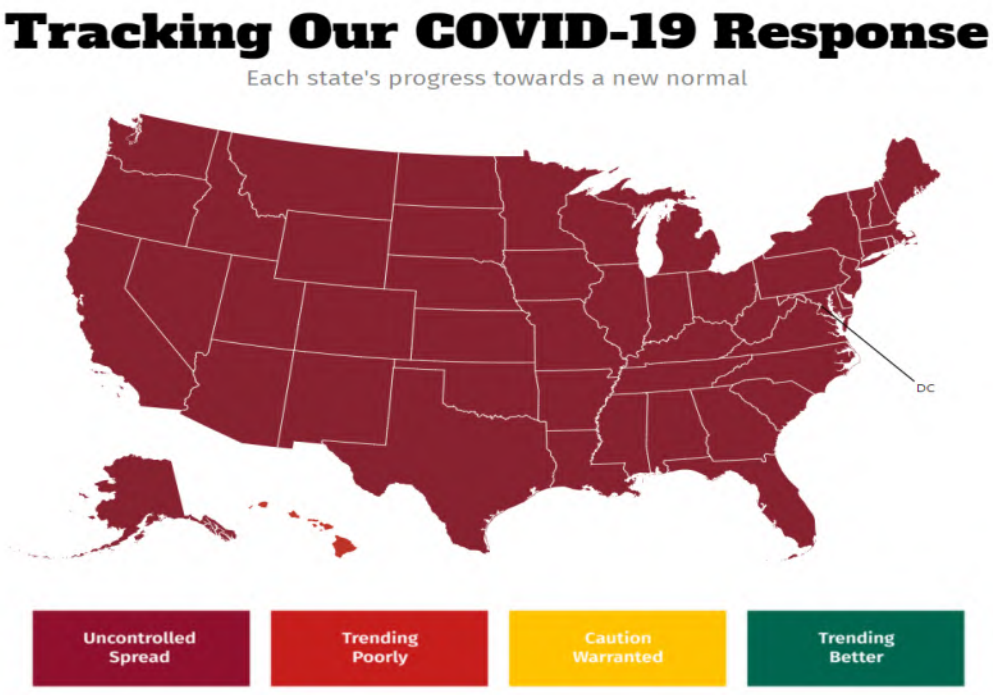
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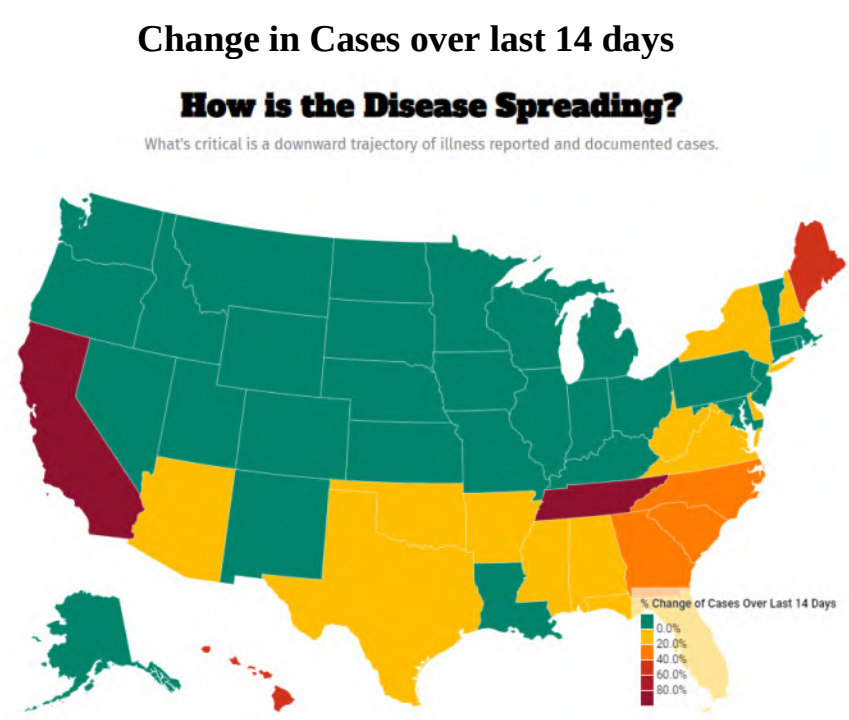
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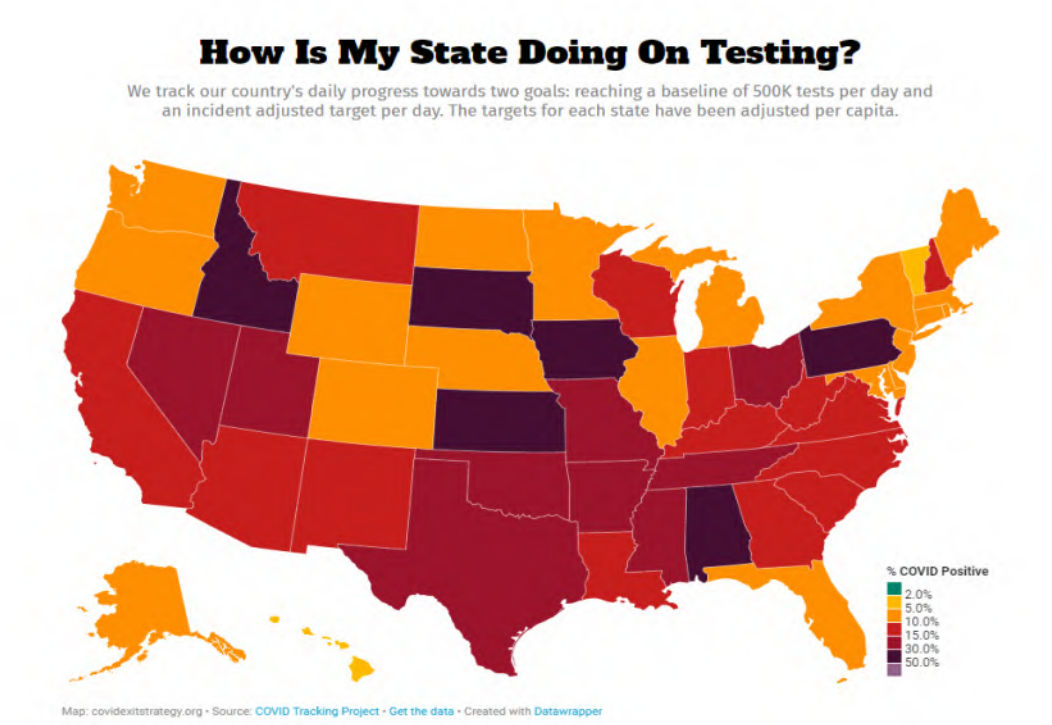
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Maps from https://www.covidexitstrategy.org/ which provides state by state data including
14-DAY TREND OF COVID+, LAST 14 DAYS OF COVID+ (ROLLING), INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS, % OF TEST TARGET (US: 500K/DAY), ICU AVAILABILITY, NEW CASES PER MILLION PER DAY, and COVID+ RATE

COVID Numbers at a Glance

This week 04/30/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
12,286	10,123	297	1866	68,364	5.0 %

Last week 04/22/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
11,993	10,000	292	1701	61,729	5.4 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

As of April 30, 2021, The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 20,400 individuals with 8,251 of those individuals being fully vaccinated since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

Below is the overall County and State data:

LaSalle County

68,364
Administered Vaccine Doses

28,454
Population Fully Vaccinated

26 %
% of Population Fully Vaccinated

Illinois

9,259,706
Administered Vaccine Doses

4,031,269
Population Fully Vaccinated

31.64 %
% of Population Fully Vaccinated

COVID-19 Cases

04/22/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	144,108,248	3,062,945
US	31,873,253	569,530
Illinois	1,312,722	21,755
LaSalle County	11,993	292

04/30/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	150,657,884	3,168,835
US	32,291,267	575,213
Illinois	1,335,055	21,960
LaSalle County	12,286	297

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	219	241	3.74	0.00
10-19	544	659	9.79	0.00
20s	983	1069	16.70	0.00
30s	961	945	15.51	0.00
40s	881	916	14.63	1.35
50s	913	997	15.55	2.36
60s	707	692	11.39	8.08
70s	372	415	6.41	22.22
80s	212	304	4.20	35.35
90s	89	152	1.96	27.27
100s	1	14	0.12	3.37
UNK				
Total	5882	6404		
%	47.88	52.12		
TOTAL CASES		12286		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	**897**
May	98	
June	67	
July	261	
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**3844**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	**10***
May	12	
June	4	
July	1	
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**66**

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported death in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Deaths by Age	**297**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	4
50's	7
60's	24
70's	66
80's	105
90's	81
100s	10
Males	154
Females	143

Cases by City/Village

04.22.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	31	0.26%
Dana	26	0.22%
Earlville	222	1.85%
Grand Ridge	95	0.79%
LaSalle	1127	9.40%
Leland	159	1.33%
Leonore	5	0.04%
Lostant	72	0.60%
Marseilles	795	6.63%
Mendota	1271	10.60%
Millington	38	0.32%
Oglesby	480	4.00%
Ottawa	2388	19.91%
Peru	1251	10.43%
Ransom	40	0.33%
Rutland	30	0.25%
Sandwich	426	3.55%
Serena	56	0.47%
Seneca	301	2.51%
Sheridan	774	6.45%
Somonauk	217	1.81%
Streator	1842	15.36%
Tonica	105	0.88%
Troy Grove	23	0.19%
Utica	186	1.55%
Wedron	5	0.04%
Wenona	20	0.17%
Other**	8	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	**11993**	

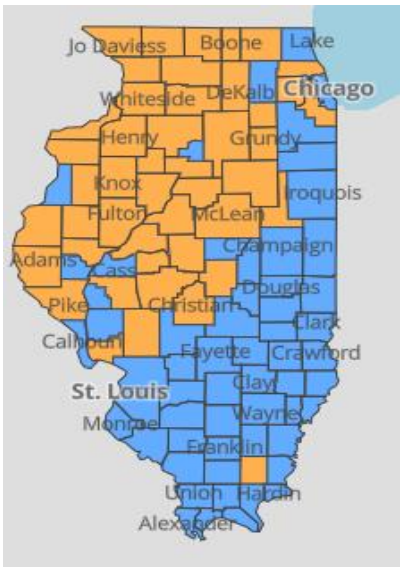
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Town	Current Total	Increase since last week	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	31	0	0.25%
Dana	28	2	0.23%
Earlville	223	1	1.82%
Grand Ridge	99	4	0.81%
LaSalle	1157	30	9.42%
Leland	161	2	1.31%
Leonore	5	0	0.04%
Lostant	77	5	0.63%
Marseilles	820	25	6.67%
Mendota	1287	16	10.48%
Millington	38	0	0.31%
Oglesby	493	13	4.01%
Ottawa	2482	94	20.20%
Peru	1272	21	10.35%
Ransom	42	2	0.34%
Rutland	32	2	0.26%
Sandwich	436	10	3.55%
Serena	56	0	0.46%
Seneca	303	2	2.47%
Sheridan	775	1	6.31%
Somonauk	225	8	1.83%
Streator	1884	42	15.33%
Tonica	110	5	0.90%
Troy Grove	23	0	0.19%
Utica	191	5	1.55%
Wedron	5	0	0.04%
Wenona (LC Cases)	23	3	0.19%
Other**	8	0	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	**12286**	**293**	

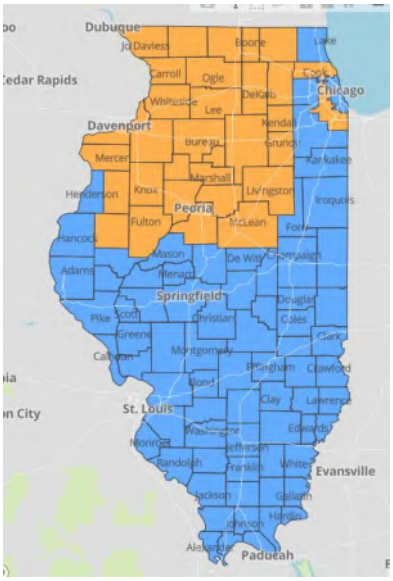
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** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

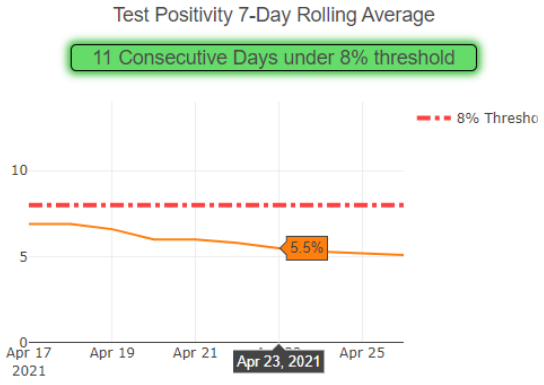
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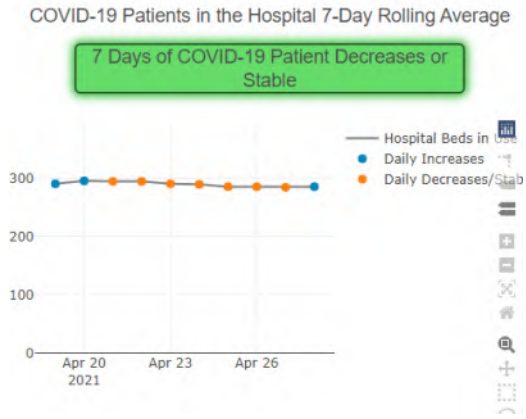


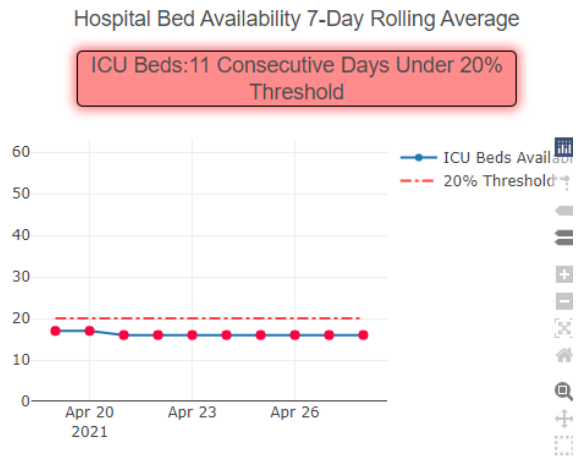
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Region 2 Summary - 04/29/2021







County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 04/18-04/24/2021

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **213 per 100K** *Increase from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2** * Decrease from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **5.0 %** *Decrease from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **4566** *more tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **5.1 %** *Decrease in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **8** * Decrease from previous week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **0.7 %** *Decrease in reported clusters from previous week	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **16 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	

Local Testing Information

Lasalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

*** COVID -19 Testing**
The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Testing will be performed Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

St. Margaret's Health – Peru

Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their primary care provider for an order or may call the St. Margaret's Health Peru Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Outpatient testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only. Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.

Morris Hospital

There are two options for COVID-19 testing through Morris Hospital:

OUTPATIENT DRIVE-THRU TESTING – PHYSICIAN ORDER REQUIRED

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY: M-F 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

TESTING LOCATION: Morris Hospital, 150 W. High St., Morris (follow drive-thru testing signs leading to corner of Lisbon & High Streets)

INSTRUCTIONS: Testing through the Morris Hospital drive-thru requires an order from your physician/provider. After the order is received, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital will call you to schedule a testing appointment. Test results can take up to 72 hours (sometimes longer) and will get sent to the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

IMMEDIATE/CONVENIENT CARE VISIT

WALK-IN: Hours vary by location (see below)

INSTRUCTIONS: Individuals seeking COVID-19 testing due to COVID-like symptoms, COVID exposure concerns, school or travel requirements are first examined by a medical provider at one of our urgent care locations. Depending on testing supply availability and the provider's recommendation, a rapid test or a send out test may be used. Test results on send out tests are typically available within 72 hours (sometimes longer depending on demand). We will submit to your insurance company for the COVID-19 exam and test. To find out more about what to expect from your COVID-19 visit at one of our Urgent Care locations, click here.

Locations include:

- **Immediate Care at the Morris Hospital Ridge Road Campus**

  Address: 27240 W. Saxony Dr., Channahon

  Phone: 815-521-1500

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Immediate Care at the Diagnostic & Rehabilitative Center of Morris Hospital**

  Address: 100 W. Gore Rd., Morris

  Phone: 815-364-8919

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Convenient Care at the Morris Hospital Diamond-Coal City Campus**

  Address: 1450 E. Division St., Diamond

  Phone: 815-634-3500

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Convenient Care at the Morris Hospital Yorkville Campus**

  Address: 105 Saravanos Dr., Yorkville

  Phone: 630-553-8200

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
  - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
  - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
  - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to our OSF Saint Paul Medical Center lab.
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

St. Margaret's Hospital – Spring Valley

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing

Illinois Department of Public Health Focuses Mobile COVID-19 Testing in High-Risk Communities

In an effort to make one of the largest COVID-19 testing infrastructures in the country more easily accessible for residents, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is fine tuning its targeted mobile testing operations. This is in response to a decline in the number of people utilizing state supported testing sites and in preparation for the next phases of the pandemic response. IDPH is realigning its testing strategy to deploy mobile testing teams to locations with a high demand for testing, such as schools, processing plants, high risk workplaces, and other targeted locations.

"By focusing on taking testing to where people are, we hope to increase the number of people being tested for COVID-19," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Testing is important to quickly identify individuals with COVID-19 to stop further spread of the

virus. Our test positivity rate is currently low, and one way to keep it low is to identify infected individuals as quickly as possible so contact tracing efforts can identify close contacts who may have been exposed and have them quarantine so the virus does not spread further."

Due to changes in public demand, the days of operation for the State community-based testing sites are being adjusted. These changes will go into effect on Thursday, March 18, 2021. The new days of operation for the community-based testing sites are as follows:

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W. Euclid Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
East St. Louis	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.



Has LaSalle County recorded any COVID-19 cases that have resulted after someone has gotten the vaccine?

Yes, we have had a total of 12 “breakthrough” cases. This is a small number when compared to the number of fully vaccinated individuals in LaSalle County. Individuals are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose of a two-dose vaccine, or two weeks after a one dose vaccine. A “breakthrough case” is when a fully vaccinated person gets the disease they were vaccinated for. No vaccine is 100% effective in preventing the illness it is meant to protect against. It is still possible for a fully vaccinated individual to get infected if they are exposed to the virus. Those infected may have no symptoms or mild symptoms and can still spread the virus. Vaccinated individuals are still asked to wear a mask, keep your distance, avoid crowded settings, and wash your hands.

County Level Risk Metrics – LaSalle County Remains at Orange Warning Level

The LaSalle County Health Department is alerting residents that as of Friday, April 30, 2021, our County-Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics remains at the orange warning level. As a reminder, orange status indicates there are warning signs of increased COVID-19 risk in the county. A warning level means that a county saw increases in two or more COVID-19 risk indicators.

LaSalle County continues to see an uptick in our number of cases. In addition, within the North-Central Region (Region 2) there are 16 % of ICU beds available, which is below the 20% target. Until LaSalle County can get a handle on the number of new cases being identified each week and slow the spread that is occurring, LaSalle County will continue to be at risk for remaining at the orange warning level.

COVID-19 continues to spread across Illinois. Keep wearing your mask to protect you and those around you! #MaskUpIL



FDA and CDC Lift Recommended Pause on Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 Vaccine Use Following Thorough Safety Review

Following a thorough safety review, including two meetings of the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have determined that the recommended pause regarding the use of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 Vaccine in the U.S. should be lifted and use of the vaccine should resume.

The pause was recommended after reports of six cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot in individuals following administration of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. During the pause, medical and scientific teams at the FDA and CDC examined available data to assess the risk of thrombosis involving the cerebral venous sinuses, or CVST (large blood vessels in the brain), and other sites in the body (including but not limited to the large blood vessels of the abdomen and the veins of the legs) along with thrombocytopenia, or low blood platelet counts. The teams at FDA and CDC also conducted extensive outreach to providers and clinicians to ensure they were made aware of the potential for these adverse events and could properly manage and recognize these events due to the unique treatment required for these blood clots and low platelets, also known as thrombosis-thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS).

The two agencies have determined the following:

- Use of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine should be resumed in the United States.
- The FDA and CDC have confidence that this vaccine is safe and effective in preventing COVID-19.
- The FDA has determined that the available data show that the vaccine's known and potential benefits outweigh its known and potential risks in individuals 18 years of age and older.
- At this time, the available data suggest that the chance of TTS occurring is very low, but the FDA and CDC will remain vigilant in continuing to investigate this risk.
- Health care providers administering the vaccine and vaccine recipients or caregivers should review the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine (Vaccination Providers) and Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers, which have been revised to include information about the risk of this syndrome, which has occurred in a very small number of people who have received the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine.

CDC's independent Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices met today to discuss the latest data on TTS, hearing from the vaccine manufacturer Janssen and the COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Technical (VaST) Subgroup, as well as a risk benefit analysis. ACIP is committed to be vigilant and responsive to additional information that could impact the risk benefit analysis of any of these vaccines. Vaccine safety monitoring will continue and any new information about TTS will be brought to ACIP as needed.

"Safety is our top priority. This pause was an example of our extensive safety monitoring working as they were designed to work—identifying even these small number of cases. We've lifted the pause based on the FDA and CDC's review of all available data and in

consultation with medical experts and based on recommendations from the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. We have concluded that the known and potential benefits of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine outweigh its known and potential risks in individuals 18 years of age and older. We are confident that this vaccine continues to meet our standards for safety, effectiveness and quality. We recommend people with questions about which vaccine is right for them have those discussions with their health care provider," said Janet Woodcock, M.D., Acting FDA Commissioner.

"Above all else, health and safety are at the forefront of our decisions," said CDC Director Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky. "Our vaccine safety systems are working. We identified exceptionally rare events – out of millions of doses of the Janssen COVID-19 administered – and we paused to examine them more carefully. As we always do, we will continue to watch all signals closely as more Americans are vaccinated. I continue to be encouraged by the growing body of real-world evidence that the authorized COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, and they protect people from disease, hospitalization, and death. I urge anyone with questions about the COVID-19 vaccines to speak with their healthcare provider or local public health department."

Assessment of Available Data

Medical and scientific teams at the FDA and CDC reviewed several sources of information and data related to the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine to reach today's decision. Specifically, the agencies assessed reports submitted to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS), reviewed the medical literature and considered the information from global regulatory partners about thrombosis with thrombocytopenia that have been reported following use of a similar, yet not identical, COVID-19 vaccine using a virus from the adenovirus family that has been modified to contain the gene for making a protein from SARS-CoV-2.

Update on Adverse Events

On April 13, the FDA and CDC announced that, out of more than 6.8 million doses administered, six reports of a rare and severe type of blood clot combined with low blood platelet levels occurring in people after receiving the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine had been reported to VAERS. In these cases, a type of blood clot called cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST) was seen in combination with low levels of blood platelets (thrombocytopenia).

Today, the agencies can confirm that a total of 15 cases of TTS have been reported to VAERS, including the original six reported cases. All of these cases occurred in women between the ages of 18 and 59, with a median age of 37 years. Reports indicated symptom onset between 6 and 15 days after vaccination.

Monitoring for Safety Will Continue

The surveillance systems that are in place to monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines authorized for emergency use are working, as demonstrated by both agencies' quick work to identify and investigate these rare, but serious adverse events. The FDA and CDC will continue with these efforts to closely monitor the safety of these vaccines.

Reports of adverse events following vaccination can be made to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System.

Illinois Department of Public Health Resumes Use of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) will resume use of the Johnson & Johnson/ Janssen (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine following the announcement by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that they have lifted the previously recommended pause on the J&J vaccine. The CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) conducted a thorough review of the vaccine after reports of six cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot in individuals following administration of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. The pause of the vaccine allowed experts to conduct an extensive review of these 15 cases, as well as inform providers and clinicians about the potential adverse events and how they can be recognized and treated. Providers in Illinois who previously received doses of J&J vaccine will be able to immediately begin administering the vaccine. Allocations of the J&J vaccine by the federal government will resume next week. Approximately 760,000 doses were allocated to Illinois before the pause, of
which approximately 290,000 were administered. The pause was proof that the extensive safety monitoring system is working and was able to detect a very small number of adverse events. The FDA has concluded that the known and potential benefits of the J&J vaccine outweigh its known and potential risks.

LaSalle County Health Department Partners with the Illinois National Guard to Hold a Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

The LaSalle County Health Department will be holding a Johnson and Johnson “One and Done” COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic in partnership with the Illinois National Guard.
Where: Illinois Valley Community College, 815 N Orlando Smith St., Oglesby, IL
When: Wednesday, May 12, 2021
Time: 9:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.
Must be 18 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment: https://events.juvare.com/.../c1e8412b-611b-4093-9d8b.../
Please note If you have a 2nd Dose Moderna Appointment scheduled for May 12th it is still valid.

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

LaSalle County Clinic Updates

On Monday, April 12, 2021, Illinois expanded its eligibility to include anyone 16 years of age and older.

Information regarding upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics and Appointment Availability is NOW posted on our website. Please visit www.lasallecounty.org and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment at an upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic. Please continue to check the website regularly for appointment availability. Additional dates will be added as more vaccine become available.

Current and Upcoming LaSalle County Health Department COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

Appointments are currently available and able to be scheduled for these clinics.

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 ---- Moderna (Dose 1 Appointment)
OR
Thursday, May 13, 2021

Must be 18 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.

Click link to schedule an appointment: https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/2031e7e1-58ea-4dc3-b862-a3f15d260300/

Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 16 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

Please visit their websites for appointment availability.

State-run Mass Vaccination Site in Grundy County

Grundy County now has a mass vaccination site. Priority is given to Grundy residents and workforce, but, as a Mass Vaccination Site, appointments are open to any IL resident 16 years and older.
Regularly check www.grundyhealth.com for upcoming appointment information.

Eligible Illinoisans can now call (833) 621-1284 to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment in your area.



ALL Illinoisans 16 and older are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Locate your a site near you at www.coronavirus.illinois.gov or call (833) 621-1284.

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RESTORE ILLINOIS

All Regions across Illinois are in Phase 4. Let's stay there by continuing to wear our mask, wash our hands, keep a safe distance and #VaxUpIL if you are eligible!

PHASE 4: REVITALIZATION

PHASE 4 GUIDELINES OVERVIEW

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ALL INDUSTRIES

- All employees who can work from home should continue to do so
- Continue to wear face covering that covers nose and mouth, maintain social distance of 6 ft., and frequently wash hands
- Continue employee health screenings upon entry into the workplace and mid-shift screenings for employees with shifts >5 hours (virtual screening permitted)
- Follow guidelines on capacity limits and group sizes (to be continually reassessed throughout Phase 4)

FILM PRODUCTION

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% of sound stage/location occupancy
- Crowd scenes should be limited to 50 people or fewer
- All individuals should maintain 6 ft. of social distancing unless job duty cannot be performed without proximity (e.g. actors performing, hair, make-up, costumes)
- One-time nasal swab for RT-PCR testing of all cast and crew should be obtained within 48 to 72 hours prior to the start of work on set or location
- Craft services and catering should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines
- Live audiences permitted in line with Theatre/Performing Arts guidelines

HEALTH AND FITNESS

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Group fitness classes of up to 50 people with at least 6 ft. social distancing between individuals permitted; multiple groups permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Workout stations and equipment should be 6 ft. apart without barriers or 3 ft. apart with impermeable barriers in between
- For open gym spaces, have 1 employee per every 4,000 sq. ft. to monitor social distancing and sanitize equipment between use
- Sanitize equipment before and after each individual use and sanitize locker rooms and showers at least every hour
- Keep ancillary accommodations (e.g., saunas, hot tubs, steam rooms) closed, though childcare areas are permitted to reopen in line with DHFS childcare guidelines

MUSEUMS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Museums should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

INDOOR/OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Reopening select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks); indoor playgrounds and trampoline parks should remain closed
- Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers or 50% of facility capacity
- Outdoor recreation allowing group sizes of up to 50, and permitting multiple groups given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Activity stations should be spaced at least 6 ft. apart or limited in number to ensure social distancing
- Shared equipment should be disinfected before and after each use
- Clubhouses and other communal gathering places allowed to reopen
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

MANUFACTURING

- Employees must receive COVID training before returning to work
- All employers should have a wellness screening program. Employers should conduct in-person COVID-19 screening of employees upon entry and a mid-shift screening if employee shift is greater than 5 hours
- Stagger and space shifts, and designate shift entrances and exits (when possible) to minimize interactions of employees across unique shift groupings
- Workstations should be disinfected between every shift and in between employee handoffs
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted

MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- Limit to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of room capacity
- Multiple groups may meet in the same facility if they are socially distanced and in separate rooms
- Groups should be static for duration of meeting or event. If event includes multiple sessions, participants should remain in one room, and speakers/presenters should rotate between rooms or be digitally displayed (e.g. projected, livestreamed) in multiple rooms
- Dance floors should remain closed
- Food service should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines

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OFFICES

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted
- Continue health screenings, though employers may screen office employees via in-person conversation or questionnaire once at their workstation, or using virtual method

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

- Indoor dining and drinking now permitted for parties of up to 10 people
- Seated areas should be arranged so that tables allow for 6 ft. between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths which are less than 6 ft. apart
- Standing areas (in restaurants or bars) should be limited to no more than 25% of standing area capacity
- Buffets and self-service food stations (e.g. hot and cold bars, bulk items, baked goods) should adhere to additional minimum guidelines
- Self-service beverage fountains are permissible with the additional precautions

RETAIL AND SERVICE COUNTER

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Mall food courts may reopen in line with Indoor Dining and Drinking guidelines

PERSONAL CARE

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- If services require customer to remove his or her mask, employee must wear both a face mask and eye protection (e.g., face shield, protective glasses)
- No time restrictions on massage or other services

OUTDOOR SEATED SPECTATOR EVENTS

- Outdoor spectator events only; indoor spectator events not permitted at this time
- Tickets events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Maximum of 20% of seating capacity for spectators
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

THEATERS AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers for ticketed events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Indoor capacity limit of 50 people or less or 50% of space capacity (applies to each screening room); outdoor capacity limited to 20% of overall space capacity
- Patrons should wear face coverings over their nose and mouth, except while seated within a venue (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering)
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

YOUTH AND RECREATIONAL SPORTS

- Competitive gameplay and tournaments permitted for moderate and lower risk sports. Intra-team scrimmages for higher risk sports
- Limit of 50 spectators for events
- Sporting venues may host multiple groups of participants engaged in active exercise or gameplay provided the venue has space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

ZOOS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Indoor exhibits are limited to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of the building capacity
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Zoos should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

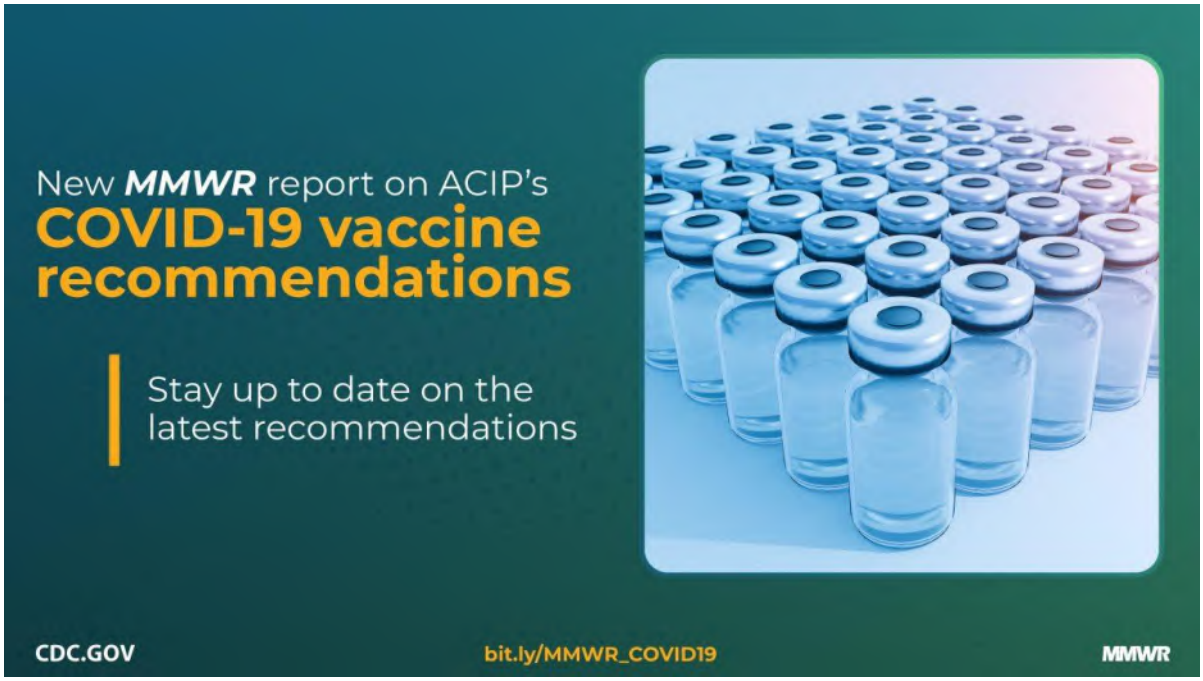


If you have questions or need additional support: Please call our hotline at 1-800-252-2923or e-mail us at ceo.support@illinois.gov or return to Illinois.gov/businessguidelines

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS about COVID-19 Vaccine

A new MMWR report outlines recommendations for the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 Vaccine from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). After a thorough safety review, ACIP reaffirmed its recommended use of the J&J vaccine in all people 18 years and older, determining that the vaccine's known and potential benefits outweigh its known and potential risks.
Read the full report: bit.ly/MMWR42721.

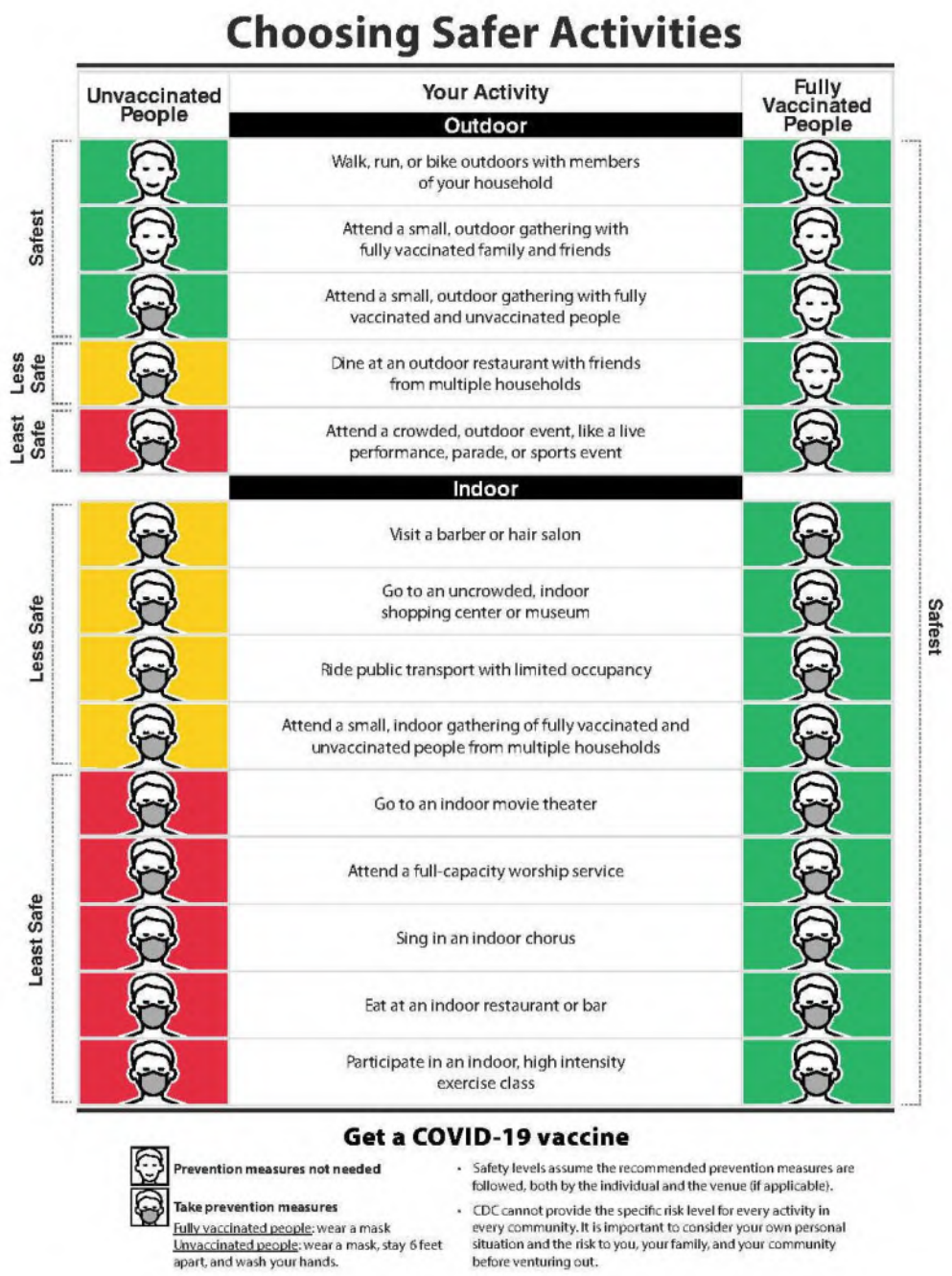


Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Are you Fully Vaccinated?

According to the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), if you are fully vaccinated, you can:

- Gather indoors without wearing a mask.
- Do activities outdoors without wearing a mask.
- Travel without getting tested before/after your trip.



Fully Vaccinated Adults 65 and Older Are 94% Less Likely to Be Hospitalized with COVID-19

Both mRNA COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna) authorized and recommended in the United States protect against COVID-19-related hospitalization among adults 65 years and older, according to a new CDC assessment that finds fully vaccinated adults 65 years and older were 94% less likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19 than

people of the same age who were not vaccinated. People 65 and older who were partially vaccinated were 64% less likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19 than people who were not vaccinated. People were considered "partially vaccinated" two weeks after their first dose of mRNA vaccine and "fully vaccinated" two weeks after their second dose.

These are the first real-world findings in the United States confirming clinical trial data showing mRNA vaccines prevent severe COVID-19 illness. The findings provide additional support for CDC's recommendation for COVID-19 vaccination among people 65 and older in the U.S. population under the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the applicable COVID-19 vaccine as the risk for severe illness with COVID-19 increases with age, with older adults at highest risk.

"These findings are encouraging and welcome news for the two-thirds of people aged 65 and up who are already fully vaccinated," said CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH. "COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective and these real-world findings confirm the benefits seen in clinical trials, preventing hospitalizations among those most vulnerable. The results are promising for our communities and hospitals. As our vaccination efforts continue to expand, COVID-19 patients will not overwhelm health care systems – leaving hospital staff, beds, and services available for people who need them for other medical conditions."

The assessment looked at hospitalizations in two U.S. hospital networks covering 24 hospitals in 14 states. Vaccine effectiveness was assessed by comparing the odds of COVID-19 vaccination among hospitalized people who tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19 (these were case-patients) versus those who tested negative (these were controls). Among 417 participants in the assessment, there were 187 case-patients and 230 controls. Half of the patients were more than 75-years-old.

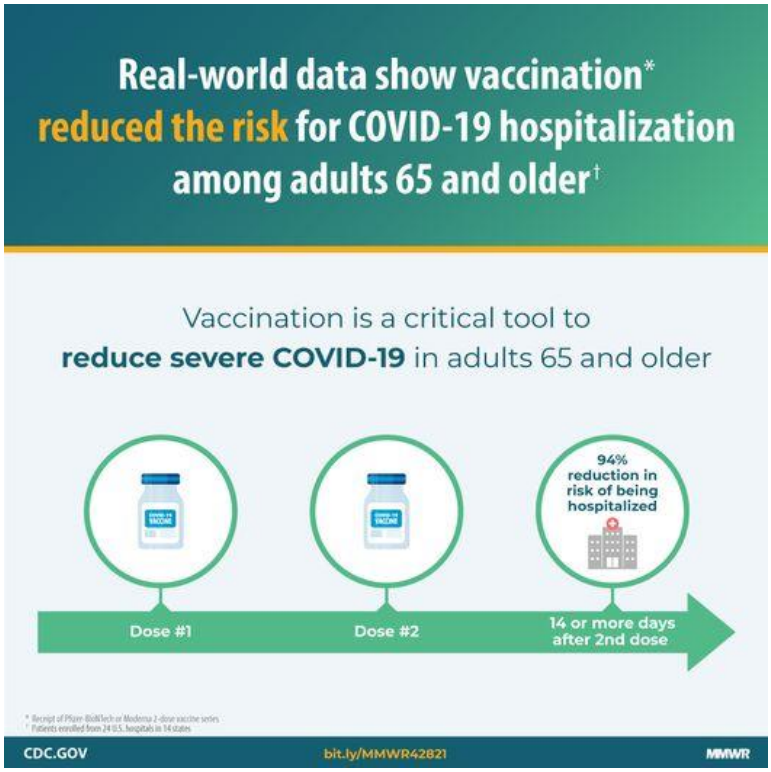
Also noteworthy, while early reports from Israel also documented the real-world effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccination, including among older adults, those reports only looked at vaccination with Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. In this CDC assessment, both Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccine products were equally represented.

As expected, the assessment confirmed that vaccination provided no protection to people who had received their first dose fewer than two weeks earlier. It takes two weeks for the body to form an immune response after vaccination.

Two networks previously established to conduct surveillance for serious influenza disease provided the data for this assessment: Hospitalized Adult Influenza Vaccine Effectiveness Network (HAIVEN) and Influenza Vaccine Effectiveness in the Critically Ill (IVY).

This assessment is one of many planned COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness assessments to evaluate the real-world benefits of COVID-19 vaccines. Results from these assessments will help inform vaccine policy decisions aimed at saving lives and decreasing serious COVID-19 disease as much as possible.

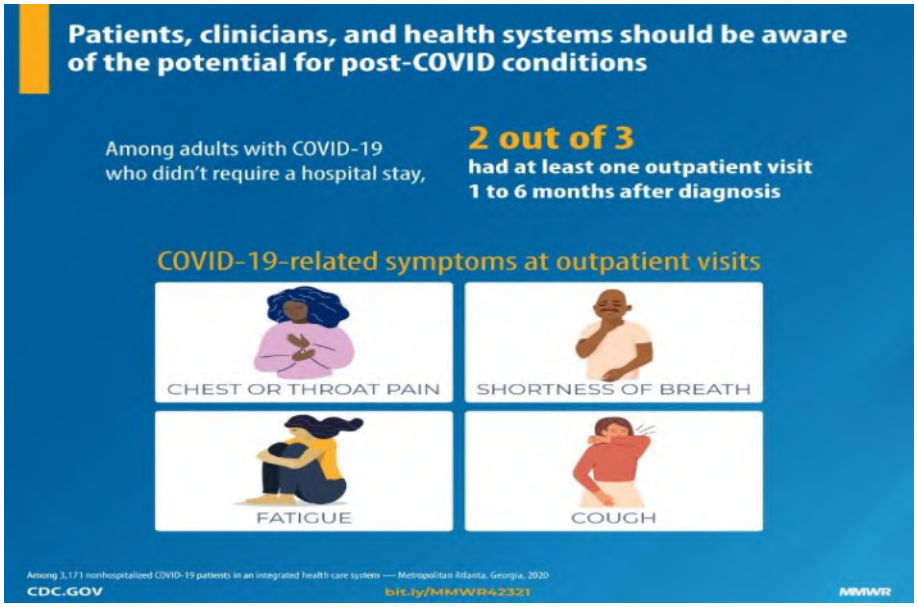
CDC recommends everyone 16 years of age and older in the U.S. population under the EUA get the applicable COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Health Care Utilization and Clinical Characteristics of Non-hospitalized Adults in an Integrated Health Care System 28–180 Days After COVID-19 Diagnosis — Georgia, May 2020–March 2021

A new MMWR finds that among 3,000 adults with COVID-19 who didn't require a hospital stay, 2 out of 3 returned for at least one outpatient visit between 1 and 6 months of diagnosis. Symptoms potentially related to COVID-19 were among the most common new visit diagnoses. Patients, clinicians, and health systems should be aware of the potential for post-COVID conditions. Learn more: bit.ly/MMWR42321.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant
- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2020.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed by visit the following link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#:~:text=2020%20%2D%202021%20Flu%20Activity%20Report,care%20sites%20throughout%20the%20state.

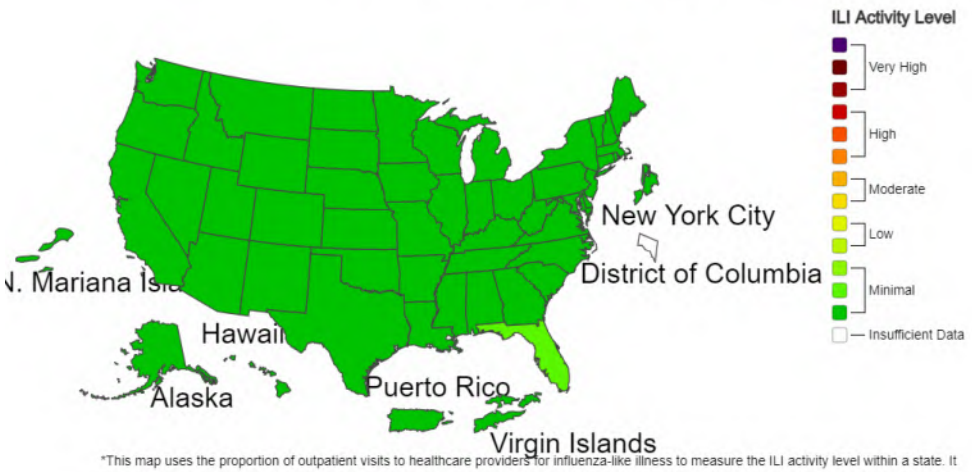
In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm

FLUVIEW interactive

A Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report Prepared by the Influenza Division

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Activity Level Indicator Determined by Data Reported to ILINet

2020-21 Influenza Season Week 15 ending Apr 17, 2021



*This map uses the proportion of outpatient visits to healthcare providers for influenza-like illness to measure the ILI activity level within a state. It does not, however, measure the extent of geographic spread of flu within a state. Therefore, outbreaks occurring in a single city could cause the state to display high activity levels.
*Data collected in ILINet may disproportionately represent certain populations within a state, and therefore may not accurately depict the full picture of influenza activity for the whole state.
*Data displayed in this map are based on data collected in ILINet, whereas the State and Territorial flu activity map are based on reports from state and territorial epidemiologists. The data presented in this map is preliminary and may change as more data is received.
*Differences in the data presented by CDC and state health departments likely represent differing levels of data completeness with data presented by the state likely being the more complete.
*For the data download you can use Activity Level for the number and Activity Level Label for the text description.
*This graphic notice means that you are leaving an HHS Web site.
For more information, please see CDC's Exit Notification and Disclaimer policy.
For more information on the methodology, please visit Outpatient Illness Surveillance methods section.

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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

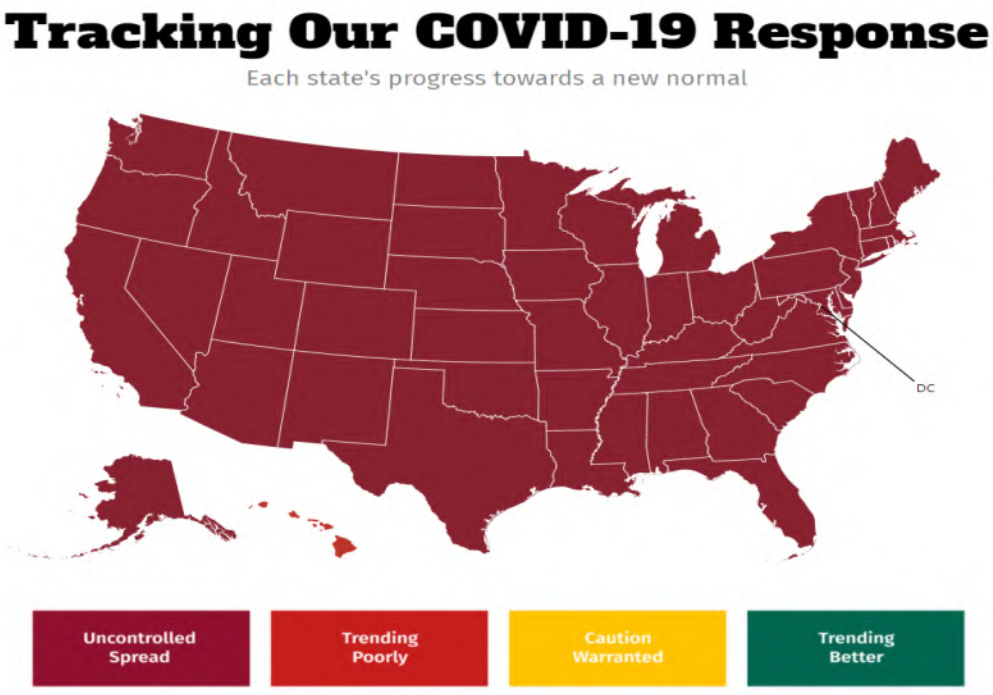
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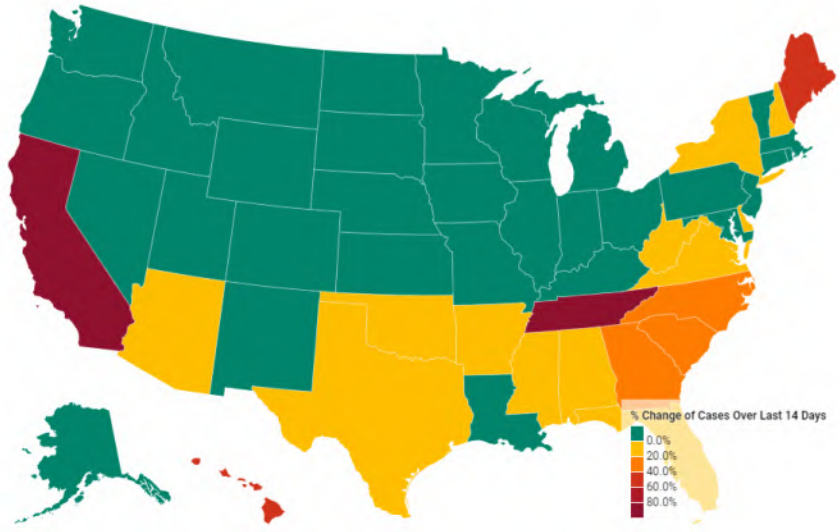
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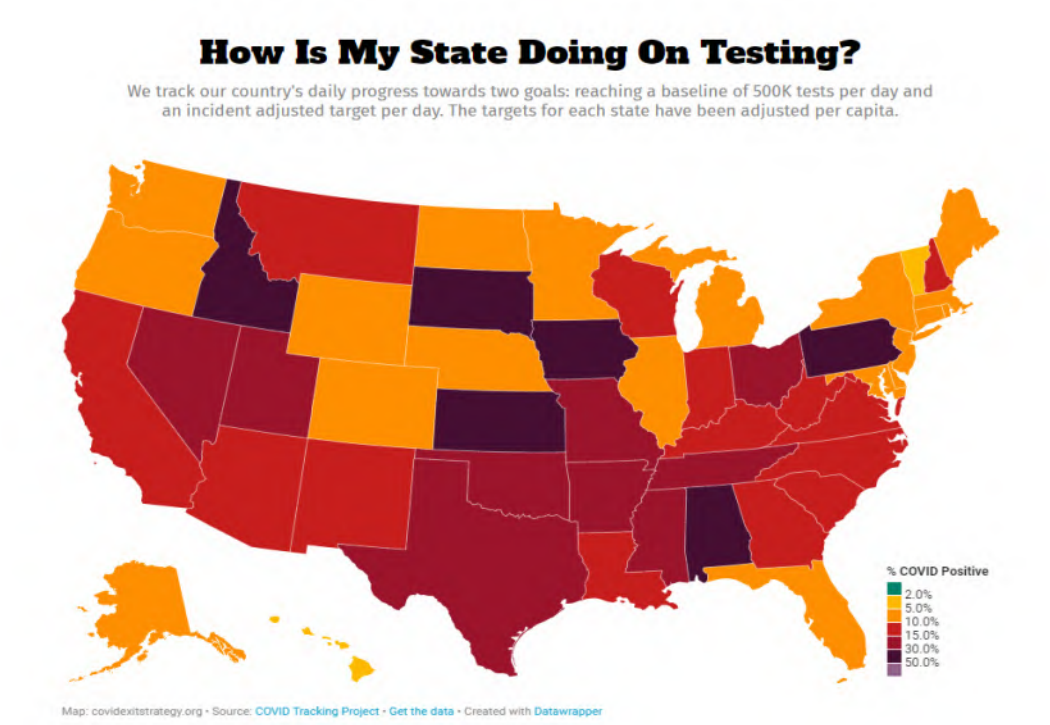
COVID-19 Situational Update



Change in Cases over last 14 days



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Maps from https://www.covidexitstrategy.org/ which provides state by state data including
14-DAY TREND OF COVID+, LAST 14 DAYS OF COVID+ (ROLLING), INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS, % OF TEST TARGET (US: 500K/DAY), ICU AVAILABILITY, NEW CASES PER MILLION PER DAY, and COVID+ RATE

COVID Numbers at a Glance

This week 04/30/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
12,518	10,456	300	1762	71,583	5.2 %

Last week 04/30/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
12,286	10,123	297	1866	68,364	5.0 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

As of May 7, 2021, The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 21,477 individuals with 9,311 of those individuals being fully vaccinated since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

Below is the overall County and State data:

LaSalle County

71,583
Administered Vaccine Doses

30,704
Population Fully Vaccinated

28.06 %
% of Population Fully Vaccinated

Illinois

9,719,958
Administered Vaccine Doses

4,334,906
Population Fully Vaccinated

34.02 %
% of Population Fully Vaccinated

COVID-19 Cases

04/30/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	150,657,884	3,168,835
US	32,291,267	575,213
Illinois	1,335,055	21,960
LaSalle County	12,286	297

05/07/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	156,197,025	3,258,802
US	32,606,724	580,076
Illinois	1,351,497	22,171
LaSalle County	12,518	300

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	225	245	3.75	0.00
10-19	578	684	10.08	0.00
20s	996	1089	16.66	0.00
30s	973	968	15.51	0.00
40s	894	939	14.64	1.33
50s	928	1010	15.48	2.33
60s	717	702	11.34	8.33
70s	376	420	6.36	22.00
80s	212	306	4.14	35.67
90s	89	152	1.93	27.00
100s	1	14	0.12	3.33
UNK				
Total	5989	6529		
%	47.84	52.16		
TOTAL CASES		12518		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	**232**
June	67	
July	261	
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**4076**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	**10***
May	12	**3**
June	4	
July	1	
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**69**

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported death in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Deaths by Age	300
20's	0
30's	0
40's	4
50's	7
60's	25
70's	66
80's	107
90's	81
100s	10
Males	156
Females	144

Cases by City/Village

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Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	31	0.25%
Dana	28	0.23%
Earlville	223	1.82%
Grand Ridge	99	0.81%
LaSalle	1157	9.42%
Leland	161	1.31%
Leonore	5	0.04%
Lostant	77	0.63%
Marseilles	820	6.67%
Mendota	1287	10.48%
Millington	38	0.31%
Oglesby	493	4.01%
Ottawa	2482	20.20%
Peru	1272	10.35%
Ransom	42	0.34%
Rutland	32	0.26%
Sandwich	436	3.55%
Serena	56	0.46%
Seneca	303	2.47%
Sheridan	775	6.31%
Somonauk	225	1.83%
Streator	1884	15.33%
Tonica	110	0.90%
Troy Grove	23	0.19%
Utica	191	1.55%
Wedron	5	0.04%
Wenona	23	0.19%
Other**	8	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	**12286**	

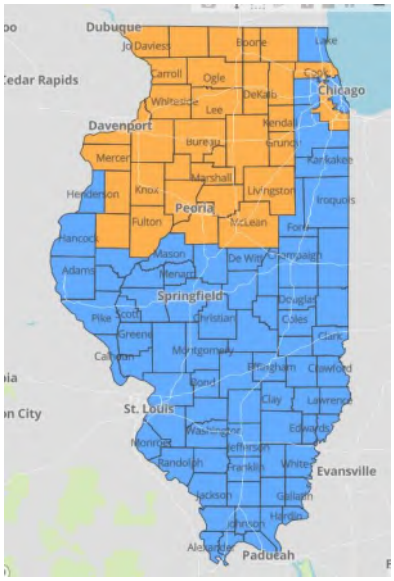
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Town	Current Total	Increase since last week	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	31	0	0.25%
Dana	30	2	0.24%
Earlville	238	15	1.90%
Grand Ridge	103	4	0.82%
LaSalle	1185	28	9.47%
Leland	163	2	1.30%
Leonore	5	0	0.04%
Lostant	80	3	0.64%
Marseilles	831	11	6.64%
Mendota	1300	13	10.39%
Millington	38	0	0.30%
Oglesby	501	8	4.00%
Ottawa	2521	39	20.14%
Peru	1297	25	10.36%
Ransom	42	0	0.34%
Rutland	33	1	0.26%
Sandwich	444	8	3.55%
Serena	56	0	0.45%
Seneca	308	5	2.46%
Sheridan	783	8	6.25%
Somonauk	232	7	1.85%
Streator	1919	35	15.33%
Tonica	111	1	0.89%
Troy Grove	24	1	0.19%
Utica	202	11	1.61%
Wedron	5	0	0.04%
Wenona (LC Cases)	28	5	0.22%
Other**	8	0	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**12518**	**232**	

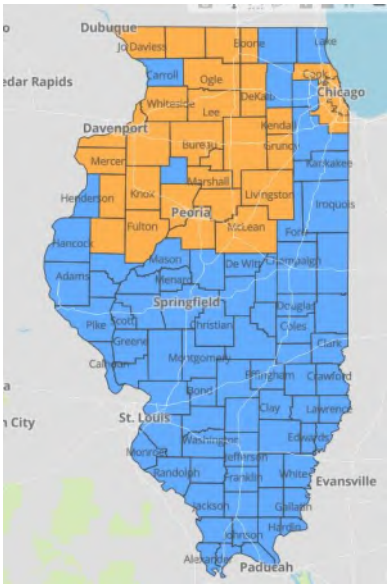
*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

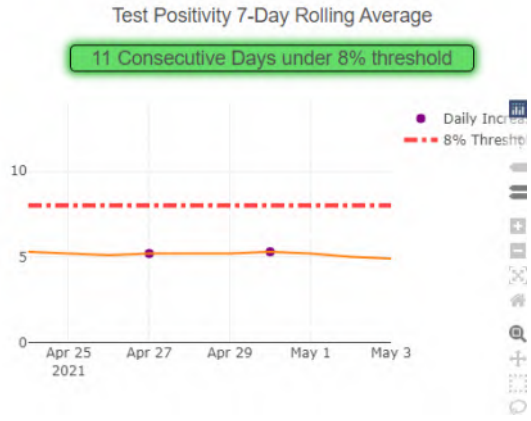
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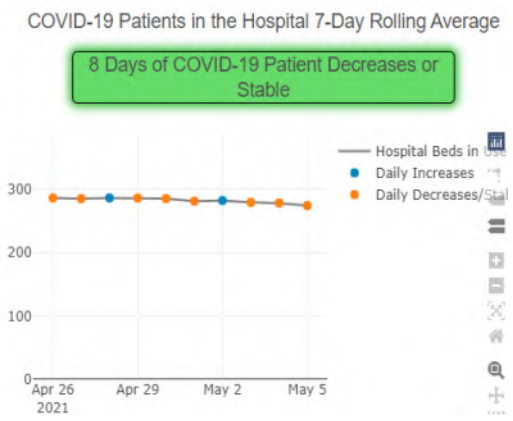


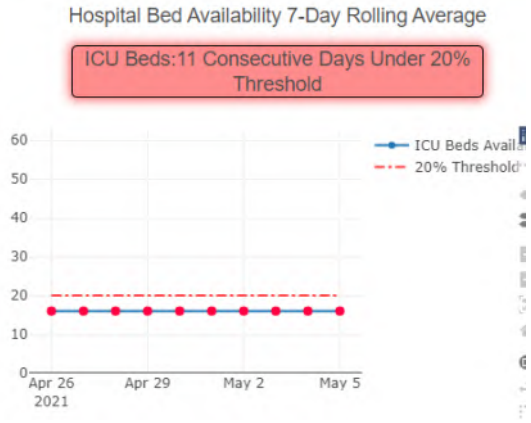
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Region 2 Summary - 05/06/2021







County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 04/25-05/01/2021

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **227 per 100K** *Increase from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **5** * Increase from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **5.2 %** *Increase from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **5202** *more tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **5.7 %** *Increase in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **13** * Increase from previous week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **3.8 %** *Increase in reported clusters from previous week	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **16 %** *No change in availability from previous week	

Local Testing Information

Lasalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

*** COVID -19 Testing**
The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Testing will be performed Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

St. Margaret's Health – Peru

Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their primary care provider for an order or may call the St. Margaret's Health Peru Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Outpatient testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only. Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.

Morris Hospital

There are two options for COVID-19 testing through Morris Hospital:

OUTPATIENT DRIVE-THRU TESTING – PHYSICIAN ORDER REQUIRED

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY: M-F 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

TESTING LOCATION: Morris Hospital, 150 W. High St., Morris (follow drive-thru testing signs leading to corner of Lisbon & High Streets)

INSTRUCTIONS: Testing through the Morris Hospital drive-thru requires an order from your physician/provider. After the order is received, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital will call you to schedule a testing appointment. Test results can take up to 72 hours (sometimes longer) and will get sent to the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

IMMEDIATE/CONVENIENT CARE VISIT

WALK-IN: Hours vary by location (see below)

INSTRUCTIONS: Individuals seeking COVID-19 testing due to COVID-like symptoms, COVID exposure concerns, school or travel requirements are first examined by a medical provider at one of our urgent care locations. Depending on testing supply availability and the provider's recommendation, a rapid test or a send out test may be used. Test results on send out tests are typically available within 72 hours (sometimes longer depending on demand). We will submit to your insurance company for the COVID-19 exam and test. To find out more about what to expect from your COVID-19 visit at one of our Urgent Care locations, click here.

Locations include:

- **Immediate Care at the Morris Hospital Ridge Road Campus**

  Address: 27240 W. Saxony Dr., Channahon

  Phone: 815-521-1500

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Immediate Care at the Diagnostic & Rehabilitative Center of Morris Hospital**

  Address: 100 W. Gore Rd., Morris

  Phone: 815-364-8919

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Convenient Care at the Morris Hospital Diamond-Coal City Campus**

  Address: 1450 E. Division St., Diamond

  Phone: 815-634-3500

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Convenient Care at the Morris Hospital Yorkville Campus**

  Address: 105 Saravanos Dr., Yorkville

  Phone: 630-553-8200

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
  - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
  - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
  - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

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- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

St. Margaret's Hospital – Spring Valley

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing

Illinois Department of Public Health Focuses Mobile COVID-19 Testing in High-Risk Communities

In an effort to make one of the largest COVID-19 testing infrastructures in the country more easily accessible for residents, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is fine tuning its targeted mobile testing operations. This is in response to a decline in the number of people utilizing state supported testing sites and in preparation for the next phases of the pandemic response. IDPH is realigning its testing strategy to deploy mobile testing teams to locations with a high demand for testing, such as schools, processing plants, high risk workplaces, and other targeted locations.

"By focusing on taking testing to where people are, we hope to increase the number of people being tested for COVID-19," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Testing is important to quickly identify individuals with COVID-19 to stop further spread of the

virus. Our test positivity rate is currently low, and one way to keep it low is to identify infected individuals as quickly as possible so contact tracing efforts can identify close contacts who may have been exposed and have them quarantine so the virus does not spread further."

Due to changes in public demand, the days of operation for the State community-based testing sites are being adjusted. These changes will go into effect on Thursday, March 18, 2021. The new days of operation for the community-based testing sites are as follows:

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W. Euclid Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
East St. Louis	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.



Do I Need to Wear a Mask and Avoid Close Contact with Others If I Have Gotten Two Doses of the Vaccine?

It depends. For now, fully vaccinated people can gather indoors without physical distancing or wearing masks with:

- Other people who are fully vaccinated
- Unvaccinated people from one other household, unless any of those people or anyone they live with has an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19

Until more is known, fully vaccinated people should continue to wear masks and stay 6 feet apart from other people in other settings, like when they are in public or visiting with unvaccinated people from multiple households.

Additional recommendations can be found at When You've Been Fully Vaccinated.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

County Level Risk Metrics – LaSalle County Remains at Orange Warning Level

The LaSalle County Health Department is alerting residents that as of Friday, May 7, 2021, our County-Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics remains at the orange warning level. As a reminder, orange status indicates there are warning signs of increased COVID-19 risk in the county. A warning level means that a county saw increases in two or more COVID-19 risk indicators.

LaSalle County continues to see an uptick in our number of cases. In addition, within the North-Central Region (Region 2) there are 16 % of ICU beds available, which is below the 20% target. Until LaSalle County can get a handle on the number of new cases being identified each week and slow the spread that is occurring, LaSalle County will continue to be at risk for remaining at the orange warning level.

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

LaSalle County Phase 2 Clinic Updates

LaSalle County Health Department Offers Johnson and Johnson Vaccine at Saturday Morning Clinics

The LaSalle County Health Department will be offering Johnson and Johnson "One and Done" COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics on Saturday mornings (**by appointment only**) at the Health Department, 717 Etna Road, Ottawa. Individuals must be 18 years old to receive the vaccine.

If you are interested in receiving the Johnson and Johnson vaccine at an upcoming Saturday clinic, please call the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 to schedule an appointment.

CDC and FDA have recommended that use of J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine resume in the United States, effective April 23, 2021. A review of all available data at this time shows that the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine's known and potential benefits outweigh its known and potential risks for those recommended to receive it. However, women younger than 50 years old especially should be aware of the rare risk of blood clots with low platelets after vaccination, and that other COVID-19 vaccines are available where this risk has not been seen.

Current and Upcoming LaSalle County Health Department COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

Appointments are currently available and able to be scheduled for these clinics.

Moderna (Dose 1 Appointment)
Tuesday, May 11, 2021 ----
OR
Thursday, May 13, 2021

Must be 18 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.

Click link to schedule an appointment: https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/2031e7e1-58ea-4dc3-b862-a3f15d260300/

Johnson & Johnson "One and Done" Clinic
Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Must be 18 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.

Click link to schedule an appointment: https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/c1e8412b-611b-4093-9d8b-ea67e3bcff20/

Hosted in partnership with the Illinois National Guard

Information regarding upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics and Appointment Availability is posted on our website. Please visit www.lasallecounty.org and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment at an upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic. Please continue to check the website regularly for appointment availability. Additional dates will be added as more vaccine become available.

Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 16 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

Please visit their websites for appointment availability.

State-run Mass Vaccination Site in Grundy County

Grundy County now has a mass vaccination site. Priority is given to Grundy residents and workforce, but, as a Mass Vaccination Site, appointments are open to any IL resident 16 years and older.
Regularly check www.grundyhealth.com for upcoming appointment information.

Summer is near, no better way to enjoy it than by being fully protected from COVID-19. Get vaccinated today!
Find your nearest location: https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location



Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker

Gov. Pritzker Announces Illinois to Enter Bridge Phase of Reopening Plan on May 14th

As Illinois continues to outpace national vaccination rates and COVID-19 trends across the state stabilize following recent upticks, Governor Pritzker announced the entire state will move into the Bridge Phase of the Restore Illinois reopening plan beginning Friday, May 14th. The Bridge Phase will allow for expanded capacity limits for businesses and gatherings before the state moves to a full reopening in Phase 5. Barring any significant reversals in key COVID-19 statewide indicators, Illinois could enter Phase 5 as soon as Friday, June 11th.

The Governor and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike also announced an expansion of the COVID-19 vaccine administration plan to include private doctors' offices and small medical providers, which can now begin to order and administer COVID-19 vaccine directly to patients. Interested providers can register with the Illinois Comprehensive Automated Immunization Registry Exchange (I-CARE). Thus far, 60% of adult residents have received their first dose, including 85% of residents ages 65 and older. To further expand vaccine accessibility, state-run vaccination sites will now accept walk-ins in addition to pre-booked appointments.

"I'm pleased to announce that the concerning upward movement of cases and hospitalizations we were seeing a few weeks ago have stabilized – a testament to the lifesaving, community-protecting power of vaccinations," **said Governor JB Pritzker**. "As a result, on Friday, May 14th, the State of Illinois will move into the Bridge Phase of our mitigation plan – one step closer to removing nearly all of the remaining mitigations, and a very hopeful move toward fully reopening. I want to thank people across Illinois who are getting vaccinated, wearing their masks, and continuing to do their part to make your friends and family safer and your communities healthier."

"Vaccination is how we can get back to summer camps, swimming lessons, and youth sports; but it is not something the Illinois Department of Public Health can do on its own. We need everyone's help. If you've been vaccinated, talk with your friends and co-workers about getting vaccinated," **said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike**. "Research shows that health care providers, as well as friends and family, are who most people look to when deciding to get vaccinated. Wear your mask, avoid large crowds, and get your shot."

Over 9.7 million vaccine doses have been administered to Illinois residents in every corner of the state, with millions of those shots taking place at mass vaccination sites, pharmacies, federally qualified health centers, community outreach initiatives, and mobile clinics. With vaccine scarcity no longer the primary barrier to vaccinations, the administration is shifting its program to meet people where they are as much as possible. This effort includes partnering with community organizations to host sites at a location of their choosing, rural and rapid response mobile vaccination teams, and today's announcements expanding to doctors' offices and accepting walk-ins at state-supported sites.

Currently, 1,054 doctors' offices across the state have already registered to administer the COVID-19 vaccine on site, offering their patients a familiar, trusted environment to receive the shot. To begin providing the vaccine, doctors must register with I-CARE to coordinate the ordering of doses.

"Vaccine hesitancy isn't so much about the science and the logic. It is about emotion and fear and lack of trust. While agreeing with the science, we need to address the fear and lack of trust quietly, confidently and with empathy for those who are hesitant," **said Dr. Paul Pedersen, Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington**. "Among those competent to discuss this empathetically are community physicians. We have a unique relationship with our patients and our communities to be able to help dispel the hesitancy. Arming us with vaccine in our offices will only enhance that capability."

As the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) approves certain vaccines for younger Illinois residents, including young people ages 12-15, the administration is encouraging pediatric offices to also register with I-CARE. Providers interested in registering with the application should go to the IDPH website and view the enrollment packet: https://bit.ly/3us02E2.

"COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on families, particularly Black and Brown families. It's important for family physicians, who have spent years, sometimes over multiple generations, building trust with the families they treat, to encourage and engage with patients and their families to get them vaccinated," said Dr. Whitney Lyn of Sengstacke Clinic, Provident Hospital.

IDPH is coordinating vaccination clinics with religious groups, community organizations, mutual aid programs, neighborhood associations, and other organizations. To host a clinic in your community, sign-up at www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccinationclinics.

To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine and find information on other vaccine locations, go to https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location.

RESTORE ILLINOIS

All Regions across Illinois are currently in Phase 4. Let's do our part to get to the Bridge Phase on May 14th and possibly return to normal business operations as soon as June 11th. Continue to wear your mask, wash your hands, keep a safe distance and #VaxUpIL if you are eligible! Learn more about the Bridge to Phase 5
https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/bridge-phase

PHASE 4: REVITALIZATION

PHASE 4 GUIDELINES OVERVIEW

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A Public Health Approach To Safely Reopen Our State

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ALL INDUSTRIES

- All employees who can work from home should continue to do so
- Continue to wear face covering that covers nose and mouth, maintain social distance of 6 ft., and frequently wash hands
- Continue employee health screenings upon entry into the workplace and mid-shift screenings for employees with shifts >5 hours (virtual screening permitted)
- Follow guidelines on capacity limits and group sizes (to be continually reassessed throughout Phase 4)

FILM PRODUCTION

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% of sound stage/location occupancy
- Crowd scenes should be limited to 50 people or fewer
- All individuals should maintain 6 ft. of social distancing unless job duty cannot be performed without proximity (e.g. actors performing, hair, make-up, costumes)
- One-time nasal swab for RT-PCR testing of all cast and crew should be obtained within 48 to 72 hours prior to the start of work on set or location
- Craft services and catering should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines
- Live audiences permitted in line with Theatre/Performing Arts guidelines

HEALTH AND FITNESS

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Group fitness classes of up to 50 people with at least 6 ft. social distancing between individuals permitted; multiple groups permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Workout stations and equipment should be 6 ft. apart without barriers or 3 ft. apart with impermeable barriers in between
- For open gym spaces, have 1 employee per every 4,000 sq. ft. to monitor social distancing and sanitize equipment between use
- Sanitize equipment before and after each individual use and sanitize locker rooms and showers at least every hour
- Keep ancillary accommodations (e.g., saunas, hot tubs, steam rooms) closed, though childcare areas are permitted to reopen in line with DHFS childcare guidelines

MUSEUMS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Museums should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

INDOOR/OUTDOOR RECREATION

- Reopening select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks); indoor playgrounds and trampoline parks should remain closed
- Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers or 50% of facility capacity
- Outdoor recreation allowing group sizes of up to 50, and permitting multiple groups given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Activity stations should be spaced at least 6 ft. apart or limited in number to ensure social distancing
- Shared equipment should be disinfected before and after each use
- Clubhouses and other communal gathering places allowed to reopen
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

MANUFACTURING

- Employees must receive COVID training before returning to work
- All employers should have a wellness screening program. Employers should conduct in-person COVID-19 screening of employees upon entry and a mid-shift screening if employee shift is greater than 5 hours
- Stagger and space shifts, and designate shift entrances and exits (when possible) to minimize interactions of employees across unique shift groupings
- Workstations should be disinfected between every shift and in between employee handoffs
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted

MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- Limit to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of room capacity
- Multiple groups may meet in the same facility if they are socially distanced and in separate rooms
- Groups should be static for duration of meeting or event. If event includes multiple sessions, participants should remain in one room, and speakers/presenters should rotate between rooms or be digitally displayed (e.g. projected, livestreamed) in multiple rooms
- Dance floors should remain closed
- Food service should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines

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OFFICES

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted
- Continue health screenings, though employers may screen office employees via in-person conversation or questionnaire once at their workstation, or using virtual method

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

- Indoor dining and drinking now permitted for parties of up to 10 people
- Seated areas should be arranged so that tables allow for 6 ft. between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths which are less than 6 ft. apart
- Standing areas (in restaurants or bars) should be limited to no more than 25% of standing area capacity
- Buffets and self-service food stations (e.g. hot and cold bars, bulk items, baked goods) should adhere to additional minimum guidelines
- Self-service beverage fountains are permissible with the additional precautions

RETAIL AND SERVICE COUNTER

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Mall food courts may reopen in line with Indoor Dining and Drinking guidelines

PERSONAL CARE

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- If services require customer to remove his or her mask, employee must wear both a face mask and eye protection (e.g., face shield, protective glasses)
- No time restrictions on massage or other services

OUTDOOR SEATED SPECTATOR EVENTS

- Outdoor spectator events only; indoor spectator events not permitted at this time
- Tickets events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Maximum of 20% of seating capacity for spectators
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

THEATERS AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers for ticketed events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Indoor capacity limit of 50 people or less or 50% of space capacity (applies to each screening room); outdoor capacity limited to 20% of overall space capacity
- Patrons should wear face coverings over their nose and mouth, except while seated within a venue (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering)
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

YOUTH AND RECREATIONAL SPORTS

- Competitive gameplay and tournaments permitted for moderate and lower risk sports. Intra-team scrimmages for higher risk sports
- Limit of 50 spectators for events
- Sporting venues may host multiple groups of participants engaged in active exercise or gameplay provided the venue has space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

ZOOS

- Capacity limit of no more than 25% occupancy
- Guided tours should be limited to 50 or fewer people per group
- Indoor exhibits are limited to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of the building capacity
- Audio tours are permitted, though equipment should be disinfected before and after individual use
- Zoos should have plan to limit congregation via advance ticket sales and timed ticketing
- Concessions permitted with restrictions



If you have questions or need additional support: Please call our hotline at 1-800-252-2923or e-mail us at ceo.support@illinois.gov or return to Illinois.gov/businessguidelines

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS about COVID-19 Vaccine

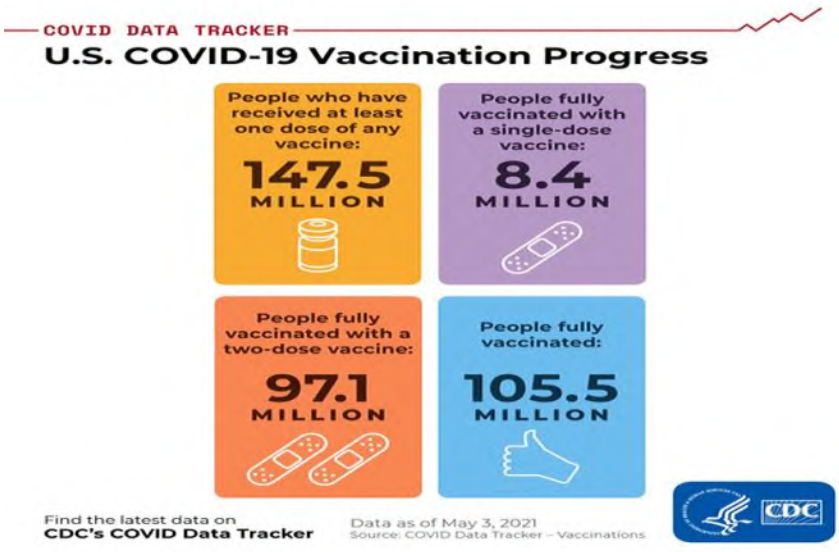
Once you're fully vaccinated against COVID-19, you can start doing some of the things you stopped doing because of the pandemic.

As of May 3, 2021, more than 147 million people across the United States had received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. Of those, more than 105 million are fully vaccinated. If you haven't been vaccinated, get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can.

If you're not fully vaccinated, keep practicing healthy habits to slow the spread. Remember to:

😷Wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose.
↔️Stay at least 6 feet away from others.
🚫Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.
🖐️Wash your hands often.

For more COVID-19 vaccination data, visit http://bit.ly/CDT_vaccine.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Anxiety-Related Adverse Event Clusters After Janssen COVID-19 Vaccination — Five U.S. Mass Vaccination Sites, April 2021

A new CDC MMWR report shows that vaccine safety monitoring systems are working, including detecting anxiety-related events like fainting that aren't generally serious. Fainting, near-fainting, and other anxiety-related events like rapid breathing or low blood pressure can occur after any vaccination. The review showed that fainting was more common among people who got Johnson & Johnson's Janssen #COVID19 Vaccine compared with flu vaccination.

The reasons for this are not clear yet, but the finding underscores the importance of observing patients for 15 minutes post-vaccination for reactions, including anaphylaxis as well as other immediate reactions like anxiety, fainting or near-fainting. More: bit.ly/MMWR43021b



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Please Stay Home if You are Sick

Due to the number of active cases, contacts, and newly reported cases, if you test positive for COVID-19, do not wait to hear from the health department to begin your isolation. Please stay home and isolate yourself away from others for ten days.

‼️Please Stay home if you are Sick or Experiencing Mild Symptoms – Do Not Visit Public Areas/Attend Gatherings‼️
• If you are experiencing cold or allergy-like symptoms, please stay home. COVID-19 testing is recommended.
• Stay home while you wait for your test results. You may be contagious & could spread the virus.
• Most people with COVID-19 have mild illness and are able to recover at home without medical care. Do not leave your home, except to get medical care.
• If your place of employment has asked you to not come into work, please stay home while you are off of work



Answer the Call

If you have tested positive or been exposed to a known positive case, you will be contacted by our contact tracers. If you get a call from "COVID CONTACT State of Illinois" from a 312-area code, please do not ignore. If it is possible to leave a voicemail, a message will be left letting the individual know the LaSalle County Health Department is trying to reach them with a call back number. If you receive a call from public health, please answer and be honest about your close contacts. Choose to be part of the solution and help us slow the spread of COVID-19! #AnswerTheCall



FEMA Funeral Assistance Program

COVID-19has affected many families. @fema is helping ease some of the financial stress caused by the virus. The FEMA Funeral Assistance Program offers $9,000 per burial. Learn about eligibility by visiting: https://www.fema.gov/.../economic/funeral-assistance/faq



2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

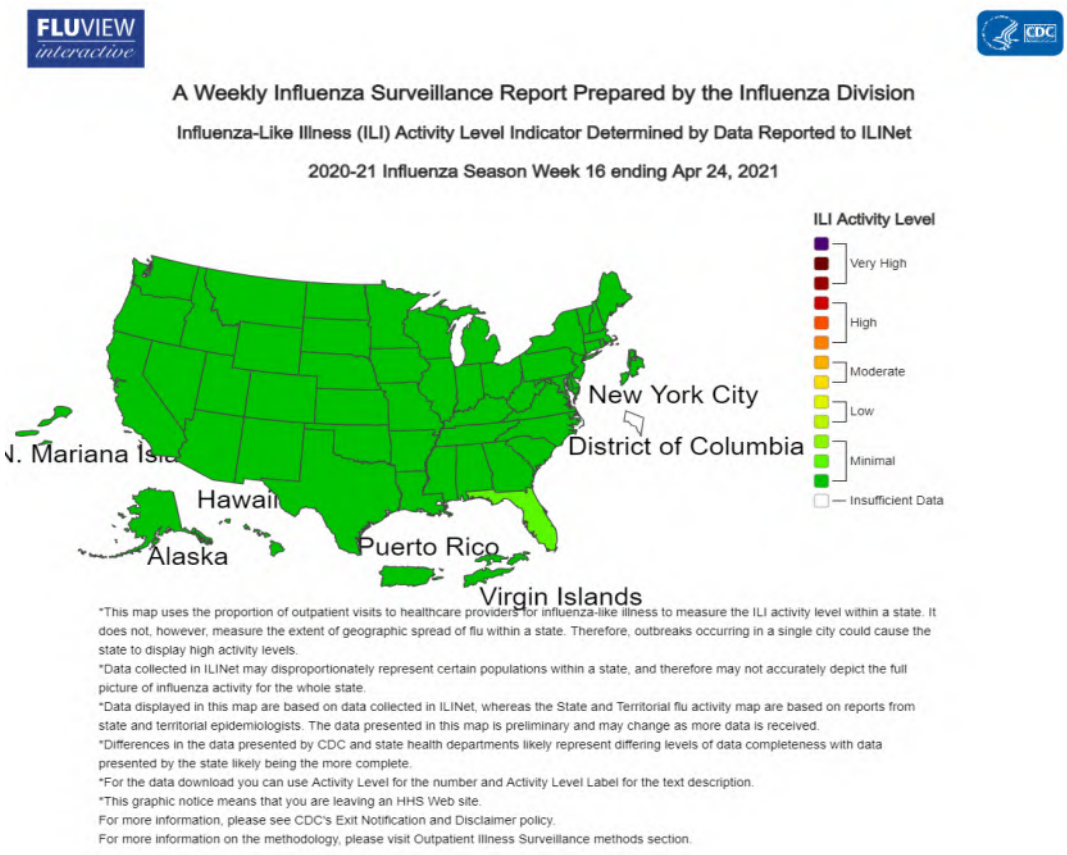
While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant
- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2020.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed by visit the following link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#:~:text=2020%20%2D%202021%20Flu%20Activity%20Report,care%20sites%20throughout%20the%20state.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm



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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

May 14, 2021

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COVID Numbers at a Glance

This week 05/14/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
12,669	10,968	302	1399	75,864	4.1 %

Last week 05/07/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
12,518	10,456	300	1762	71,583	5.2 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

As of May 14, 2021, The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 22,647 individuals with 10,281 of those individuals being fully vaccinated since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

Below is the overall County and State data:

LaSalle County	Illinois
75,864 Administered Vaccine Doses	10,229,330 Administered Vaccine Doses
33,664 # Population Fully Vaccinated	4,690,335 # Population Fully Vaccinated
30.76 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	36.81 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated

- Saturday Morning Clinics
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COVID-19 Cases

05/07/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	156,197,025	3,258,802
US	32,606,724	580,076
Illinois	1,351,497	22,171
LaSalle County	12,518	300

05/14/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	161,310,781	3,347,409
US	32,860,353	584,570
Illinois	1,363,507	22,369
LaSalle County	12,669	302

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	232	252	3.82	0.00
10-19	598	702	10.26	0.00
20s	1006	1095	16.58	0.00
30s	983	977	15.47	0.00
40s	910	950	14.68	1.32
50s	931	1020	15.40	2.32
60s	724	708	11.30	8.28
70s	378	424	6.33	22.52
80s	214	309	4.13	35.43
90s	89	152	1.90	26.82
100s	1	14	0.12	3.31
UNK				
Total	6066	6603		
%	47.88	52.12		
TOTAL CASES		12669		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	**383**
June	67	
July	261	
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**4227**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary

Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	**10***
May	12	**5**
June	4	
July	1	
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**71**

Deaths by Age	302
20's	0
30's	0
40's	4
50's	7
60's	25
70's	68
80's	107
90's	81
100s	10
Males	156
Females	146

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported death in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

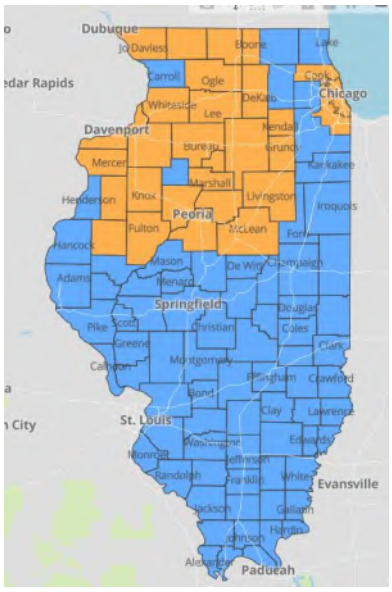
Cases by City/Village

Town	5.07.21 Current Total	% of County Cases	Town	05.14.21 Current Total	Increase since last week	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	31	0.25%	Cedar Point	31	0	0.24%
Dana	30	0.24%	Dana	30	0	0.24%
Earlville	238	1.90%	Earlville	244	6	1.93%
Grand Ridge	103	0.82%	Grand Ridge	104	1	0.82%
LaSalle	1185	9.47%	LaSalle	1200	15	9.47%
Leland	163	1.30%	Leland	163	0	1.29%
Leonore	5	0.04%	Leonore	5	0	0.04%
Lostant	80	0.64%	Lostant	80	0	0.63%
Marseilles	831	6.64%	Marseilles	842	11	6.65%
Mendota	1300	10.39%	Mendota	1303	3	10.28%
Millington	38	0.30%	Millington	38	0	0.30%
Oglesby	501	4.00%	Oglesby	502	1	3.96%
Ottawa	2521	20.14%	Ottawa	2561	40	20.21%
Peru	1297	10.36%	Peru	1308	11	10.32%
Ransom	42	0.34%	Ransom	43	1	0.34%
Rutland	33	0.26%	Rutland	33	0	0.26%
Sandwich	444	3.55%	Sandwich	448	4	3.54%
Serena	56	0.45%	Serena	56	0	0.44%
Seneca	308	2.46%	Seneca	312	4	2.46%
Sheridan	783	6.25%	Sheridan	787	4	6.21%
Somonauk	232	1.85%	Somonauk	239	7	1.89%
Streator	1919	15.33%	Streator	1956	37	15.44%
Tonica	111	0.89%	Tonica	112	1	0.88%
Troy Grove	24	0.19%	Troy Grove	24	0	0.19%
Utica	202	1.61%	Utica	204	2	1.61%
Wedron	5	0.04%	Wedron	8	3	0.06%
Wenona	28	0.22%	Wenona (LC Cases)	28	0	0.22%
Other**	8	0.06%	Other**	8	0	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**12518**		**TOTAL CASES**	**12669**	**151**	

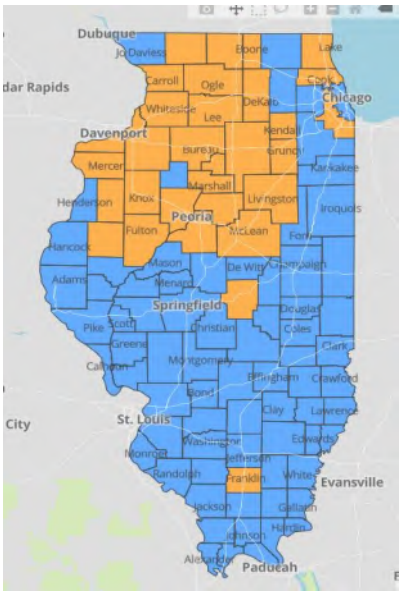
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** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

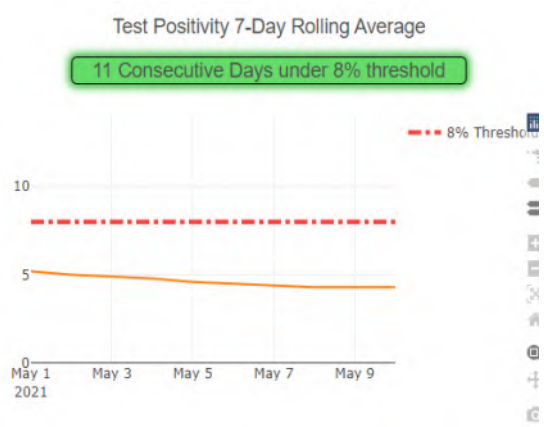
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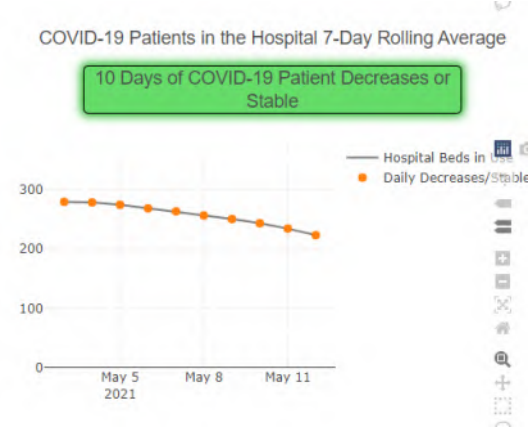


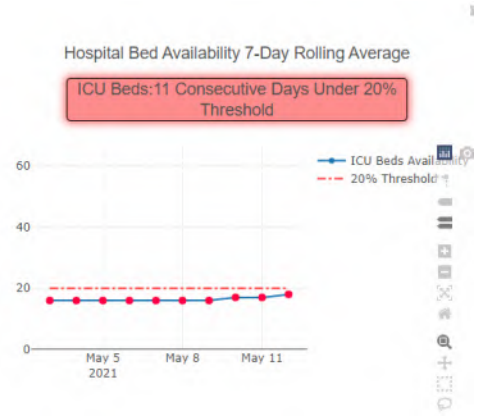
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Region 2 Summary - 05/13/2021







County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 05/02-05/08/2021

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **204 per 100K** *Decrease from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **4** * Decrease from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **4.1 %** *Decrease from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **5723** *more tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **6.0 %** *Increase in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **15** * Increase from previous week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **0.0 %** *Decrease in reported clusters from previous week	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **16 %** *No change in availability from previous week	

Local Testing Information

Lasalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

*** COVID -19 Testing**
The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Testing will be performed Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

St. Margaret's Health – Peru

Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their primary care provider for an order or may call the St. Margaret's Health Peru Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Outpatient testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only. Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.

Morris Hospital

There are two options for COVID-19 testing through Morris Hospital:

OUTPATIENT DRIVE-THRU TESTING – PHYSICIAN ORDER REQUIRED

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY: M-F 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

TESTING LOCATION: Morris Hospital, 150 W. High St., Morris (follow drive-thru testing signs leading to corner of Lisbon & High Streets)

INSTRUCTIONS: Testing through the Morris Hospital drive-thru requires an order from your physician/provider. After the order is received, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital will call you to schedule a testing appointment. Test results can take up to 72 hours (sometimes longer) and will get sent to the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

IMMEDIATE/CONVENIENT CARE VISIT

WALK-IN: Hours vary by location (see below)

INSTRUCTIONS: Individuals seeking COVID-19 testing due to COVID-like symptoms, COVID exposure concerns, school or travel requirements are first examined by a medical provider at one of our urgent care locations. Depending on testing supply availability and the provider's recommendation, a rapid test or a send out test may be used. Test results on send out tests are typically available within 72 hours (sometimes longer depending on demand). We will submit to your insurance company for the COVID-19 exam and test. To find out more about what to expect from your COVID-19 visit at one of our Urgent Care locations, click here.

Locations include:

- **Immediate Care at the Morris Hospital Ridge Road Campus**
  Address: 27240 W. Saxony Dr., Channahon
  Phone: 815-521-1500
  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Immediate Care at the Diagnostic & Rehabilitative Center of Morris Hospital**

  Address: 100 W. Gore Rd., Morris

  Phone: 815-364-8919

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Convenient Care at the Morris Hospital Diamond-Coal City Campus**

  Address: 1450 E. Division St., Diamond

  Phone: 815-634-3500

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Convenient Care at the Morris Hospital Yorkville Campus**

  Address: 105 Saravanos Dr., Yorkville

  Phone: 630-553-8200

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
  - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
  - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
  - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center

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- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to our OSF Saint Paul Medical Center lab.
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

St. Margaret's Hospital – Spring Valley

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing

Illinois Department of Public Health Focuses Mobile COVID-19 Testing in High-Risk Communities

In an effort to make one of the largest COVID-19 testing infrastructures in the country more easily accessible for residents, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is fine tuning its targeted mobile testing operations. This is in response to a decline in the number of people utilizing state supported testing sites and in preparation for the next phases of the pandemic response. IDPH is realigning its testing strategy to deploy mobile testing teams to locations with a high demand for testing, such as schools, processing plants, high risk workplaces, and other targeted locations.

"By focusing on taking testing to where people are, we hope to increase the number of people being tested for COVID-19," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Testing is important to quickly identify individuals with COVID-19 to stop further spread of the

virus. Our test positivity rate is currently low, and one way to keep it low is to identify infected individuals as quickly as possible so contact tracing efforts can identify close contacts who may have been exposed and have them quarantine so the virus does not spread further."

Due to changes in public demand, the days of operation for the State community-based testing sites are being adjusted. These changes will go into effect on Thursday, March 18, 2021. The new days of operation for the community-based testing sites are as follows:

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W. Euclid Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
East St. Louis	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

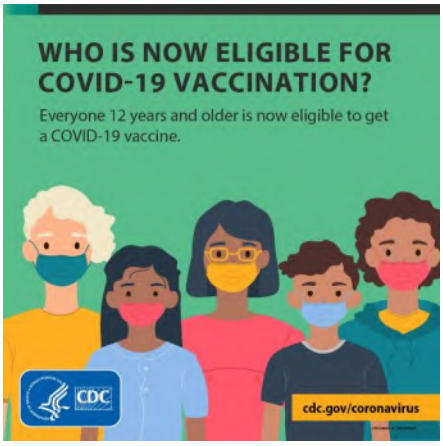
For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.



Who is Now Eligible For COVID-19 Vaccination?

Everyone 12 years and older is now eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine. Help protect your family and make a plan to get everyone who's eligible vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as you can. You and your child may have some side effects after getting vaccinated. These are normal signs that the body is building protection.

Widespread vaccination is a critical tool to help stop the pandemic and get back to the things we love. Learn more: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/adolescents.html?fbclid=IwAR0vfdfuI4sOzzhTURGZYs1flqHhsCLMV7Nc-p2s_uqHHHsDOGYFyuqS8Po









Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

County Level Risk Metrics – LaSalle County Remains at Orange Warning Level

The LaSalle County Health Department is alerting residents that as of Friday, May 14, 2021, our County-Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics remains at the orange warning level. As a reminder, orange status indicates there are warning signs of increased COVID-19 risk in the county. A warning level means that a county saw increases in two or more COVID-19 risk indicators.

LaSalle County continues to experience a higher number of cases. In addition, within the North-Central Region (Region 2) there are 16% of ICU beds available, which is below the 20% target. Until LaSalle County can get a handle on the number of new cases being identified each week and slow the spread that is occurring, LaSalle County will continue to be at risk for remaining at the orange warning level.

Media Statement from CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH, on Signing the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' Recommendation to Use Pfizer's COVID-19 Vaccine in Adolescents Age 12 and Older

May 13, 2021 - Today, I adopted CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation that endorsed the safety and effectiveness of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and its use in 12- through 15-year-old adolescents. CDC now recommends that this vaccine be used among this population, and providers may begin vaccinating them right away.
Though most children with COVID-19 have mild or no symptoms, some children can get severely ill and require hospitalization. There have also been rare, tragic cases of children dying from COVID-19 and its effects, including multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children, or MIS-C.

This official CDC recommendation follows Monday's FDA decision to authorize emergency use of this vaccine in 12- through 15-year-old adolescents, and is another important step to getting out of the COVID-19 pandemic, and closer to normalcy.

For vaccination to do its job, we must do our critical part. That means vaccinating as many people as possible who are eligible. This official CDC action opens vaccination to approximately 17 million adolescents in the United States and strengthens our nation's efforts to protect even more people from the effects of COVID-19. Getting adolescents

vaccinated means their faster return to social activities and can provide parents and caregivers peace of mind knowing their family is protected.

Some parents have already made plans for their adolescents to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Understandably, some parents want more information before their children receive a vaccine. I encourage parents with questions to talk to your child's healthcare provider or your family doctor to learn more about the vaccine. And if your adolescent is behind on routinely recommended vaccines due to the pandemic or for other reasons, now would be a good time to work with your child's nurse or doctor to make sure they get caught up.

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is faster and more convenient than ever. About nine out of 10 Americans live within 5 miles of a COVID-19 vaccination site. In the coming weeks, two popular ride-sharing services will offer free rides to vaccination appointments until July 4. To find the site closest to you, visit vaccines.gov; text your ZIP code to **438829 (GETVAX); or call 1-800-232-0233**

Vaccination Sites Across Illinois Ready to Administer Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine to Youths Ages 12 through 15

On May 12, 2021, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced vaccination locations across the state are prepared to administer the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to youth ages 12 through 15 years after the Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices (ACIP) voted today to recommend its use. The announcement comes following the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) recent expansion of the emergency use authorization for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine in those youths.

"The expanded use of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine brings us one step closer to getting back to our daily lives and ending this pandemic," said Governor JB Pritzker. "Our state-supported mass vaccination locations, along with local health departments and other providers, are ready to vaccinate young people immediately, providing kids and families with a sense of relief after a difficult year."

Previously, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was authorized for use in individuals ages 16 years and older. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is administered as a series of two doses, three weeks apart, for all eligible individuals.

"The goal is to vaccinate as many Illinoisans as possible to decrease new cases of disease and prevent mutation to more dangerous variants," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "The expanded authorization for use of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine in youth ages 12 through 15 years will not only help protect our younger population, it will help us get back to in-person learning across the state."

COVID-19 vaccinations for those 12 years and older are available at state-supported mass vaccination and mobile clinics, local health departments, pharmacies, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and from other providers who offer the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. IDPH is

working to enroll pediatricians into the State immunization registry so they can administer COVID-19 vaccine to their patients. Additionally, schools may partner with the local health department or pharmacy to set up vaccination clinics for students.

Individuals should check with their local health department or health care provider about whether a parent or guardian must be present for an individual under the age of 18 to receive the vaccine, or whether some other form of written consent is required.

In clinical trials, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was found to be 100% effective in preventing COVID-19 among participants ages 12 through 15 years. The side effects in adolescents were similar with those reported in clinical trial participants 16 years of age and older and included pain at the injection site, tiredness, headache, chills, muscle and joint pain, and fever.

According to the FDA, at this time, there are limited data to address whether the vaccine can prevent transmission of the virus from person to person and how long the vaccine will provide protection.

Pfizer Inc. will continue to monitor the safety of the vaccine and will be required to report to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, along with providers, all serious adverse events, cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome, cases that result in hospitalization or death, and vaccine administration errors. This is the same system that was able to quickly identify a small number of adverse events that have been associated with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Both the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 vaccines are authorized for use in individuals 18 years and older and will continue to be available to adults.

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Current and Upcoming LaSalle County Health Department COVID-19 Vaccination

LaSalle County Health Department Offers Johnson and Johnson Vaccine at Saturday Morning Clinics

The LaSalle County Health Department will be offering Johnson and Johnson “One and Done” COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics on Saturday mornings (**by appointment only**) at the Health Department, 717 Etna Road, Ottawa. Individuals must be 18 years old to receive the vaccine.

If you are interested in receiving the Johnson and Johnson vaccine at an upcoming Saturday clinic, please call the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 to schedule an appointment.

CDC and FDA have recommended that use of J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine resume in the United States, effective April 23, 2021. A review of all available data at this time shows that the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine's known and potential benefits outweigh its known and potential risks for those recommended to receive it. However, women younger than 50 years old especially should be aware of the rare risk of blood clots with low platelets after vaccination, and that other COVID-19 vaccines are available where this risk has not been seen.

LaSalle County Health Department Expands COVID-19 Vaccination Appointments to Individuals 12-15+ Years of Age

The LaSalle County Health Department will expand clinic availability to include individuals 12-15+ years of age. Appointments are now available for Saturday clinics which will be held at the LaSalle County Health Department, 717 Etna Road, Ottawa.

In addition, the LaSalle County Health Department has partnered with local high schools in larger communities to hold COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics this summer. Our goal is to vaccinate students 12 years of age and older. If additional appointment space is available, other community residents that are still in need of a vaccination will be able to attend. The Health Department encourages parents and students at nearby feeder schools to take advantage of this opportunity in their communities.

Currently there are available appointments that can be scheduled for the following clinics:

Saturday, May 15, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
LaSalle County Health Department
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/6d7ecddc-4b98-4123-800b-739fc166045f/

Saturday, May 22, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
LaSalle County Health Department
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/6d7ecddc-4b98-4123-800b-739fc166045f/

Saturday, May 29, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
LaSalle County Health Department
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/6d7ecddc-4b98-4123-800b-739fc166045f/

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
Streator High School
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/d8793c66-d4ec-46f4-a453-b707bf02b80a/

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
Mendota High School
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/17a80178-1fb5-42c5-bd74-bb93c6290680/

Wednesday, June 30, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
LaSalle-Peru Township High School
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/40ca432d-beaa-4851-a149-4504b6514e49/

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
Ottawa High School
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/71680517-bb07-4640-a872-ebbbc6fd71f9/

Important Things to Remember:

- **Must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**
- Appointment availability is only for those scheduling their first dose. If you received your first dose elsewhere, we will not be able to complete your second dose at this time.
- *All second dose appointments will be scheduled upon attending your first dose appointment.*

Information regarding upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics and Appointment Availability is posted on our website. Please visit www.lasallecounty.org and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment at an upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic. Please continue to check the website regularly for appointment availability. Additional dates will be added as more vaccine become available.

For additional information, please contact the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 or visit the Health Department's website at www.lasallecounty.org.

Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

Please visit their websites for appointment availability.

State-run Mass Vaccination Site in Grundy County

Grundy County now has a mass vaccination site. Priority is given to Grundy residents and workforce, but, as a Mass Vaccination Site, appointments are open to any IL resident 12 years and older.
Regularly check www.grundyhealth.com for upcoming appointment information.

Summer is near, no better way to enjoy it than by being fully protected from COVID-19. Get vaccinated today!
Find your nearest location: https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location



Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker

Gov. Pritzker Confirms Illinois will Enter Bridge Phase of Reopening Plan on May 14th

On Thursday, May 13, 2021, Governor Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) confirmed the entire state will move into the Bridge Phase of the Restore Illinois reopening plan on Friday, May 14th. The Bridge Phase is the final step before the full reopening of Phase 5.

Under Bridge Phase, there are expanded capacity limits for businesses, dining, offices, events, conferences and gatherings. Barring any significant reversals in key COVID-19 statewide indicators, including increasing hospitalizations, Illinois could enter Phase 5 as soon as Friday, June 11th.

The state will continue to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance on mask-wearing in Phase 5.

"Illinoisans have worked so hard over the past year and a half to keep their families and neighbors safe, and reaching Bridge Phase means that we're closer than ever to a return to normalcy," **said Governor JB Pritzker**. "To keep up this progress, I urge every eligible Illinoisan – now including 12 to 15-year-olds – to get vaccinated as soon as possible."

More than 10.3 million vaccine doses have been administered to Illinoisans at mass vaccination sites, local health departments, pharmacies, federally qualified health centers, mobile clinics, and other locations across the state. Doctors' offices are starting to administer vaccine to their patients. Beginning May 13th, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is available to youth ages 12 through 17 years after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Wednesday accepted the recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to expand the use of the vaccine. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are authorized for those 18 years of age and older.

"The more people who are vaccinated, now including our youth as young as 12-years-old, the quicker we can end this pandemic," **said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike**. "While more than 62% of adults in Illinois have received at least one dose of the vaccine, we still need more people to get vaccinated. Please talk with your doctor or health care provider if you have questions about the vaccine and know the facts so that you can make the most informed decision."

IDPH will continue to monitor the number of ICU hospital beds that are available, the number of patients who are hospitalized with COVID-19, and the number of people being newly admitted to the hospital because of COVID-19-like-illness. Should the state see a significant increase in deaths, hospitalizations, and the number of people being admitted to the hospital because of COVID-19, the state will remain in the Bridge Phase instead of moving to Phase 5.

The State continues to partner with local health departments to offer vaccination clinics with religious groups, community-based organizations, mutual aid programs, neighborhood associations, and other organizations. To host a clinic in your community, sign-up at www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccinationclinics.

To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, go to http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccine-faq. To find information on vaccine locations, go to https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location. To find vaccination locations that currently have the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine authorized for use in individuals 12 years and older, go to https://www.vaccines.gov/.

RESTORE ILLINOIS

All Regions across Illinois are currently in the Bridge Phase and may possibly return to normal business operations as soon as June 11th. #VaxUpIL if you are eligible! Learn more about the Bridge to Phase 5 https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/bridge-phase

RESTORE ILLINOIS

A Bridge to Phase 5

As more of our residents receive the COVID-19 vaccine, Illinois will operate with a metrics-based pathway toward the fifth and final phase of the Restore Illinois reopening plan, in which all sectors of the economy reopen with businesses and recreation resuming normal operations, and where conventions, festivals, and large events can take place.

Following recommendations from public health experts, Illinois will move forward with a dial-like approach between the mitigations in Phase 4, which currently apply to the entire state, and the post-pandemic new normal of Phase 5. This Bridge to Phase 5 will allow for higher capacity limits and increased business operations, before public health experts tell us it is safe to move to the new normal that Phase 5 will bring.

Like the prior evidenced-based approaches to deliberately lift mitigations that have kept us safe and saved lives, this gradual path to Phase 5 will protect the progress we've made while allowing us to reopen the economy.

Once 70% of residents 65 and older have been vaccinated and barring any reversals in our COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths for a 28-day monitoring period, the Bridge to Phase 5 will begin with increased capacity limits in both indoor and outdoor settings. Once 50% of residents 16 and older have been vaccinated and stable or declining COVID-19 metrics are recorded during a 28-day monitoring period, Phase 5 will be implemented, removing capacity limits altogether. All regions of the state will move through these next phases together based on statewide metrics.

While regulations are rolled back gradually, Illinoisans should continue following the public health guidelines that have kept us safe during the pandemic, like wearing a mask in public and social distancing.

Additionally, this updated guidance establishes new capacity limits for settings determined by risk level. In an update to current Phase 4 mitigations, individuals with proof of full vaccination — defined as 14 days after receiving a final vaccine dose — or a negative COVID-19 test (PCR) 1-3 days prior to an event do not count against capacity limits. Following the latest studies on virus transmission, lower risk activities that were either not permitted or allowed at a lower capacity have been expanded in Phase 4.

SETTING	PHASE 4	BRIDGE	PHASE 5
Dining	Seated areas: Patrons ≥ 6 feet apart; parties ≤ 10 Standing areas: 25% capacity	Seated areas: Patrons ≥ 6 feet apart; parties ≤ 10 Standing areas: 30% capacity indoors; 50% capacity outdoors	NO LIMITS
Health and fitness	50% capacity Group fitness classes of 50 or fewer indoors or 100 or fewer outdoors *	60% capacity Group fitness classes of 50 or fewer indoors or 100 or fewer outdoors	
Offices	50% capacity	60% capacity	
Personal care	50% capacity	60% capacity	
Retail and service counter	50% capacity	60% capacity	

SETTING	PHASE 4	BRIDGE	PHASE 5
Amusement parks	25% capacity *	60% capacity	NO CAPACITY LIMITS
Festivals and general admission outdoor spectator events	15 people per 1,000 sq. ft. *	30 people per 1,000 sq. ft.	
Flea and farmers markets	25% capacity or 15 people per 1,000 sq. ft.	**Indoor:** 15 people per 1,000 sq. ft. **Outdoor:** 30 people per 1,000 sq. ft.	
Film production	50% capacity	60% capacity	
Meetings, conferences and conventions	**Venue with capacity < 200 persons:** Lesser of 50 people or 50% capacity * **Venue with capacity ≥ 200 persons:** Lesser of 250 people or 25% capacity *	Lesser of 1,000 people or 60% capacity ^	
Museums	25% capacity	60% capacity	
Recreation	**Indoor:** Lesser of 50 people or 50% capacity **Outdoor:** Maximum groups of 50; multiple groups permissible	**Indoor:** Lesser of 100 people or 50% capacity **Outdoor:** Maximum groups of 100; multiple groups permissible	
Social events	**Indoor:** Lesser of 50 people or 50% capacity * **Outdoor:** Lesser of 100 people or 50% capacity *	**Indoor:** 250 people **Outdoor:** 500 people	
Spectator events (ticketed and seated)	**Indoor venue with capacity < 200 people:** Lesser of 50 people or 50% capacity * **Outdoor venue or indoor venue with capacity ≥ 200 people:** 25% capacity *	60% capacity	
Theaters and performing arts	**Indoor venue with capacity < 200 persons:** Lesser of 50 or 50% capacity **Outdoor venue or indoor venue with capacity ≥ 200 persons:** 25% capacity *	60% capacity	
Zoos	25% capacity Lesser of 50 or 50% at indoor exhibits	60% capacity	

** Denotes expanded activity in Phase 4 ^ Capacity applied for event sizes above the capacity limits allowed for social events*

METRICS TO MOVE FORWARD

Vaccination metrics: Once 70% of residents 65 and older statewide have received their first dose of the vaccine and no increase in COVID-19 metrics is recorded, the state could move into the Bridge Phase. Once 50% of residents 16 and older have received their first dose of the vaccine and no increase in COVID-19 metrics is recorded, the state could move into Phase 5.

COVID-19 metrics: The state could advance if there is a non-increasing trend in hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness, COVID-19 patients in the hospital and mortality rate while ICU bed availability must remain greater than or equal to 20%. The state will consider new knowledge of variants, vaccine effectiveness and the potential necessity of a booster shot as we move forward.

Monitoring period: COVID-19 metrics will be considered over a 28-day monitoring period before the state can advance to the next phase. The current monitoring period began when all regions of the state moved into Phase 4.

METRICS TO MOVE BACKWARD

The state could revert to a previous phase if there is a resurgence of the virus, measured by an increasing trend in our case rate and one of the following:

- Hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness trend increasing and above 150 daily average
- COVID-19 patients in the hospital trend increasing and above 750 daily census
- Mortality rate trend increasing and above 0.1 daily average
- ICU bed availability < 20%

Metrics will be measured over a 10-day monitoring period.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Big news from the CDC: If you're fully vaccinated, you do not need to wear a mask – indoors or outdoors, in most settings.

On Thursday, May 13, 2021, the CDC updated the Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People in non-health care settings. In summary, fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in any non-healthcare setting, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. Learn more: https://www.cdc.gov/.../fully-vaccinated-guidance.html

We've gotten this far. Whether you choose to get vaccinated or wear a mask, please protect yourself until we get to the finish line.

Statement from Governor JB Pritzker Regarding CDC's Updated Face Covering Guidance

I firmly believe in following the science and will revise my executive orders in line with CDC guidelines lifting additional mitigations for vaccinated people.
The scientists' message is clear: if you are vaccinated, you can safely do much more.
#VaxUpIL #allinillinois

Get the FACTS about COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you from getting COVID-19. You may have some side effects, which are normal signs that the body is building protection.
Side effects after your second shot may be more intense than the ones you experienced after your first shot. These side effects should go away in a few days. Learn more: https://bit.ly/38AqxNA.



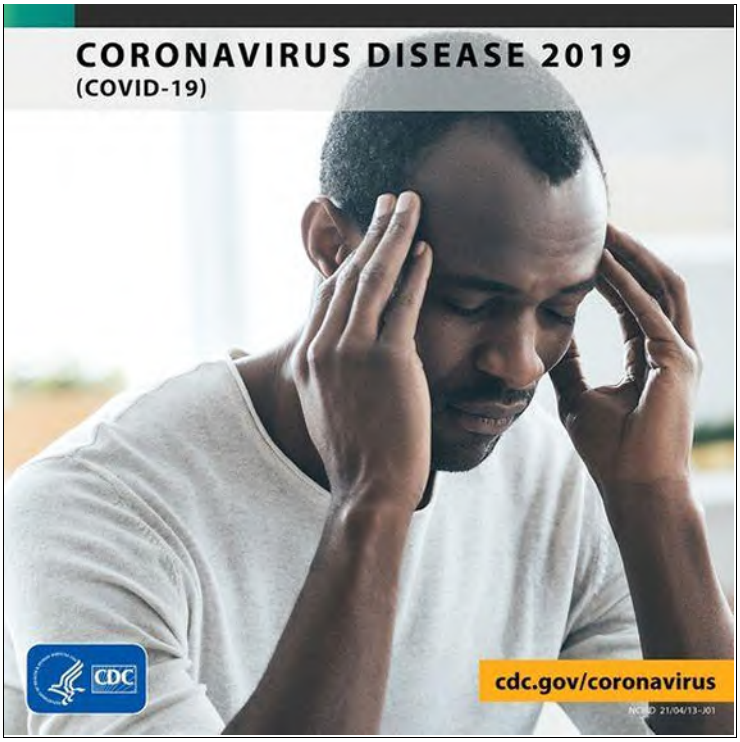


Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Post-COVID Conditions

Post-COVID conditions are symptoms that last weeks or months after having COVID-19. Long-term symptoms like fatigue, brain fog, headache, and loss of smell or taste can happen to anyone who has had COVID-19. If you think you have a post-COVID condition, talk to your healthcare provider about options for treatment or management. Many patients with these symptoms are getting better with time.

Learn more about post-COVID conditions: https://bit.ly/2RDvb93



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Diagnostic Performance of an Antigen Test with RT-PCR for the Detection of SARS-CoV-2 in a Hospital Setting — Los Angeles County, California, June–August 2020

A new CDC study reiterates that while antigen tests can offer quicker results and be less expensive, negative tests results should be interpreted with caution because they can miss detecting infections among some people with COVID-19. People with COVID-19 symptoms and a negative antigen test result should get additional testing. While awaiting confirmation, it's important to continue following recommended measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 like wearing a mask, staying 6 feet apart from others, avoiding crowds, and washing your hands often. Learn more: http://bit.ly/7019a3.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC

2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant
- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2020.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed by visit the following link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#:~:text=2020%20%2D%202021%20Flu%20Activity%20Report,care%20sites%20throughout%20the%20state.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm



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www.lasallecounty.org

Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin

Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.

For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

May 21, 2021

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COVID Numbers at a Glance

This week 05/20/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
12,748	11,433	305	1010	79,622	2.8%

Last week 05/14/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
12,669	10,968	302	1399	75,864	4.1 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

As of May 20, 2021, The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 24,311 individuals with 11,938 of those individuals being fully vaccinated since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

Below is the overall County and State data as of May 20, 2021:

LaSalle County	Illinois
79,622 Administered Vaccine Doses	10,640,990 Administered Vaccine Doses
36,094 # Population Fully Vaccinated	4,935,680 # Population Fully Vaccinated
32.98 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	38.74 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated

Department Expands Vaccination Appointments to ages 12-15
- Lasalle County Vaccine Clinics
- Vaccination Options for Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County
- Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County
- State-run Mass Vaccination Site in Grundy County

- Restore Illinois
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- Interim Estimates of Vaccine Effectiveness
- 2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

COVID-19 Cases (as of 5/20/21)

05/14/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	161,310,781	3,347,409
US	32,860,353	584,570
Illinois	1,363,507	22,369
LaSalle County	12,669	302

05/20/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	165,015,132	3,420,173
US	33,029,091	587,930
Illinois	1,371,884	22,536
LaSalle County	12,748	305

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	232	253	3.80	0.00
10-19	610	708	10.34	0.00
20s	1013	1102	16.59	0.00
30s	992	985	15.51	0.00
40s	916	957	14.69	1.31
50s	935	1020	15.34	2.30
60s	726	710	11.26	8.20
70s	379	427	6.32	22.95
80s	217	309	4.13	35.41
90s	90	152	1.90	26.56
100s	1	14	0.12	3.28
UNK				
Total	6111	6637		
%	47.94	52.06		
TOTAL CASES		12748		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	**462**
June	67	
July	261	
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**4306**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	10*
May	12	**8**
June	4	
July	1	
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**74**

Deaths by Age	305
20's	0
30's	0
40's	4
50's	7
60's	25
70's	70
80's	108
90's	81
100s	10
Males	157
Females	148

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported death in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Cases by City/Village

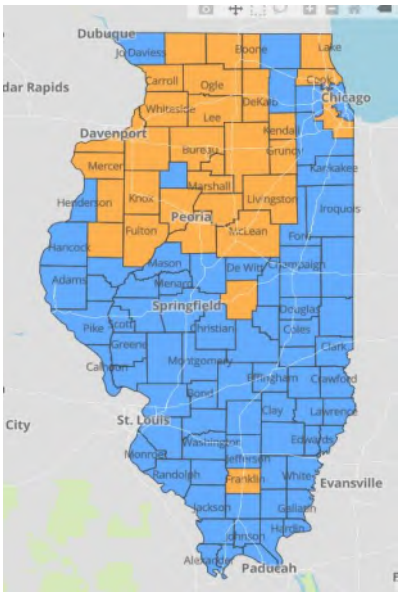
Town	5.07.21 Current Total	% of County Cases	Town	05.20.21 Current Total	Increase since last week	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	31	0.24%	Cedar Point	31	0	0.24%
Dana	30	0.24%	Dana	30	0	0.24%
Earlville	244	1.93%	Earlville	246	2	1.93%
Grand Ridge	104	0.82%	Grand Ridge	105	1	0.82%
LaSalle	1200	9.47%	LaSalle	1204	4	9.45%
Leland	163	1.29%	Leland	163	0	1.28%
Leonore	5	0.04%	Leonore	5	0	0.04%
Lostant	80	0.63%	Lostant	80	0	0.63%
Marseilles	842	6.65%	Marseilles	851	9	6.68%
Mendota	1303	10.28%	Mendota	1311	8	10.28%
Millington	38	0.30%	Millington	38	0	0.30%
Oglesby	502	3.96%	Oglesby	506	4	3.97%
Ottawa	2561	20.21%	Ottawa	2581	20	20.25%
Peru	1308	10.32%	Peru	1313	5	10.30%
Ransom	43	0.34%	Ransom	44	1	0.35%
Rutland	33	0.26%	Rutland	34	1	0.27%
Sandwich	448	3.54%	Sandwich	448	0	3.51%
Serena	56	0.44%	Serena	56	0	0.44%
Seneca	312	2.46%	Seneca	315	3	2.47%
Sheridan	787	6.21%	Sheridan	788	1	6.18%
Somonauk	239	1.89%	Somonauk	241	2	1.89%
Streator	1956	15.44%	Streator	1971	15	15.46%
Tonica	112	0.88%	Tonica	112	0	0.88%
Troy Grove	24	0.19%	Troy Grove	24	0	0.19%
Utica	204	1.61%	Utica	206	2	1.62%
Wedron	8	0.06%	Wedron	8	0	0.06%
Wenona	28	0.22%	Wenona (LC Cases)	28	0	0.22%
Other**	8	0.06%	Other**	9	1	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	**12669**		**TOTAL CASES**	**12748**	**79**	

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.

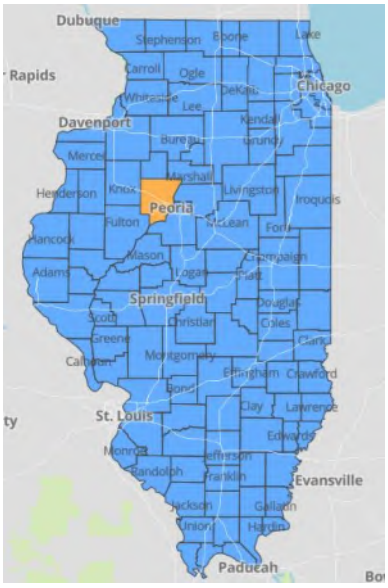
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

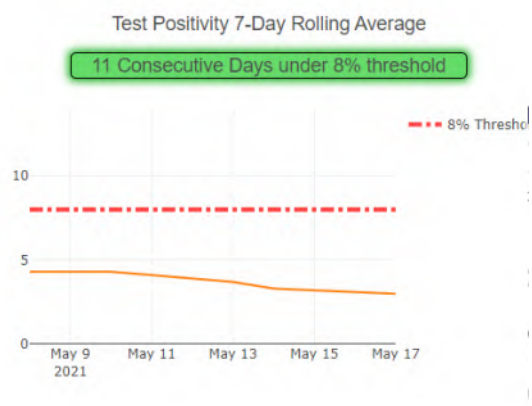
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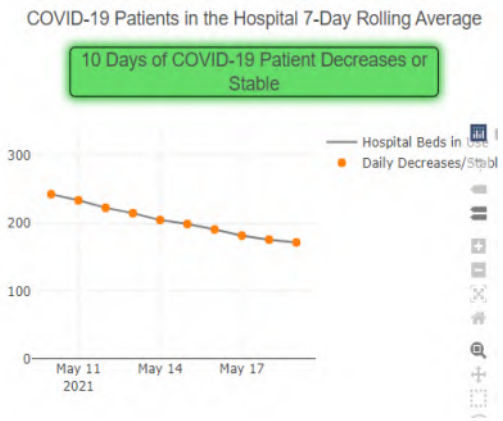


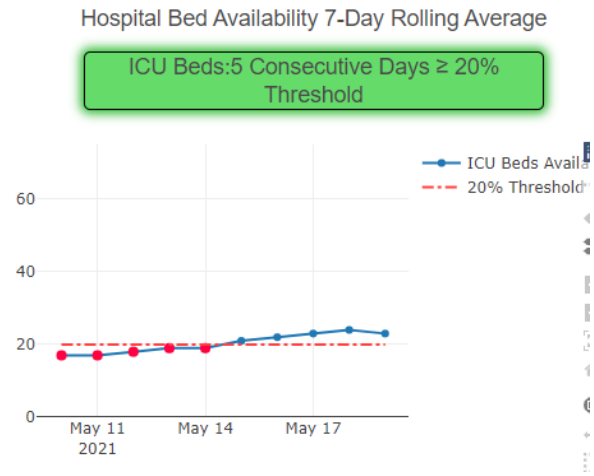
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Region 2 Summary - 05/20/2021







County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 05/09-05/15/2021

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **115 per 100K** *Decrease from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1** * Decrease from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **2.8 %** *Decrease from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **5299** *more tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **5.2 %** *Increase in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **14** * Increase from previous week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **0.0 %** *Decrease in reported clusters from previous week	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **21 %** *No change in availability from previous week	

Local Testing Information

Lasalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

*** COVID -19 Testing**
The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Testing will be performed Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

St. Margaret's Health – Peru

Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their primary care provider for an order or may call the St. Margaret's Health Peru Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Outpatient testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only. Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.

Morris Hospital

There are two options for COVID-19 testing through Morris Hospital:

OUTPATIENT DRIVE-THRU TESTING – PHYSICIAN ORDER REQUIRED

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY: M-F 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

TESTING LOCATION: Morris Hospital, 150 W. High St., Morris (follow drive-thru testing signs leading to corner of Lisbon & High Streets)

INSTRUCTIONS: Testing through the Morris Hospital drive-thru requires an order from your physician/provider. After the order is received, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital will call you to schedule a testing appointment. Test results can take up to 72 hours (sometimes longer) and will get sent to the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

IMMEDIATE/CONVENIENT CARE VISIT

WALK-IN: Hours vary by location (see below)

INSTRUCTIONS: Individuals seeking COVID-19 testing due to COVID-like symptoms, COVID exposure concerns, school or travel requirements are first examined by a medical provider at one of our urgent care locations. Depending on testing supply availability and the provider's recommendation, a rapid test or a send out test may be used. Test results on send out tests are typically available within 72 hours (sometimes longer depending on demand). We will submit to your insurance company for the COVID-19 exam and test. To find out more about what to expect from your COVID-19 visit at one of our Urgent Care locations, click here.

Locations include:

- **Immediate Care at the Morris Hospital Ridge Road Campus**
  Address: 27240 W. Saxony Dr., Channahon
  Phone: 815-521-1500
  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Immediate Care at the Diagnostic & Rehabilitative Center of Morris Hospital**

  Address: 100 W. Gore Rd., Morris

  Phone: 815-364-8919

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Convenient Care at the Morris Hospital Diamond-Coal City Campus**

  Address: 1450 E. Division St., Diamond

  Phone: 815-634-3500

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Convenient Care at the Morris Hospital Yorkville Campus**

  Address: 105 Saravanos Dr., Yorkville

  Phone: 630-553-8200

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
  - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
  - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
  - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to our OSF Saint Paul Medical Center lab.
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

St. Margaret's Hospital – Spring Valley

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing

Illinois Department of Public Health Focuses Mobile COVID-19 Testing in High-Risk Communities

In an effort to make one of the largest COVID-19 testing infrastructures in the country more easily accessible for residents, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is fine tuning its targeted mobile testing operations. This is in response to a decline in the number of people utilizing state supported testing sites and in preparation for the next phases of the pandemic response. IDPH is realigning its testing strategy to deploy mobile testing teams to locations with a high demand for testing, such as schools, processing plants, high risk workplaces, and other targeted locations.

"By focusing on taking testing to where people are, we hope to increase the number of people being tested for COVID-19," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Testing is important to quickly identify individuals with COVID-19 to stop further spread of the

virus. Our test positivity rate is currently low, and one way to keep it low is to identify infected individuals as quickly as possible so contact tracing efforts can identify close contacts who may have been exposed and have them quarantine so the virus does not spread further."

Due to changes in public demand, the days of operation for the State community-based testing sites are being adjusted. These changes will go into effect on Thursday, March 18, 2021. The new days of operation for the community-based testing sites are as follows:

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W. Euclid Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
East St. Louis	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.



Have you Been Fully Vaccinated?

In general, people are considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

It takes about 2 weeks after you receive your final dose of COVID-19 vaccine for your body to build protection (immunity) against the virus that causes COVID-19. If you don't meet these requirements, regardless of your age, you are NOT fully vaccinated. Keep taking all precautions until you are fully vaccinated.

More things to know about COVID-19 vaccines: https://bit.ly/3dILBpC



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

County Level Risk Metrics – LaSalle County's Orange Warning Level Returns to Blue

LaSalle County was not included in the counties with a warning level this week. Blue indicates that the county is experiencing overall stable COVID-19 metrics. LaSalle County returned to blue because we saw an increase in ICU bed availability. The target is at least 20% of ICU beds available.

However, LaSalle County continues to experience a new case rate which is greater than 50 cases per 100,000 people. Until LaSalle County can get a handle on the number of new cases being identified each week and slow the community spread that is occurring, LaSalle County will continue to be at risk for remaining at the orange warning level.

Gov. Pritzker Aligns Illinois Mask Guidance with CDC for Fully Vaccinated People

Following guidance from the CDC that fully vaccinated people can stop wearing a mask and practicing social distancing in most indoor and outdoor settings, Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health have announced that Illinois will align state executive orders with the latest CDC guidance and rescind IDPH emergency rules enforcing masking and distance.

The CDC continues to require masks for everyone in healthcare settings, in congregate settings and on transit. In addition, in line with CDC guidance, the Illinois State Board of Education and Illinois Department of Public Health require masks in schools. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services requires masks in daycare.

"Getting vaccinated is the ultimate protection from COVID-19 and the quickest ticket back to normal life," **said Governor JB Pritzker.** "With public health experts now saying fully vaccinated people can safely remove their masks in most settings, I'm pleased to follow the science and align Illinois' policies with the CDC's guidance. I also support the choice of individuals and businesses to continue to mask out of an abundance of caution as this pandemic isn't over yet."

"While the updated guidance from the CDC is welcome news, let me remind everyone that this guidance is only for those people who are fully vaccinated," **said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike.** "Individuals who do not have the protection afforded by one of the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines should still wear a mask. While more than 64% of adults in Illinois have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, we need to increase that number. To slow down disease spread and the development of even more deadly variants, we need as many people as possible to be vaccinated."

The Governor is issuing an updated executive order to remove the mask requirement for fully vaccinated people in most settings, and the Illinois Department of Public Health is rescinding emergency rules in the Control of Communicable Disease Code that enforce masking and distancing for vaccinated people in business settings. In line with CDC guidance, individuals who are unvaccinated should continue wearing masks in most settings and both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals should continue to wear masks on public transportation, in congregate facilities, and in healthcare settings.

As of today, more than 4.6 million Illinoisans are fully vaccinated — 58% of residents 16+, 64% of residents 18+ and 86% of residents 65+.

LATEST CDC GUIDANCE

The CDC still recommends that unvaccinated people continue to take preventive measures, such as wearing a mask and practicing social distancing. In their latest guidance, the CDC now reports that indoor and outdoor activities pose minimal risk to fully vaccinated people and that fully vaccinated people have a reduced risk of transmitting SARS-CoV-2 to unvaccinated people.

Fully vaccinated people can:

- Resume activities without wearing masks or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance
- Resume domestic travel and refrain from testing before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel
- Refrain from testing before leaving the United States for international travel (unless required by the destination) and refrain from self-quarantine after arriving back in the United States
- Refrain from testing following a known exposure, if asymptomatic, with some exceptions for specific settings
- Refrain from quarantine following a known exposure if asymptomatic
- Refrain from routine screening testing if feasible

For now, fully vaccinated people should continue to:

- Get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Current and Upcoming LaSalle County Health Department COVID-19 Vaccination

LaSalle County Health Department Offers Johnson and Johnson Vaccine at Saturday Morning Clinics

The LaSalle County Health Department offers Johnson and Johnson "One and Done" COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics on Saturday mornings (**by appointment only**) at the Health Department, 717 Etna Road, Ottawa. Individuals must be 18 years old to receive the vaccine.

If you are interested in receiving the Johnson and Johnson vaccine at an upcoming Saturday clinic, please call the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 to schedule an appointment.

CDC and FDA have recommended that use of J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine resume in the United States, effective April 23, 2021. A review of all available data at this time shows that the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine's known and potential benefits outweigh its known and potential risks for those recommended to receive it. However, women younger than 50 years old especially should be aware of the rare risk of blood clots with low platelets after vaccination, and that other COVID-19 vaccines are available where this risk has not been seen.

LaSalle County Health Department Expands COVID-19 Vaccination Appointments to Individuals 12-15+ Years of Age

The LaSalle County Health Department will expand clinic availability to include individuals 12-15+ years of age. Appointments are now available for Saturday clinics which will be held at the LaSalle County Health Department, 717 Etna Road, Ottawa.

In addition, the LaSalle County Health Department has partnered with local high schools in larger communities to hold COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics this summer. Our goal is to vaccinate students 12 years of age and older. If additional appointment space is available, other community residents that are still in need of a vaccination will be able to attend. The Health Department encourages parents and students at nearby feeder schools to take advantage of this opportunity in their communities.

Currently there are available appointments that can be scheduled for the following clinics:

Saturday, May 22, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
LaSalle County Health Department
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/6d7ecddc-4b98-4123-800b-739fc166045f/

Saturday, May 29, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
LaSalle County Health Department
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/6d7ecddc-4b98-4123-800b-739fc166045f/

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
Streator High School
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/d8793c66-d4ec-46f4-a453-b707bf02b80a/

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
Mendota High School
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/17a80178-1fb5-42c5-bd74-bb93c6290680/

Wednesday, June 30, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
LaSalle-Peru Township High School
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/40ca432d-beaa-4851-a149-4504b6514e49/

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
Ottawa High School
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/71680517-bb07-4640-a872-ebbbc6fd71f9/

Important Things to Remember:

- **Must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**
- Appointment availability is only for those scheduling their first dose. If you received your first dose elsewhere, we will not be able to complete your second dose at this time.
- *All second dose appointments will be scheduled upon attending your first dose appointment.*

Information regarding upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics and Appointment Availability is posted on our website. Please visit www.lasallecounty.org and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment at an upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic. Please continue to check the website regularly for appointment availability. Additional dates will be added as more vaccine become available.

For additional information, please contact the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 or visit the Health Department's website at www.lasallecounty.org.

Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

Please visit their websites for appointment availability.

State-run Mass Vaccination Site in Grundy County

Grundy County now has a mass vaccination site. Priority is given to Grundy residents and workforce, but, as a Mass Vaccination Site, appointments are open to any IL resident 16 years and older.
Regularly check www.grundyhealth.com for upcoming appointment information.

Summer is near, no better way to enjoy it than by being fully protected from COVID-19. Get vaccinated today!
Find your nearest location: https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location



Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker

RESTORE ILLINOIS

All Regions across Illinois are currently in the Bridge Phase and may possibly return to normal business operations as soon as June 11th. #VaxUpIL if you are eligible! Learn more about the Bridge to Phase 5 https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/bridge-phase

RESTORE ILLINOIS

A Bridge to Phase 5

As more of our residents receive the COVID-19 vaccine, Illinois will operate with a metrics-based pathway toward the fifth and final phase of the Restore Illinois reopening plan, in which all sectors of the economy reopen with businesses and recreation resuming normal operations, and where conventions, festivals, and large events can take place.

Following recommendations from public health experts, Illinois will move forward with a dial-like approach between the mitigations in Phase 4, which currently apply to the entire state, and the post-pandemic new normal of Phase 5. This Bridge to Phase 5 will allow for higher capacity limits and increased business operations, before public health experts tell us it is safe to move to the new normal that Phase 5 will bring.

Like the prior evidenced-based approaches to deliberately lift mitigations that have kept us safe and saved lives, this gradual path to Phase 5 will protect the progress we've made while allowing us to reopen the economy.

Once 70% of residents 65 and older have been vaccinated and barring any reversals in our COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths for a 28-day monitoring period, the Bridge to Phase 5 will begin with increased capacity limits in both indoor and outdoor settings. Once 50% of residents 16 and older have been vaccinated and stable or declining COVID-19 metrics are recorded during a 28-day monitoring period, Phase 5 will be implemented, removing capacity limits altogether. All regions of the state will move through these next phases together based on statewide metrics.

While regulations are rolled back gradually, Illinoisans should continue following the public health guidelines that have kept us safe during the pandemic, like wearing a mask in public and social distancing.

Additionally, this updated guidance establishes new capacity limits for settings determined by risk level. In an update to current Phase 4 mitigations, individuals with proof of full vaccination — defined as 14 days after receiving a final vaccine dose — or a negative COVID-19 test (PCR) 1-3 days prior to an event do not count against capacity limits. Following the latest studies on virus transmission, lower risk activities that were either not permitted or allowed at a lower capacity have been expanded in Phase 4.

SETTING	PHASE 4	BRIDGE	PHASE 5
Dining	**Seated areas:** Patrons ≥ 6 feet apart; parties ≤ 10 **Standing areas:** 25% capacity	**Seated areas:** Patrons ≥ 6 feet apart; parties ≤ 10 **Standing areas:** 30% capacity indoors; 50% capacity outdoors	NO LIMITS
Health and fitness	50% capacity Group fitness classes of 50 or fewer indoors or 100 or fewer outdoors *	60% capacity Group fitness classes of 50 or fewer indoors or 100 or fewer outdoors	
Offices	50% capacity	60% capacity	
Personal care	50% capacity	60% capacity	
Retail and service counter	50% capacity	60% capacity	

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SETTING	PHASE 4	BRIDGE	PHASE 5
Amusement parks	25% capacity *	60% capacity	NO CAPACITY LIMITS
Festivals and general admission outdoor spectator events	15 people per 1,000 sq. ft. *	30 people per 1,000 sq. ft.	
Flea and farmers markets	25% capacity or 15 people per 1,000 sq. ft.	**Indoor:** 15 people per 1,000 sq. ft. **Outdoor:** 30 people per 1,000 sq. ft.	
Film production	50% capacity	60% capacity	
Meetings, conferences and conventions	**Venue with capacity < 200 persons:** Lesser of 50 people or 50% capacity * **Venue with capacity ≥ 200 persons:** Lesser of 250 people or 25% capacity *	Lesser of 1,000 people or 60% capacity ^	
Museums	25% capacity	60% capacity	
Recreation	**Indoor:** Lesser of 50 people or 50% capacity **Outdoor:** Maximum groups of 50; multiple groups permissible	**Indoor:** Lesser of 100 people or 50% capacity **Outdoor:** Maximum groups of 100; multiple groups permissible	
Social events	**Indoor:** Lesser of 50 people or 50% capacity * **Outdoor:** Lesser of 100 people or 50% capacity *	**Indoor:** 250 people **Outdoor:** 500 people	
Spectator events (ticketed and seated)	**Indoor venue with capacity < 200 people:** Lesser of 50 people or 50% capacity * **Outdoor venue or indoor venue with capacity ≥ 200 people:** 25% capacity *	60% capacity	
Theaters and performing arts	**Indoor venue with capacity < 200 persons:** Lesser of 50 or 50% capacity **Outdoor venue or indoor venue with capacity ≥ 200 persons:** 25% capacity *	60% capacity	
Zoos	25% capacity Lesser of 50 or 50% at indoor exhibits	60% capacity	

** Denotes expanded activity in Phase 4 ^ Capacity applied for event sizes above the capacity limits allowed for social events*

RESTORE ILLINOIS

METRICS TO MOVE FORWARD

Vaccination metrics: Once 70% of residents 65 and older statewide have received their first dose of the vaccine and no increase in COVID-19 metrics is recorded, the state could move into the Bridge Phase. Once 50% of residents 16 and older have received their first dose of the vaccine and no increase in COVID-19 metrics is recorded, the state could move into Phase 5.

COVID-19 metrics: The state could advance if there is a non-increasing trend in hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness, COVID-19 patients in the hospital and mortality rate while ICU bed availability must remain greater than or equal to 20%. The state will consider new knowledge of variants, vaccine effectiveness and the potential necessity of a booster shot as we move forward.

Monitoring period: COVID-19 metrics will be considered over a 28-day monitoring period before the state can advance to the next phase. The current monitoring period began when all regions of the state moved into Phase 4.

METRICS TO MOVE BACKWARD

The state could revert to a previous phase if there is a resurgence of the virus, measured by an increasing trend in our case rate and one of the following:

- Hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness trend increasing and above 150 daily average
- COVID-19 patients in the hospital trend increasing and above 750 daily census
- Mortality rate trend increasing and above 0.1 daily average
- ICU bed availability < 20%

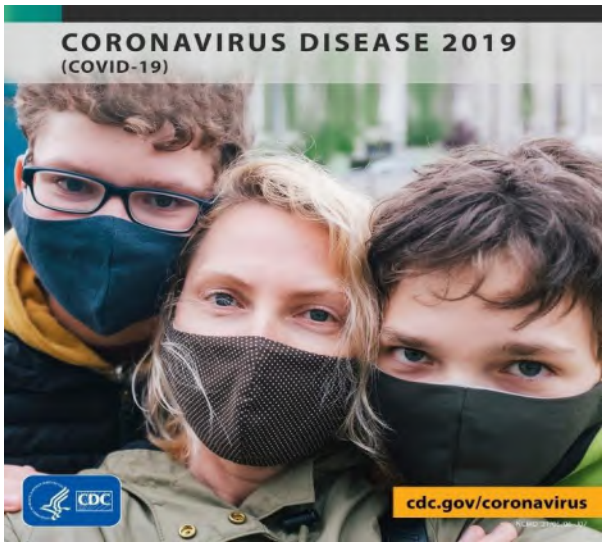
Metrics will be measured over a 10-day monitoring period.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' Interim Recommendation for Use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine in Adolescents Aged 12–15 Years — United States, May 2021

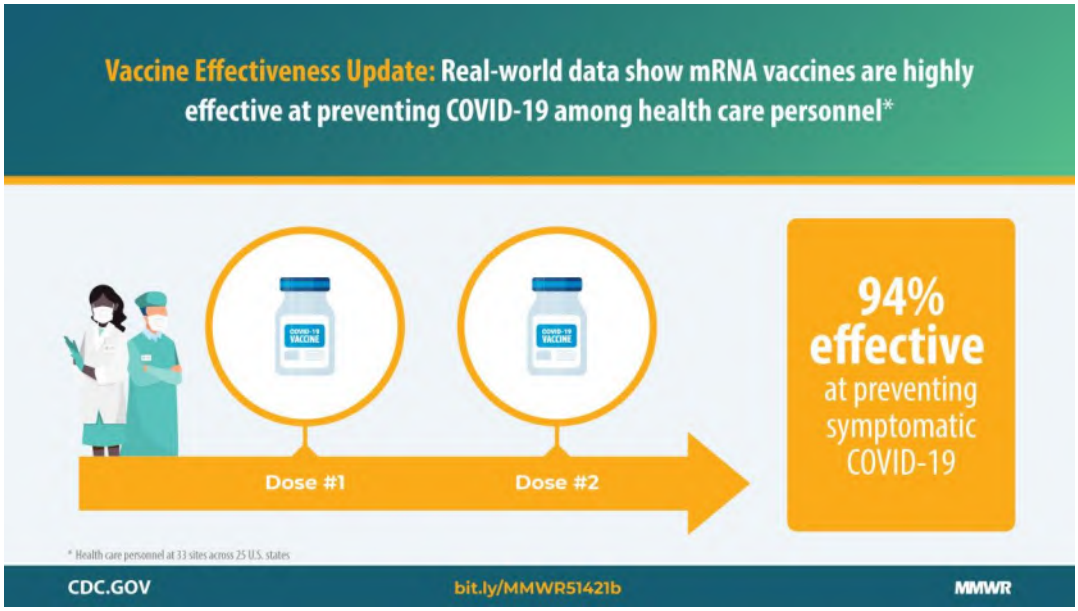
A new MMWR report outlines recommendations from CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for use of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine among

adolescents age 12 to 15 years old. Vaccination is important to protect adolescents against COVID-19 and to reduce its spread in the community. Get your adolescent vaccinated as soon as you can. Read the full report: bit.ly/MMWR51421.



Interim Estimates of Vaccine Effectiveness of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines Among Health Care Personnel — 33 U.S. Sites, January–March 2021

A new CDC report provides more evidence that mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are effective in real-world conditions. In a large study among health care personnel, two doses of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines were 94% effective at preventing symptomatic COVID19. Get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can. People who receive an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) should get both recommended doses. Learn more: bit.ly/MMWR51421b.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

2020-2021 Influenza Activity Update

***Please note* – This is the last week for reporting Influenza activity for LaSalle County as influenza season typically ends in May.**

While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant
- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2020.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed by visit the following link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#:~:text=2020%20%2D%202021%20Flu%20Activity%20Report,care%20sites%20throughout%20the%20state.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm



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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

May 28, 2021

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COVID Numbers at a Glance

This week 05/28/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
12,819	11,979	307	533	83,375	2.1 %

Last week 05/20/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
12,748	11,433	305	1010	79,622	2.8%

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

As of May 28, 2021, The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 24,542 individuals with 12,126 of those individuals being fully vaccinated since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

Below is the overall County and State data as of May 28, 2021:

LaSalle County	Illinois
83,375 Administered Vaccine Doses	11,175,656 Administered Vaccine Doses
38,161 # Population Fully Vaccinated	5,208,410 # Population Fully Vaccinated
34.87 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	40.88 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated

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COVID-19 Cases

05/20/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	165,015,132	3,420,173
US	33,029,091	587,930
Illinois	1,371,884	22,536
LaSalle County	12,748	305

05/28/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	169,071,044	3,513,320
US	33,219,942	593,325
Illinois	1,280,261	22,739
LaSalle County	12,819	307

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	234	255	3.81	0.00
10-19	616	711	10.35	0.00
20s	1021	1113	16.65	0.00
30s	998	993	15.53	0.00
40s	919	963	14.68	1.63
50s	940	1022	15.31	2.28
60s	728	712	11.23	8.14
70s	380	430	6.32	23.13
80s	218	309	4.11	35.18
90s	90	152	1.89	26.38
100s	1	14	0.12	3.26
UNK				
Total	6145	6674		
%	47.94	52.06		
TOTAL CASES		12819		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	**533**
June	67	
July	261	
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**4377**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	10*
May	12	**10**
June	4	
July	1	
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**76**

Deaths by Age	307
20's	0
30's	0
40's	5
50's	7
60's	25
70's	71
80's	108
90's	81
100s	10
Males	157
Females	150

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported death in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

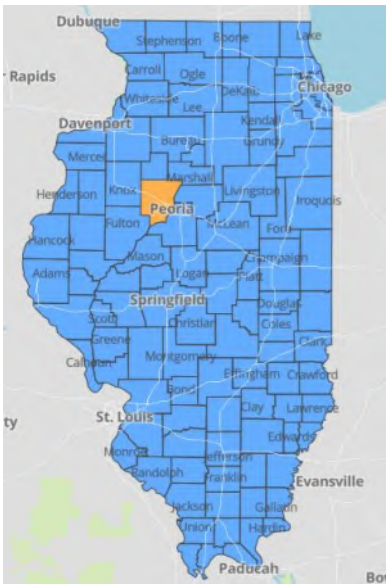
Cases by City/Village

Town	5.20.21 Current Total	5.20.21 % of County Cases	05.28.21 Current Total	05.28.21 Increase since last week	05.28.21 *% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	31	0.24%	31	0	0.24%
Dana	30	0.24%	30	0	0.23%
Earlville	246	1.93%	246	0	1.92%
Grand Ridge	105	0.82%	105	0	0.82%
LaSalle	1204	9.45%	1208	4	9.42%
Leland	163	1.28%	167	4	1.30%
Leonore	5	0.04%	5	0	0.04%
Lostant	80	0.63%	80	0	0.62%
Marseilles	851	6.68%	857	6	6.69%
Mendota	1311	10.28%	1317	6	10.27%
Millington	38	0.30%	38	0	0.30%
Oglesby	506	3.97%	509	3	3.97%
Ottawa	2581	20.25%	2605	24	20.32%
Peru	1313	10.30%	1318	5	10.28%
Ransom	44	0.35%	44	0	0.34%
Rutland	34	0.27%	33	-1	0.26%
Sandwich	448	3.51%	449	1	3.50%
Serena	56	0.44%	57	1	0.44%
Seneca	315	2.47%	321	6	2.50%
Sheridan	788	6.18%	789	1	6.15%
Somonauk	241	1.89%	243	2	1.90%
Streator	1971	15.46%	1981	10	15.45%
Tonica	112	0.88%	112	0	0.87%
Troy Grove	24	0.19%	24	0	0.19%
Utica	206	1.62%	206	0	1.61%
Wedron	8	0.06%	8	0	0.06%
Wenona	28	0.22%	Wenona (LC Cases) 28	0	0.22%
Other**	9	0.07%	Other** 8	-1	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**12748**		**TOTAL CASES** **12819**	**71**	

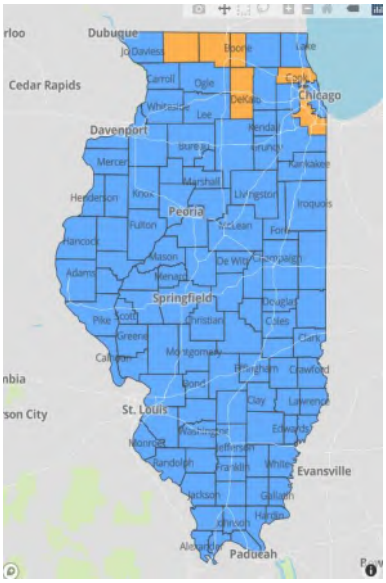
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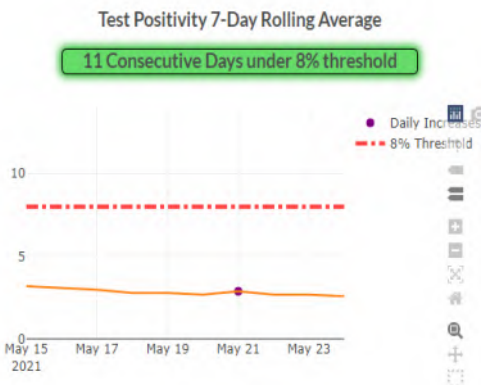
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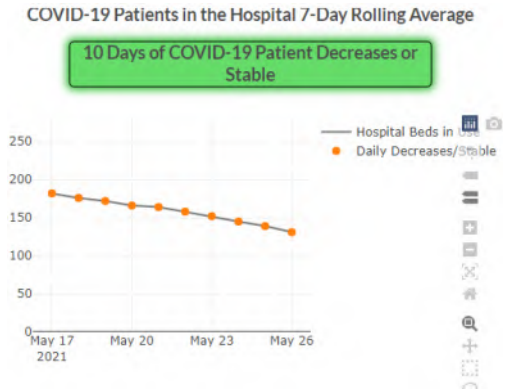


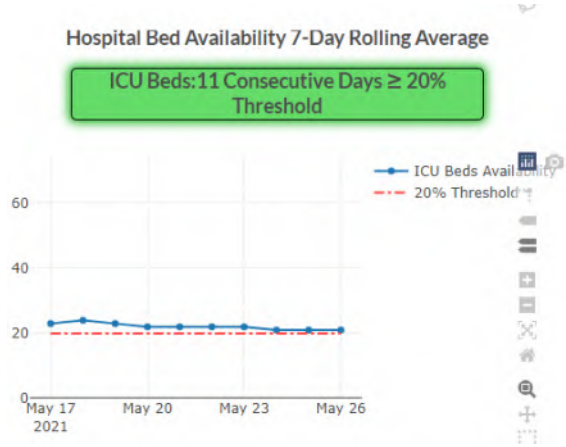
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Region 2 Summary - 05/27/2021







County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 05/16-05/23/2021

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **75 per 100K** *Decrease from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2** * Increase from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **2.1 %** *Decrease from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **4730** *less tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2.0 %** *Decrease in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **6** * Decrease from previous week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **0.0 %** *Decrease in reported clusters from previous week	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **22 %** *Increase in availability from previous week	

Local Testing Information

Lasalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

St. Margaret's Health – Peru

Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their primary care provider for an order or may call the St. Margaret's Health Peru Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Outpatient testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only. Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.

Morris Hospital

There are two options for COVID-19 testing through Morris Hospital:

OUTPATIENT DRIVE-THRU TESTING – PHYSICIAN ORDER REQUIRED

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY: M-F 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

TESTING LOCATION: Morris Hospital, 150 W. High St., Morris (follow drive-thru testing signs leading to corner of Lisbon & High Streets)

INSTRUCTIONS: Testing through the Morris Hospital drive-thru requires an order from your physician/provider. After the order is received, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital will call you to schedule a testing appointment. Test results can take up to 72 hours (sometimes longer) and will get sent to the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

IMMEDIATE/CONVENIENT CARE VISIT

WALK-IN: Hours vary by location (see below)

INSTRUCTIONS: Individuals seeking COVID-19 testing due to COVID-like symptoms, COVID exposure concerns, school or travel requirements are first examined by a medical provider at one of our urgent care locations. Depending on testing supply availability and the provider's recommendation, a rapid test or a send out test may be used. Test results on send out tests are typically available within 72 hours (sometimes longer depending on demand). We will submit to your insurance company for the COVID-19 exam and test. To find out more about what to expect from your COVID-19 visit at one of our Urgent Care locations, click here.

Locations include:

- **Immediate Care at the Morris Hospital Ridge Road Campus**
  Address: 27240 W. Saxony Dr., Channahon
  Phone: 815-521-1500
  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Immediate Care at the Diagnostic & Rehabilitative Center of Morris Hospital**

  Address: 100 W. Gore Rd., Morris

  Phone: 815-364-8919

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Convenient Care at the Morris Hospital Diamond-Coal City Campus**

  Address: 1450 E. Division St., Diamond

  Phone: 815-634-3500

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Convenient Care at the Morris Hospital Yorkville Campus**

  Address: 105 Saravanos Dr., Yorkville

  Phone: 630-553-8200

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
  - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
  - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
  - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center

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- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to our OSF Saint Paul Medical Center lab.
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

St. Margaret's Hospital – Spring Valley

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing

Illinois Department of Public Health Focuses Mobile COVID-19 Testing in High-Risk Communities

In an effort to make one of the largest COVID-19 testing infrastructures in the country more easily accessible for residents, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is fine tuning its targeted mobile testing operations. This is in response to a decline in the number of people utilizing state supported testing sites and in preparation for the next phases of the pandemic response. IDPH is realigning its testing strategy to deploy mobile testing teams to locations with a high demand for testing, such as schools, processing plants, high risk workplaces, and other targeted locations.

"By focusing on taking testing to where people are, we hope to increase the number of people being tested for COVID-19," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Testing is important to quickly identify individuals with COVID-19 to stop further spread of the

virus. Our test positivity rate is currently low, and one way to keep it low is to identify infected individuals as quickly as possible so contact tracing efforts can identify close contacts who may have been exposed and have them quarantine so the virus does not spread further."

Due to changes in public demand, the days of operation for the State community-based testing sites are being adjusted. These changes will go into effect on Thursday, March 18, 2021. The new days of operation for the community-based testing sites are as follows:

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W. Euclid Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
East St. Louis	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.



What Is Your Reason to Be Vaccinated?

Everyone who chooses to get a COVID-19 vaccine does it for a reason—to protect their family, to protect their children, to be less anxious, to visit their parents, or to get back to activities like seeing friends, resuming work, or returning to school.

When talking with friends and family about getting vaccinated, ask them about their "why." You may choose to share your reasons for getting vaccinated or discuss common goals you may have, like visiting with others safely. More conversation tips: https://bit.ly/3cE25OH.

Make the decision to get the COVID-19 vaccine not only for your family and community, but for your summer! Find a vaccine near you so that we can all have a summer to remember. #WeCanDoThis
Search http://vaccines.gov
Text your ZIP code to 438829
Call 1-800-232-0233



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Current and Upcoming LaSalle County Health Department COVID-19 Vaccination

LaSalle County Health Department Offers Johnson and Johnson Vaccine at Saturday Morning Clinics

The LaSalle County Health Department offers Johnson and Johnson "One and Done" COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics on Saturday mornings (**by appointment only**) at the Health Department, 717 Etna Road, Ottawa. Individuals must be 18 years old to receive the vaccine.

If you are interested in receiving the Johnson and Johnson vaccine at an upcoming Saturday clinic, please call the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 to schedule an appointment.

CDC and FDA have recommended that use of J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine resume in the United States, effective April 23, 2021. A review of all available data at this time shows that the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine's known and potential benefits outweigh its known and potential risks for those recommended to receive it. However, women younger than 50 years old especially should be aware of the rare risk of blood clots with low platelets after vaccination, and that other COVID-19 vaccines are available where this risk has not been seen.

LaSalle County Health Department Expands COVID-19 Vaccination Appointments to Individuals 12-15+ Years of Age

The LaSalle County Health Department has partnered with local high schools in larger communities to hold COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics this summer. Our goal is to vaccinate students 12 years of age and older. If additional appointment space is available, other community residents that are still in need of a vaccination will be able to attend. The Health Department encourages parents and students at nearby feeder schools to take advantage of this opportunity in their communities.

Currently there are available appointments that can be scheduled for the following clinics:

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
Streator High School
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/d8793c66-d4e46f4-a453-b707bf02b80a/

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
Mendota High School

Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/17a80178-1fb5-42c5-bd74-bb93c6290680/

Wednesday, June 30, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
LaSalle-Peru Township High School
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/40ca432d-beaa-4851-a149-4504b6514e49/

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
Ottawa High School
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/71680517-bb07-4640-a872-ebbbc6fd71f9/

Important Things to Remember:

- **Must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**
- Appointment availability is only for those scheduling their first dose. If you received your first dose elsewhere, we will not be able to complete your second dose at this time.
- *All second dose appointments will be scheduled upon attending your first dose appointment.*

Information regarding upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics and Appointment Availability is posted on our website. Please visit www.lasallecounty.org and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment at an upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic. Please continue to check the website regularly for appointment availability. Additional dates will be added as more vaccine become available.

For additional information, please contact the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 or visit the Health Department's website at www.lasallecounty.org.

Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)

- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

Please visit their websites for appointment availability.

State-run Mass Vaccination Site in Grundy County

Grundy County now has a mass vaccination site. Priority is given to Grundy residents and workforce, but, as a Mass Vaccination Site, appointments are open to any IL resident 16 years and older.
Regularly check www.grundyhealth.com for upcoming appointment information.

Now is the time to get vaccinated before Father's Day! Find your nearest location: https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location



Restore Illinois

All Regions across Illinois are currently in the Bridge Phase and may possibly return to normal business operations as soon as June 11th. #VaxUpIL if you are eligible! Learn more about the Bridge to Phase 5 https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/bridge-phase

RESTORE ILLINOIS

A Bridge to Phase 5

As more of our residents receive the COVID-19 vaccine, Illinois will operate with a metrics-based pathway toward the fifth and final phase of the Restore Illinois reopening plan, in which all sectors of the economy reopen with businesses and recreation resuming normal operations, and where conventions, festivals, and large events can take place.

Following recommendations from public health experts, Illinois will move forward with a dial-like approach between the mitigations in Phase 4, which currently apply to the entire state, and the post-pandemic new normal of Phase 5. This Bridge to Phase 5 will allow for higher capacity limits and increased business operations, before public health experts tell us it is safe to move to the new normal that Phase 5 will bring.

Like the prior evidenced-based approaches to deliberately lift mitigations that have kept us safe and saved lives, this gradual path to Phase 5 will protect the progress we've made while allowing us to reopen the economy.

Once 70% of residents 65 and older have been vaccinated and barring any reversals in our COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths for a 28-day monitoring period, the Bridge to Phase 5 will begin with increased capacity limits in both indoor and outdoor settings. Once 50% of residents 16 and older have been vaccinated and stable or declining COVID-19 metrics are recorded during a 28-day monitoring period, Phase 5 will be implemented, removing capacity limits altogether. All regions of the state will move through these next phases together based on statewide metrics.

While regulations are rolled back gradually, Illinoisans should continue following the public health guidelines that have kept us safe during the pandemic, like wearing a mask in public and social distancing.

Additionally, this updated guidance establishes new capacity limits for settings determined by risk level. In an update to current Phase 4 mitigations, individuals with proof of full vaccination — defined as 14 days after receiving a final vaccine dose — or a negative COVID-19 test (PCR) 1-3 days prior to an event do not count against capacity limits. Following the latest studies on virus transmission, lower risk activities that were either not permitted or allowed at a lower capacity have been expanded in Phase 4.

SETTING	PHASE 4	BRIDGE	PHASE 5
Dining	**Seated areas:** Patrons ≥ 6 feet apart; parties ≤ 10 **Standing areas:** 25% capacity	**Seated areas:** Patrons ≥ 6 feet apart; parties ≤ 10 **Standing areas:** 30% capacity indoors; 50% capacity outdoors	NO LIMITS
Health and fitness	50% capacity Group fitness classes of 50 or fewer indoors or 100 or fewer outdoors *	60% capacity Group fitness classes of 50 or fewer indoors or 100 or fewer outdoors	
Offices	50% capacity	60% capacity	
Personal care	50% capacity	60% capacity	
Retail and service counter	50% capacity	60% capacity	

SETTING	PHASE 4	BRIDGE	PHASE 5
Amusement parks	25% capacity *	60% capacity	NO CAPACITY LIMITS
Festivals and general admission outdoor spectator events	15 people per 1,000 sq. ft. *	30 people per 1,000 sq. ft.	
Flea and farmers markets	25% capacity or 15 people per 1,000 sq. ft.	**Indoor:** 15 people per 1,000 sq. ft. **Outdoor:** 30 people per 1,000 sq. ft.	
Film production	50% capacity	60% capacity	
Meetings, conferences and conventions	**Venue with capacity < 200 persons:** Lesser of 50 people or 50% capacity * **Venue with capacity ≥ 200 persons:** Lesser of 250 people or 25% capacity *	Lesser of 1,000 people or 60% capacity ^	
Museums	25% capacity	60% capacity	
Recreation	**Indoor:** Lesser of 50 people or 50% capacity **Outdoor:** Maximum groups of 50; multiple groups permissible	**Indoor:** Lesser of 100 people or 50% capacity **Outdoor:** Maximum groups of 100; multiple groups permissible	
Social events	**Indoor:** Lesser of 50 people or 50% capacity * **Outdoor:** Lesser of 100 people or 50% capacity *	**Indoor:** 250 people **Outdoor:** 500 people	
Spectator events (ticketed and seated)	**Indoor venue with capacity < 200 people:** Lesser of 50 people or 50% capacity * **Outdoor venue or indoor venue with capacity ≥ 200 people:** 25% capacity *	60% capacity	
Theaters and performing arts	**Indoor venue with capacity < 200 persons:** Lesser of 50 or 50% capacity **Outdoor venue or indoor venue with capacity ≥ 200 persons:** 25% capacity *	60% capacity	
Zoos	25% capacity Lesser of 50 or 50% at indoor exhibits	60% capacity	

** Denotes expanded activity in Phase 4 ^ Capacity applied for event sizes above the capacity limits allowed for social events*

METRICS TO MOVE FORWARD

Vaccination metrics: Once 70% of residents 65 and older statewide have received their first dose of the vaccine and no increase in COVID-19 metrics is recorded, the state could move into the Bridge Phase. Once 50% of residents 16 and older have received their first dose of the vaccine and no increase in COVID-19 metrics is recorded, the state could move into Phase 5.

COVID-19 metrics: The state could advance if there is a non-increasing trend in hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness, COVID-19 patients in the hospital and mortality rate while ICU bed availability must remain greater than or equal to 20%. The state will consider new knowledge of variants, vaccine effectiveness and the potential necessity of a booster shot as we move forward.

Monitoring period: COVID-19 metrics will be considered over a 28-day monitoring period before the state can advance to the next phase. The current monitoring period began when all regions of the state moved into Phase 4.

METRICS TO MOVE BACKWARD

The state could revert to a previous phase if there is a resurgence of the virus, measured by an increasing trend in our case rate and one of the following:

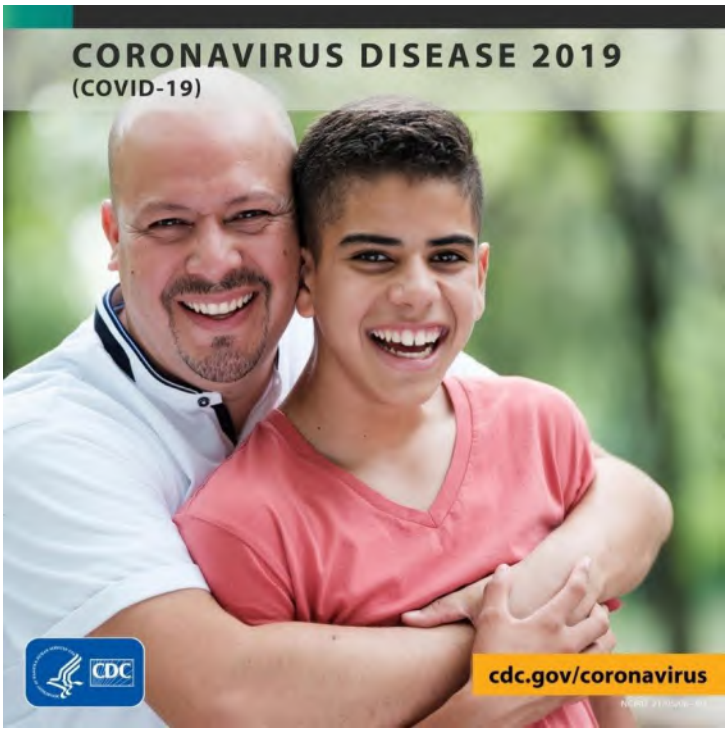
- Hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness trend increasing and above 150 daily average
- COVID-19 patients in the hospital trend increasing and above 750 daily census
- Mortality rate trend increasing and above 0.1 daily average
- ICU bed availability < 20%

Metrics will be measured over a 10-day monitoring period.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

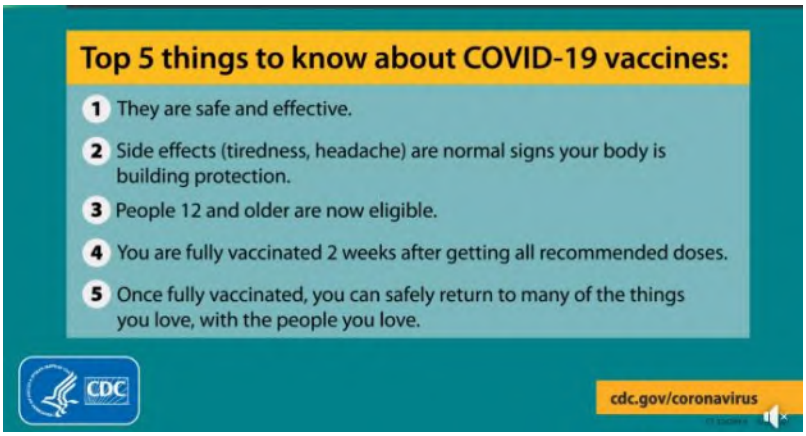
COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens

Parents: Although fewer children have gotten COVID-19 compared to adults, they still can get infected, and even if they don't have symptoms, they can spread it to others, including younger children who aren't eligible for vaccination.
Make plans to get your children 12 years and older vaccinated against COVID-19 to help protect them and others. Widespread vaccination is a critical tool to help stop the pandemic.
More: https://bit.ly/3uFSUUu.



Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

It's okay to have questions about the COVID-19 vaccines. The fact is COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective at keeping you from getting sick from COVID-19.
You can find answers to common questions from reputable sources, including CDC.gov, your local health department website, or other trusted sources such as your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist. Learn more: https://bit.ly/3dILBpC



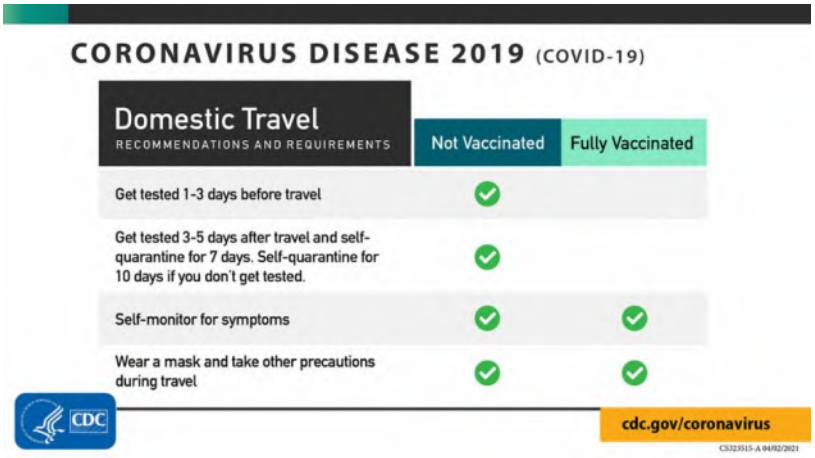
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Domestic Travel During COVID-19

Delay travel until you are fully vaccinated. If you are not fully vaccinated and must travel, take the following steps to protect yourself and others from COVID-19:

- Get tested with a viral test 1-3 days before your trip. Get tested with a viral test 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.
- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth, avoid crowds and stay at least 6 feet from anyone who is not traveling with you.
- Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

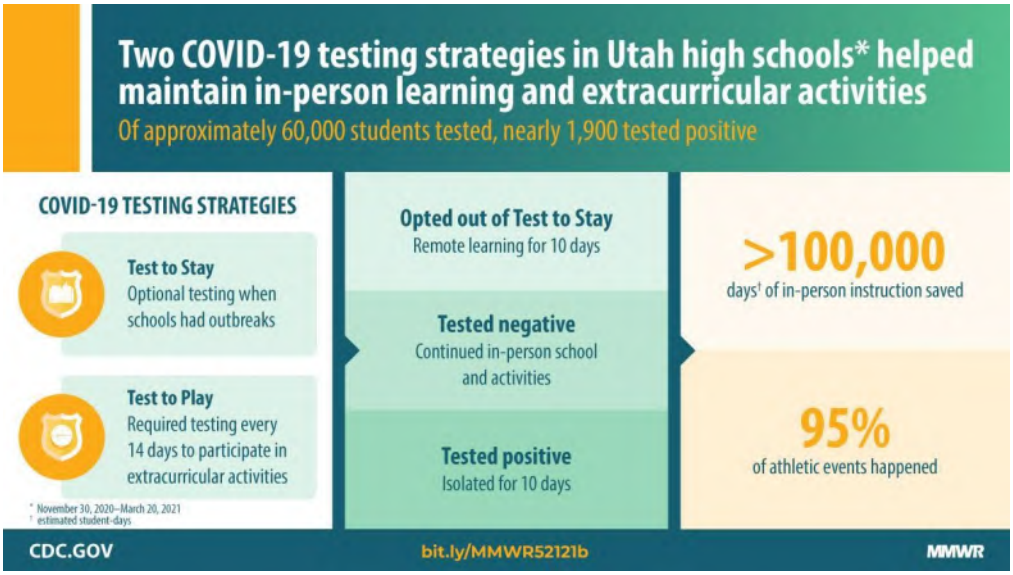
Wearing a mask is required on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Testing to Sustain In-Person Instruction and Extracurricular Activities in High Schools — Utah, November 2020–March 2021

A new report published in MMWR from the Utah Department of Health shows how a majority of Utah public high schools used routine, school-based COVID-19 testing to identify and isolate people with COVID-19 and continue in-person instruction and extracurricular activities. Learn more: bit.ly/MMWR52121b



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Vaccine Breakthrough Infections Reported to CDC — United States, January 1–April 30, 2021

COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated people are expected as vaccines are not 100% effective in preventing infection. However, they are very effective at preventing severe illness such as those requiring hospitalization or causing deaths. During the first 4 months of the year, 10,262 breakthrough cases were reported by 46 state and territorial health departments, including 995 hospitalizations and 160 deaths, many of which were reported as asymptomatic or hospitalized for a reason unrelated to COVID-19. Learn more: bit.ly/MMWR52521.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Illinois Department of Public Health and the Discovery Partners Institute Announce Statewide System to Monitor COVID-19 in Wastewater

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Discovery Partners Institute (DPI) today announced a statewide system to monitor the virus that causes COVID-19 and its variants in wastewater, providing public health officials with early warnings of a potential outbreak on a county-by-county basis.

SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, is detectable in human waste nearly from the onset of infection, while symptoms may not appear for three to five days. IDPH is providing $5.5 million to build and support the monitoring system for the next year.

“Data generated through sampling wastewater will help public health officials better understand the extent of COVID-19 infections in communities,” said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. “Wastewater testing has been used successfully in the past for early detection of diseases, such as polio. Measuring the virus levels in untreated wastewater can serve as an early indicator of increasing infections in a community and can inform our public health actions.”

Together IDPH and DPI will implement the program in phases, starting with sampling and analysis in 10 Illinois counties, expanding to 35 counties in mid-summer, and to all 102 Illinois counties by the end of the year. The 10 counties include Carroll, Cass, Franklin, Fulton, Jefferson, Lawrence, Livingston, Macon, Montgomery, and Vermilion.

Wastewater monitoring involves treatment plant personnel collecting 8-ounce (250ml) samples twice weekly and shipping them overnight for laboratory analysis. A rapid, automated sample processing and analysis system will be built to measure SARS-CoV-2 levels, which will indicate a rise or fall of COVID-19 infections in the community served by the treatment plant.

Samples will be further analyzed at Argonne National Laboratory and IDPH laboratories using genetic sequencing to track COVID-19 variants.

DPI’s Wastewater-Based Epidemiology (WBE) science team, led by University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) Professor Rachel Poretsky and DPI Senior Research Scientist Charlie Catlett, includes scientists at DPI, UIC, Northwestern University, the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and Argonne National Laboratory. (Photos and b-roll are here.)

The team has developed methods for assessing COVID-19 vulnerability by county and translating wastewater lab results into actionable information for public health.

“This project is a great example of DPI bringing the best scientists from its partner institutions to help Illinois address an urgent public health need,” said DPI Executive Director Bill Jackson. “Through this project as well as our support of the University of Illinois System’s COVID-19 testing efforts, we’ve demonstrated a nimbleness that is uncommon in academia, and that’s because we have all of the scientific talent and business acumen we need right here.”

"Wastewater analysis is an ideal method for understanding COVID-19 trends in communities, complementing individual testing and providing an early indicator of outbreaks," said DPI Director of Research Dr. Venkat Venkatakrishnan. "The testing is sensitive enough to detect a handful of COVID-19 cases in a population of tens of thousands yet is completely anonymous."

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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

June 4, 2021

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Summer Schedule for COVID-19 Bulletin

Please note the following schedule change to the COVID-19 Bulletin. During the summer months (June and July) the COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin will be published every other week. The bulletin will be available on:

June 4
June 18
July 2
July 16
July 30

At that time, a decision will be made to return to a weekly schedule or continue with the bi-weekly schedule. Thank you!

COVID Numbers at a Glance

This week 06/03/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
12,847	12,179	308	360	84,770	1.5%

Last week 05/28/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
12,819	11,979	307	533	83,375	2.1 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

As of June 3, 2021, The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 24,590 individuals with 12,146 of those individuals being fully vaccinated since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

Below is the overall County and State data as of June 3, 2021:

- Patients in LaSalle County
  - Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County
  - State-run Mass Vaccination Site in Grundy County
- Restore Illinois
- Get the Facts about COVID-19 Vaccine
- Camp Season
- Guidance For Unvaccinated People -Types of Masks
- Excess Death Estimates in Patients with End-Stage Renal Disease

LaSalle County

84,770
Administered Vaccine Doses

38,872
Population Fully Vaccinated

35.52 %
% of Population Fully Vaccinated

Illinois

11,374,677
Administered Vaccine Doses

5,317,858
Population Fully Vaccinated

41.74 %
% of Population Fully Vaccinated

COVID-19 Cases (as of 6/3/21)

05/28/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	169,071,044	3,513,320
US	33,219,942	593,325
Illinois	1,280,261	22,739
LaSalle County	12,819	307

06/03/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	171,776,210	3,693,623
US	33,309,356	595,888
Illinois	1,383,739	22,865
LaSalle County	12,847	308

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	234	256	3.81	0.00
10-19	618	711	10.34	0.00
20s	1025	1120	16.70	0.00
30s	1001	997	15.55	0.00
40s	920	965	14.67	1.62
50s	942	1023	15.30	2.27
60s	728	712	11.21	8.44
70s	381	430	6.31	23.05
80s	218	309	4.10	35.06
90s	90	152	1.88	26.30
100s	1	14	0.12	3.25
UNK				
Total	6158	6689		
%				
TOTAL CASES		**12847**		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	**537**
June	67	**24**
July	261	
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**4405**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	10*
May	12	**10**
June	4	**1**
July	1	
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**77**

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported death in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Deaths by Age	**308**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	5
50's	7
60's	26
70's	71
80's	108
90's	81
100s	10
Males	158
Females	150

Cases by City/Village

5.28.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	31	0.24%
Dana	30	0.23%
Earlville	246	1.92%
Grand Ridge	105	0.82%
LaSalle	1208	9.42%
Leland	167	1.30%
Leonore	5	0.04%
Lostant	80	0.62%
Marseilles	857	6.69%
Mendota	1317	10.27%
Millington	38	0.30%
Oglesby	509	3.97%
Ottawa	2605	20.32%
Peru	1318	10.28%
Ransom	44	0.34%
Rutland	33	0.26%
Sandwich	449	3.50%
Serena	57	0.44%
Seneca	321	2.50%
Sheridan	789	6.15%
Somonauk	243	1.90%
Streator	1981	15.45%
Tonica	112	0.87%
Troy Grove	24	0.19%
Utica	206	1.61%
Wedron	8	0.06%
Wenona	28	0.22%
Other**	8	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**12819**	

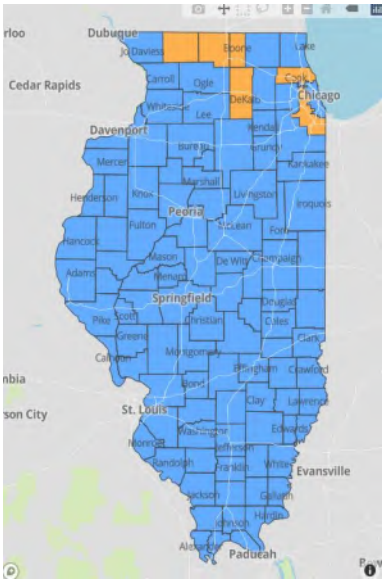
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Town	Current Total	Increase since last week	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	31	0	0.24
Dana	30	0	0.23
Earlville	246	0	1.91
Grand Ridge	105	0	0.82
LaSalle	1213	5	9.44
Leland	167	0	1.30
Leonore	5	0	0.04
Lostant	80	0	0.62
Marseilles	860	3	6.69
Mendota	1319	2	10.27
Millington	38	0	0.30
Oglesby	510	1	3.97
Ottawa	2610	5	20.32
Peru	1320	2	10.27
Ransom	44	0	0.34
Rutland	33	0	0.26
Sandwich	450	1	3.50
Serena	57	0	0.44
Seneca	322	1	2.51
Sheridan	790	1	6.15
Somonauk	244	1	1.90
Streator	1986	5	15.46
Tonica	112	0	0.87
Troy Grove	24	0	0.19
Utica	207	1	1.61
Wedron	8	0	0.06
Wenona (LC Cases)	28	0	0.22
Other**	8	0	0.06
TOTAL CASES	**12847**	**28**	

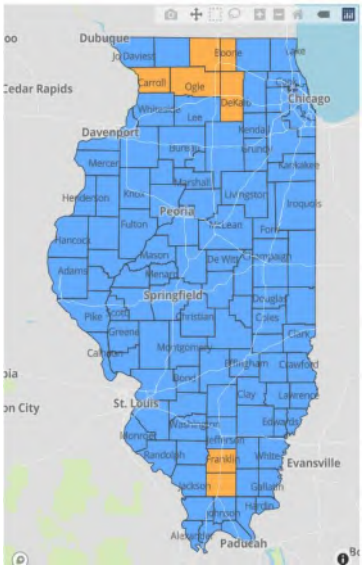
*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

Last Week
05.28.21



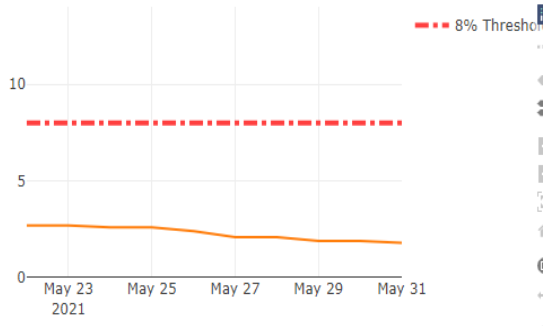
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Region 2 Summary - 06/03/2021

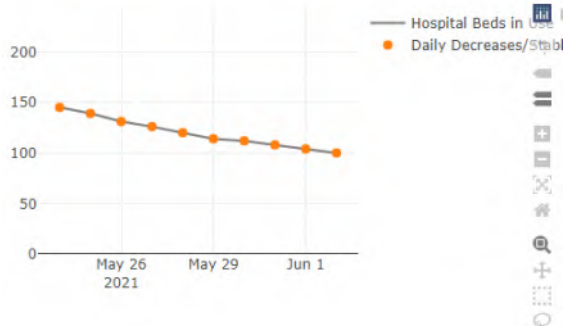
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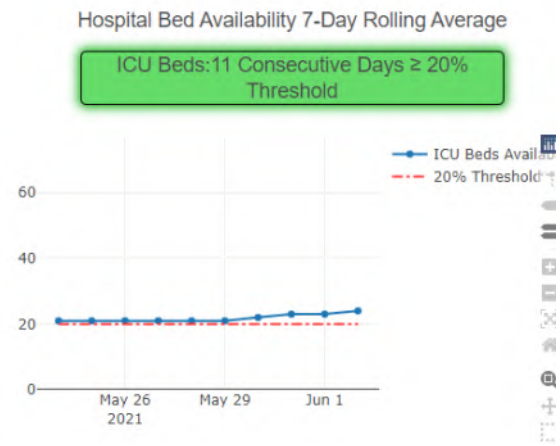
11 Consecutive Days under 8% threshold



COVID-19 Patients in the Hospital 7-Day Rolling Average

10 Days of COVID-19 Patient Decreases or Stable





County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 05/24-05/30/2021

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **37 per 100K** *Decrease from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1** * Decrease from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **1.5 %** *Decrease from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **3834** *less tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2.0 %** *No change in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **6** * Same from previous week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **0.0 %** *No change in reported clusters from previous week	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **21.5 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	

Local Testing Information

Lasalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

St. Margaret's Health – Peru

Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their primary care provider for an order or may call the St. Margaret's Health Peru Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Outpatient testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only. Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.

Morris Hospital

There are two options for COVID-19 testing through Morris Hospital:

OUTPATIENT DRIVE-THRU TESTING – PHYSICIAN ORDER REQUIRED

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY: M-F 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

TESTING LOCATION: Morris Hospital, 150 W. High St., Morris (follow drive-thru testing signs leading to corner of Lisbon & High Streets)

INSTRUCTIONS: Testing through the Morris Hospital drive-thru requires an order from your physician/provider. After the order is received, a Scheduling representative from Morris Hospital will call you to schedule a testing appointment. Test results can take up to 72 hours (sometimes longer) and will get sent to the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

IMMEDIATE/CONVENIENT CARE VISIT

WALK-IN: Hours vary by location (see below)

INSTRUCTIONS: Individuals seeking COVID-19 testing due to COVID-like symptoms, COVID exposure concerns, school or travel requirements are first examined by a medical provider at one of our urgent care locations. Depending on testing supply availability and the provider's recommendation, a rapid test or a send out test may be used. Test results on send out tests are typically available within 72 hours (sometimes longer depending on demand). We will submit to your insurance company for the COVID-19 exam and test. To find out more about what to expect from your COVID-19 visit at one of our Urgent Care locations, click here.

Locations include:

- **Immediate Care at the Morris Hospital Ridge Road Campus**
  Address: 27240 W. Saxony Dr., Channahon
  Phone: 815-521-1500
  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Immediate Care at the Diagnostic & Rehabilitative Center of Morris Hospital**

  Address: 100 W. Gore Rd., Morris

  Phone: 815-364-8919

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Convenient Care at the Morris Hospital Diamond-Coal City Campus**

  Address: 1450 E. Division St., Diamond

  Phone: 815-634-3500

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Convenient Care at the Morris Hospital Yorkville Campus**

  Address: 105 Saravanos Dr., Yorkville

  Phone: 630-553-8200

  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
  - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
  - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
  - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

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- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to our OSF Saint Paul Medical Center lab.
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

St. Margaret's Hospital – Spring Valley

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing

Illinois Department of Public Health Focuses Mobile COVID-19 Testing in High-Risk Communities

In an effort to make one of the largest COVID-19 testing infrastructures in the country more easily accessible for residents, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is fine tuning its targeted mobile testing operations. This is in response to a decline in the number of people utilizing state supported testing sites and in preparation for the next phases of the pandemic response. IDPH is realigning its testing strategy to deploy mobile testing teams to locations with a high demand for testing, such as schools, processing plants, high risk workplaces, and other targeted locations.

"By focusing on taking testing to where people are, we hope to increase the number of people being tested for COVID-19," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Testing is important to quickly identify individuals with COVID-19 to stop further spread of the

virus. Our test positivity rate is currently low, and one way to keep it low is to identify infected individuals as quickly as possible so contact tracing efforts can identify close contacts who may have been exposed and have them quarantine so the virus does not spread further."

Due to changes in public demand, the days of operation for the State community-based testing sites are being adjusted. These changes will go into effect on Thursday, March 18, 2021. The new days of operation for the community-based testing sites are as follows:

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W. Euclid Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
East St. Louis	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.



Why do some COVID-19 vaccines require two shots?

Some COVID-19 vaccines require 2 doses. If you receive a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, you will need 2 shots to get the most protection.
Learn more: https://bit.ly/2RfAtaM



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Current and Upcoming LaSalle County Health Department COVID-19 Vaccination

LaSalle County Health Department Offers Johnson and Johnson Vaccine at Saturday Morning Clinics

The LaSalle County Health Department offers Johnson and Johnson "One and Done" COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics on Saturday mornings (**by appointment only**) at the Health Department, 717 Etna Road, Ottawa. Individuals must be 18 years old to receive the vaccine.

If you are interested in receiving the Johnson and Johnson vaccine at an upcoming Saturday clinic, please call the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 to schedule an appointment.

CDC and FDA have recommended that use of J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine resume in the United States, effective April 23, 2021. A review of all available data at this time shows that the J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine's known and potential benefits outweigh its known and potential risks for those recommended to receive it. However, women younger than 50 years old especially should be aware of the rare risk of blood clots with low platelets after vaccination, and that other COVID-19 vaccines are available where this risk has not been seen.

LaSalle County Health Department Expands COVID-19 Vaccination Appointments to Individuals 12-15+ Years of Age

The LaSalle County Health Department has partnered with local high schools in larger communities to hold COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics this summer. Our goal is to vaccinate students 12 years of age and older. The Health Department encourages parents to make plans to get your children 12 years and older vaccinated against COVID-19 to help protect them and others. Widespread vaccination is a critical tool to help stop the pandemic. In addition, students at nearby feeder schools should take advantage of this opportunity in their communities.

Current guidelines for vaccinated individuals:

- Testing is not recommended for staff or students who are fully vaccinated
- Fully vaccinated students or staff are not required to quarantine or test, unless symptomatic

Parents, students, and staff who are vaccinated will experience less disruptions in their lives and daily activities. Please note, these clinics are open to all LaSalle County residents that are still in need of a vaccination.

Currently there are available appointments that can be scheduled for the following clinics:

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
Streator High School
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/d8793c66-d4e
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Wednesday, June 23, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
Mendota High School
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/17a80178-1fb
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Wednesday, June 30, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
LaSalle-Peru Township High School
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/40ca432d-bea
4851-a149-4504b6514e49/

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
Ottawa High School
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/71680517-bb0
4640-a872-ebbbc6fd71f9/

Important Things to Remember:

- **Must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**
- Appointment availability is only for those scheduling their first dose. If you received your first dose elsewhere, we will not be able to complete your second dose at this time.
- *All second dose appointments will be scheduled upon attending your first dose appointment.*

Information regarding upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics and Appointment Availability is posted on our website. Please visit www.lasallecounty.org and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment at an upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic. Please continue to check the website regularly for appointment availability. Additional dates will be added as more vaccine become available.

For additional information, please contact the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 or visit the Health Department's website at www.lasallecounty.org.

Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

Please visit their websites for appointment availability.

State-run Mass Vaccination Site in Grundy County

Grundy County now has a mass vaccination site. Priority is given to Grundy residents and workforce, but, as a Mass Vaccination Site, appointments are open to any IL resident 16 years and older.
Regularly check www.grundyhealth.com for upcoming appointment information.

Locate the nearest location of the Pfizer vaccine for your 12-17 year old in Illinois at www.vaccines.gov



RESTORE ILLINOIS

All Regions across Illinois are currently in the Bridge Phase and may possibly return to normal business operations as soon as June 11th. #VaxUpIL if you are eligible! Learn more about the Bridge to Phase 5 https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/bridge-phase

RESTORE ILLINOIS

A Bridge to Phase 5

As more of our residents receive the COVID-19 vaccine, Illinois will operate with a metrics-based pathway toward the fifth and final phase of the Restore Illinois reopening plan, in which all sectors of the economy reopen with businesses and recreation resuming normal operations, and where conventions, festivals, and large events can take place.

Following recommendations from public health experts, Illinois will move forward with a dial-like approach between the mitigations in Phase 4, which currently apply to the entire state, and the post-pandemic new normal of Phase 5. This Bridge to Phase 5 will allow for higher capacity limits and increased business operations, before public health experts tell us it is safe to move to the new normal that Phase 5 will bring.

Like the prior evidenced-based approaches to deliberately lift mitigations that have kept us safe and saved lives, this gradual path to Phase 5 will protect the progress we've made while allowing us to reopen the economy.

Once 70% of residents 65 and older have been vaccinated and barring any reversals in our COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths for a 28-day monitoring period, the Bridge to Phase 5 will begin with increased capacity limits in both indoor and outdoor settings. Once 50% of residents 16 and older have been vaccinated and stable or declining COVID-19 metrics are recorded during a 28-day monitoring period, Phase 5 will be implemented, removing capacity limits altogether. All regions of the state will move through these next phases together based on statewide metrics.

While regulations are rolled back gradually, Illinoisans should continue following the public health guidelines that have kept us safe during the pandemic, like wearing a mask in public and social distancing.

Additionally, this updated guidance establishes new capacity limits for settings determined by risk level. In an update to current Phase 4 mitigations, individuals with proof of full vaccination — defined as 14 days after receiving a final vaccine dose — or a negative COVID-19 test (PCR) 1-3 days prior to an event do not count against capacity limits. Following the latest studies on virus transmission, lower risk activities that were either not permitted or allowed at a lower capacity have been expanded in Phase 4.

SETTING	PHASE 4	BRIDGE	PHASE 5
Dining	**Seated areas:** Patrons ≥ 6 feet apart; parties ≤ 10 **Standing areas:** 25% capacity	**Seated areas:** Patrons ≥ 6 feet apart; parties ≤ 10 **Standing areas:** 30% capacity indoors; 50% capacity outdoors	NO LIMITS
Health and fitness	50% capacity Group fitness classes of 50 or fewer indoors or 100 or fewer outdoors *	60% capacity Group fitness classes of 50 or fewer indoors or 100 or fewer outdoors	
Offices	50% capacity	60% capacity	
Personal care	50% capacity	60% capacity	
Retail and service counter	50% capacity	60% capacity	

RESTORE ILLINOIS

SETTING	PHASE 4	BRIDGE	PHASE 5
Amusement parks	25% capacity *	60% capacity	NO CAPACITY LIMITS
Festivals and general admission outdoor spectator events	15 people per 1,000 sq. ft. *	30 people per 1,000 sq. ft.	
Flea and farmers markets	25% capacity or 15 people per 1,000 sq. ft.	**Indoor:** 15 people per 1,000 sq. ft. **Outdoor:** 30 people per 1,000 sq. ft.	
Film production	50% capacity	60% capacity	
Meetings, conferences and conventions	**Venue with capacity < 200 persons:** Lesser of 50 people or 50% capacity * **Venue with capacity ≥ 200 persons:** Lesser of 250 people or 25% capacity *	Lesser of 1,000 people or 60% capacity ^	
Museums	25% capacity	60% capacity	
Recreation	**Indoor:** Lesser of 50 people or 50% capacity **Outdoor:** Maximum groups of 50; multiple groups permissible	**Indoor:** Lesser of 100 people or 50% capacity **Outdoor:** Maximum groups of 100; multiple groups permissible	
Social events	**Indoor:** Lesser of 50 people or 50% capacity * **Outdoor:** Lesser of 100 people or 50% capacity *	**Indoor:** 250 people **Outdoor:** 500 people	
Spectator events (ticketed and seated)	**Indoor venue with capacity < 200 people:** Lesser of 50 people or 50% capacity * **Outdoor venue or indoor venue with capacity ≥ 200 people:** 25% capacity *	60% capacity	
Theaters and performing arts	**Indoor venue with capacity < 200 persons:** Lesser of 50 or 50% capacity **Outdoor venue or indoor venue with capacity ≥ 200 persons:** 25% capacity *	60% capacity	
Zoos	25% capacity Lesser of 50 or 50% at indoor exhibits	60% capacity	

** Denotes expanded activity in Phase 4 ^ Capacity applied for event sizes above the capacity limits allowed for social events*

METRICS TO MOVE FORWARD

Vaccination metrics: Once 70% of residents 65 and older statewide have received their first dose of the vaccine and no increase in COVID-19 metrics is recorded, the state could move into the Bridge Phase. Once 50% of residents 16 and older have received their first dose of the vaccine and no increase in COVID-19 metrics is recorded, the state could move into Phase 5.

COVID-19 metrics: The state could advance if there is a non-increasing trend in hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness, COVID-19 patients in the hospital and mortality rate while ICU bed availability must remain greater than or equal to 20%. The state will consider new knowledge of variants, vaccine effectiveness and the potential necessity of a booster shot as we move forward.

Monitoring period: COVID-19 metrics will be considered over a 28-day monitoring period before the state can advance to the next phase. The current monitoring period began when all regions of the state moved into Phase 4.

METRICS TO MOVE BACKWARD

The state could revert to a previous phase if there is a resurgence of the virus, measured by an increasing trend in our case rate and one of the following:

- Hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness trend increasing and above 150 daily average
- COVID-19 patients in the hospital trend increasing and above 750 daily census
- Mortality rate trend increasing and above 0.1 daily average
- ICU bed availability < 20%

Metrics will be measured over a 10-day monitoring period.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

VaxFact: Pregnant and breastfeeding people can receive a COVID-19 vaccine. So far, early data from systems that monitor COVID-19 vaccine safety have not identified any specific safety concerns for pregnant people. Most data so far are from people vaccinated late in pregnancy.
If you have questions, talk to your healthcare provider.
For more about COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy: https://bit.ly/2WWh9hT.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Camp Season

Parents: Camp season is near. Take these steps to help slow the spread of #COVID19 at camp:

•If your kids are eligible, get them fully vaccinated before camp begins.
• If your kids are not fully vaccinated, they should wear a mask indoors. In areas with high cases, they should wear a mask outdoors when in crowded settings or during sustained close contact activities.
• Remind kids to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
• Remind kids to tell an adult if they feel sick.

Learn more: https://bit.ly/3cBAWIS.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Guidance For Unvaccinated People -Types of Masks

If you're unvaccinated, there are many types of masks you can use to protect yourself and others from getting and spreading COVID-19. When choosing a mask, choose one that fits snugly. A cloth or disposable mask should be worn anytime you are indoors or outdoors with people who don't live with you.

Some masks are designed and tested to ensure they perform at a consistent level to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These masks are labeled to tell you what standard they meet.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Excess Death Estimates in Patients with End-Stage Renal Disease — United States, February–August 2020

Patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD), a condition in which kidney function has permanently declined and life-saving renal replacement therapy is needed, are at high risk for illness and death during the COVID-19 pandemic. A new MMWR finds there were as many as 10,316 more deaths than expected among nearly 800,000 patients with ESRD during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic. ESRD patients, including those taking immunosuppressive medications, should talk with their healthcare provider about the need for additional protective measures after vaccination. Learn more: bit.ly/MMWR60121



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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www.twitter.com/LaSalleCoHealth

www.lasallecounty.org

Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

June18, 2021

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Summer Schedule for COVID-19 Bulletin

Please note the following schedule change to the COVID-19 Bulletin. During the summer months (June and July) the COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin will be published every other week. The bulletin will be available on:

June 18
July 2
July 16
July 30

At that time, a decision will be made to return to a weekly schedule or continue with the bi-weekly schedule. Thank you!

LaSalle County Health Department Moves to Weekly COVID-19 Media Updates

The LaSalle County Health Department (LCHD) will no longer be issuing daily COVID-19 updates, but will move to once a week updates on Fridays.

COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 06/18/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
12,906	12,463	310	133	91,802	1.4 %

Week ending 06/11/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
12.883	12.360	309	214	89.796	0.9 %

Week of 06/03/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
12,847	12,179	308	360	84,770	1.5%

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

- Vaccination Options for Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County
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As of June 18, 2021, The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 24,890 individuals with 12,392 of those individuals being fully vaccinated since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

Below is the overall County and State data as of June 18, 2021:

LaSalle County	**Illinois**
91,802 Administered Vaccine Doses	12,158,530 Administered Vaccine Doses
43,922 # Population Fully Vaccinated	5,902,462 # Population Fully Vaccinated
40.14 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	46.33 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated

Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

06/03/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	171,776,210	3,693,623
US	33,309,356	595,888
Illinois	1,383,739	22,865
LaSalle County	12,847	308

06/18/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	177,515,339	3,843,997
US	33,509,821	600,935
Illinois	1,388,688	23,133
LaSalle County	12,906	310

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	238	256	3.83	0.00
10-19	620	716	10.35	0.00
20s	1030	1129	16.73	0.00
30s	1009	1005	15.61	0.00
40s	920	971	14.65	1.61
50s	945	1026	15.27	2.26
60s	730	714	11.19	8.39
70s	383	430	6.30	23.23
80s	218	309	4.08	35.16
90s	90	152	1.88	26.13
100s	1	14	0.12	3.23
UNK				
Total	6184	6722		
%	47.92	52.08		
TOTAL CASES	238	256		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	**537**
June	67	**83**
July	261	
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**4464**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	10*
May	12	**10**
June	4	**3**
July	1	
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**79**

Deaths by Age	**310**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	5
50's	7
60's	26
70's	72
80's	109
90's	81
100s	10
Males	158
Females	152

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported death in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Cases by City/Village

Town	06.03.21 Current Total	% of County Cases	Town	06.18.21 Current Total	Increase since last report	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	31	0.24	Cedar Point	31	0	0.24%
Dana	30	0.23	Dana	30	0	0.23%
Earlville	246	1.91	Earlville	246	0	1.91%
Grand Ridge	105	0.82	Grand Ridge	105	0	0.81%
LaSalle	1213	9.44	LaSalle	1215	2	9.41%
Leland	167	1.30	Leland	167	0	1.29%
Leonore	5	0.04	Leonore	5	0	0.04%
Lostant	80	0.62	Lostant	80	0	0.62%
Marseilles	860	6.69	Marseilles	863	3	6.69%
Mendota	1319	10.27	Mendota	1321	2	10.24%
Millington	38	0.30	Millington	38	0	0.29%
Oglesby	510	3.97	Oglesby	514	4	3.98%
Ottawa	2610	20.32	Ottawa	2630	20	20.38%
Peru	1320	10.27	Peru	1324	4	10.26%
Ransom	44	0.34	Ransom	45	1	0.35%
Rutland	33	0.26	Rutland	33	0	0.26%
Sandwich	450	3.50	Sandwich	453	3	3.51%
Serena	57	0.44	Serena	57	0	0.44%
Seneca	322	2.51	Seneca	323	1	2.50%
Sheridan	790	6.15	Sheridan	795	5	6.16%
Somonauk	244	1.90	Somonauk	246	2	1.91%
Streator	1986	15.46	Streator	1997	11	15.47%
Tonica	112	0.87	Tonica	112	0	0.87%
Troy Grove	24	0.19	Troy Grove	24	0	0.19%
Utica	207	1.61	Utica	208	1	1.61%
Wedron	8	0.06	Wedron	8	0	0.06%
Wenona	28	0.22	Wenona (LC Cases)	28	0	0.22%
Other**	8	0.06	Other**	8	0	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**12847**		**TOTAL CASES**	**12906**	**59**	

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

Week of 06.04.21



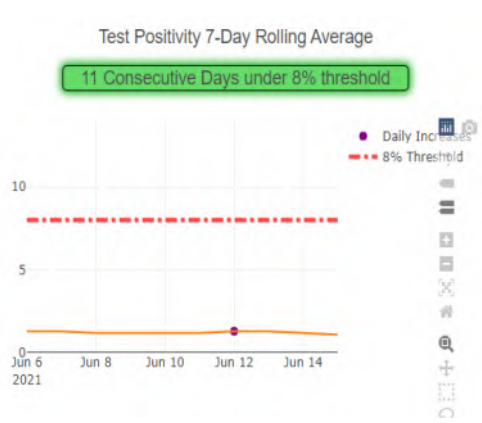
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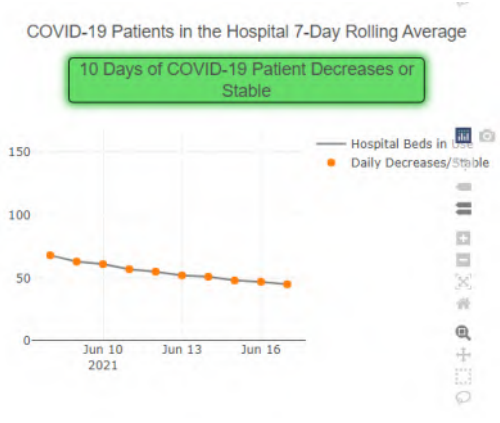


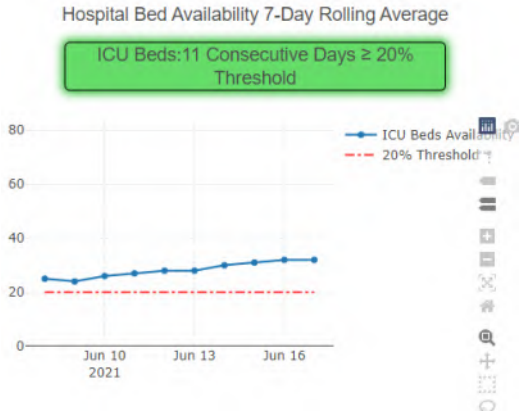
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Region 2 Summary - 06/18/2021







County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics –06/06/21 – 06/12/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **26 per 100K** *Decrease from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1** * No Change from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **1.4 %** *Increase from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **2077** *less tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **0.7 %** *Decrease in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **0** * Decrease from previous week
Cluster (%) of cases No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **0.0 %** *No Change in reported clusters from previous week	**ICU (%) Available** ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **27.5 %** *Increase in availability from previous week	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 05/30/21 – 06/05/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **27 per 100K** *Decrease from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1** * No change from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **0.9 %** *Decrease from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **3346** *less tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1.6 %** *Decrease in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **<5** * Decrease from previous week
Cluster (%) of cases No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **0.0 %** *No change in reported clusters from previous week	**ICU (%) Available** ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **25.3 %** *Increase in availability from previous week	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

Local Testing Information

Lasalle County Health Department

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

St. Margaret's Health – Peru

Patients seeking Covid-19 testing may either call their primary care provider for an order or may call the St. Margaret's Health Peru Covid-19 Hotline 9am – 5 pm weekdays and 10am – 4 pm weekends, at 815-780-3425 to speak to a nurse regarding testing. All Covid-19 tests must be ordered by a provider. Outpatient testing is available Monday through Friday and by appointment only. Covid-19 tests take approximately 72 hours to receive a result. All patients will be notified of their test result by phone.

Morris Hospital

There are two options for COVID-19 testing through Morris Hospital:

OUTPATIENT DRIVE-THRU TESTING – PHYSICIAN ORDER REQUIRED

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY: M-F 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

TESTING LOCATION: Morris Hospital, 150 W. High St., Morris (follow drive-thru testing signs leading to corner of Lisbon & High Streets)

INSTRUCTIONS: Testing through the Morris Hospital drive-thru requires an order from your physician/provider. After the order is received, a Scheduling representative from

Morris Hospital will call you to schedule a testing appointment. Test results can take up to 72 hours (sometimes longer) and will get sent to the ordering physician, who will inform you of your results. You can also check your patient portal for test results or contact the provider who ordered the test. Please remain at home, away from others while you are waiting for your test results.

IMMEDIATE/CONVENIENT CARE VISIT

WALK-IN: Hours vary by location (see below)

INSTRUCTIONS: Individuals seeking COVID-19 testing due to COVID-like symptoms, COVID exposure concerns, school or travel requirements are first examined by a medical provider at one of our urgent care locations. Depending on testing supply availability and the provider's recommendation, a rapid test or a send out test may be used. Test results on send out tests are typically available within 72 hours (sometimes longer depending on demand). We will submit to your insurance company for the COVID-19 exam and test. To find out more about what to expect from your COVID-19 visit at one of our Urgent Care locations, click here.

Locations include:

- **Immediate Care at the Morris Hospital Ridge Road Campus**
  Address: 27240 W. Saxony Dr., Channahon
  Phone: 815-521-1500
  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Immediate Care at the Diagnostic & Rehabilitative Center of Morris Hospital**
  Address: 100 W. Gore Rd., Morris
  Phone: 815-364-8919
  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Convenient Care at the Morris Hospital Diamond-Coal City Campus**
  Address: 1450 E. Division St., Diamond
  Phone: 815-634-3500
  Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat & Sun 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Convenient Care at the Morris Hospital Yorkville Campus**
  Address: 105 Saravanos Dr., Yorkville

Phone: 630-553-8200

Walk-in hours: M-F 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center

If you suspect you have novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the care options that best fits your needs below.

- Clare, our 24/7 virtual assistant chatbot at osfhealthcare.org/covid19, can educate you, screen you for COVID-19 and connect you to further care if needed.
- You can call the 24/7, COVID-19 Nurse Hotline* at 1-(833) OSF-KNOW (1-833-673-5669).
- Contact your OSF Primary Care Provider, and they can order the test for you.
- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to (815) 431-3072 (OSF Prompt Care Ottawa, 1640 1st Avenue, Ottawa).
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can be seen at one of the below locations and they can order a test for you if indicated:
    - OSF Prompt Care - Ottawa (8 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-9208
    - OSF Urgo – Ottawa (8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily) at (815) 431-3410
    - OSF Prompt Care – Streator (weekdays 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.) at (815) 673-4545
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, call 911 or come to your nearest OSF Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center

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- If you have a Primary Care Provider that is not an OSF Provider, they can fax an order to our OSF Saint Paul Medical Center lab.
- If you do not have a Primary Care Provider, you can call our OSF Prompt Care - Mendota, (weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) at (815) 538-1311 and they can order a test for you after a quick telephone visit.
- If you are experiencing shortness of breath, chest pain, or severe weakness, you can call 911 or come to our OSF Saint Paul Emergency Department, where a test will be performed during your medical screening exam.

*Staffed by RNs and other health care professionals.

St. Margaret's Hospital – Spring Valley

St. Margaret's testing facility requires a physician's order and is perfect for those patients who need a COVID test within 72 hours of a surgery or a procedure. It is also for patients who may have been exposed to a COVID positive person or who is exhibiting symptoms. The patients' primary physician needs to fax an order to the registration department. Insurance information and a copy of a driver's license is also collected.
Testing is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday, we are open from 8-1pm.
For patients who don't have a physician but are exhibiting signs of an illness, the St. Margaret's Walk-in clinics at Midtown Health Center in Peru or Center for Family Health in Princeton are available. Patients will be offered a virtual or telehealth visit and if warranted, will be sent for a swab.
The St. Margaret's testing center is not a walk-in, public screening center.

Community Based Testing

Illinois Department of Public Health Focuses Mobile COVID-19 Testing in High-Risk Communities

In an effort to make one of the largest COVID-19 testing infrastructures in the country more easily accessible for residents, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is fine tuning its targeted mobile testing operations. This is in response to a decline in the number of people utilizing state supported testing sites and in preparation for the next phases of the pandemic response. IDPH is realigning its testing strategy to deploy mobile testing teams to locations with a high demand for testing, such as schools, processing plants, high risk workplaces, and other targeted locations.

"By focusing on taking testing to where people are, we hope to increase the number of people being tested for COVID-19," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Testing is important to quickly identify individuals with COVID-19 to stop further spread of the virus. Our test positivity rate is currently low, and one way to keep it low is to identify infected individuals as quickly as possible so contact tracing efforts can identify close contacts who may have been exposed and have them quarantine so the virus does not spread further."

Due to changes in public demand, the days of operation for the State community-based testing sites are being adjusted. These changes will go into effect on Thursday, March 18, 2021. The new days of operation for the community-based testing sites are as follows:

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 2000 W. Euclid Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
East St. Louis	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria	Peoria Civic Center Fulton Street Parking Lot	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.



How can I exercise more safely during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Physical activity is important for physical and mental health. Protect yourself and others from COVID-19 during physical activity:

• Get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can. Once you have been fully vaccinated, you can exercise indoors or outdoors without a mask.

• If you're not fully vaccinated, keep taking actions to protect yourself and others while exercising. Athletic activities should be done outdoors when possible. Wear a mask outdoors when in crowded settings or during close contact vigorous activity, like playing sports.

Even if you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, continue to follow all federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations. More: https://bit.ly/3mKHutV



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Current and Upcoming LaSalle County Health Department COVID-19 Vaccination

Public Health Officials Announce COVID -19 Vaccines Available at the Health Department

The LaSalle County Health Department has COVID-19 vaccine available at the Health Department **by appointment only,** Monday through Saturday. The Health Department has Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer available. Residents who still need to be vaccinated should call the Health Department at 815-433-3366 to make an appointment.

Appointments Still Available for COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics at Local High Schools

The LaSalle County Health Department has partnered with local high schools in larger communities to hold COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics this summer. Our goal is to vaccinate students 12 years of age and older. The Health Department encourages parents to make plans to get your children 12 years and older vaccinated against COVID-19 to help protect them and others. Widespread vaccination is a critical tool to help stop the pandemic. In addition, students at nearby feeder schools should take advantage of this opportunity in their communities.

Current guidelines for vaccinated individuals:

- Testing is not recommended for staff or students who are fully vaccinated

- Fully vaccinated students or staff are not required to quarantine or test, unless symptomatic

Parents, students, and staff who are vaccinated will experience less disruptions in their lives and daily activities. Please note, these clinics are open to all LaSalle County residents that are still in need of a vaccination.

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
Mendota High School
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/17a80178-1fb5
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Wednesday, June 30, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
LaSalle-Peru Township High School
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/40ca432d-bea
4851-a149-4504b6514e49/

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
Ottawa High School
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/71680517-bb0
4640-a872-ebbbc6fd71f9/

Important Things to Remember:

- **Must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**
- Appointment availability is only for those scheduling their first dose. If you received your first dose elsewhere, we will not be able to complete your second dose at this time.
- *All second dose appointments will be scheduled upon attending your first dose appointment.*

Information regarding upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics and Appointment Availability is posted on our website. Please visit www.lasallecounty.org and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment at an upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic. For additional information, please contact the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366.

Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

Please visit their websites for appointment availability.

LaSalle County Health Department Partners with OSF King-Care-A-Van to Provide COVID-19 Vaccines

The LaSalle County Health Department is partnering with the OSF King Care-a-Van to provide COVID-19 vaccines for students. This mobile vaccine clinic will be in Mendota, LaSalle Peru and Ottawa High Schools in the upcoming weeks.
Please visit www.lasallecounty.org and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment at one of the upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics



State-run Mass Vaccination Site in Grundy County

Grundy County now has a mass vaccination site. Priority is given to Grundy residents and workforce, but, as a Mass Vaccination Site, appointments are open to any IL resident 16 years and older.
Regularly check www.grundyhealth.com for upcoming appointment information.

Locate the nearest location of the Pfizer vaccine for your 12–17-year-old in Illinois at www.vaccines.gov



Gov. Pritzker Announces State of Illinois Fully Reopens June 11 - *State on Track to Meet President Biden's Goal of 70% of Adults Receiving First Dose of Vaccination by July 4*

On Friday, June 11, 2021, Illinois moved to a full reopening, also known as Phase 5, the final phase of the Restore Illinois plan. The state will eliminate all capacity limits on businesses, large-scale events, conventions, amusement parks, and all other venues. Mask requirements for vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals continue to align with CDC guidelines.

The state reaches this point as it records the lowest number of people in the hospital with COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic, the lowest test positivity rate, and more

than 68% of Illinois residents age 18 and over who have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

"A strong economy requires that people not only feel safe, but truly be safe, as they go about their lives as workers, neighbors, consumers, and friends – and thanks to the lifesaving power of vaccinations, that day is finally here for Illinois," **said Governor JB Pritzker.** "I invite all Illinoisans to feel the hope and joy of this moment while also recognizing that this pandemic is still very present for the world at large – not to mention those here at home who have not been or cannot be vaccinated. As we take this next step forward, let's do so with a renewed commitment to empathy, to community, and to making each day together count. You did it, Illinois."

"It is a very exciting time as we reach the point where businesses can operate without capacity limits and we are seeing the return of large events we've enjoyed in the past," **said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike.** "However, it is important to remember that we are still in a world pandemic and not everyone has the protection of one of the safest and most effective vaccines ever. Currently, there is not a vaccine authorized for children younger than 12 years and some adults have chosen not to be vaccinated. For these reasons, it is important for unvaccinated people to continue to wear masks while in public and to socially distance. The virus can continue to spread among unvaccinated individuals, which could lead to additional mutations and new, more virulent variants."

In accordance with guidance from the CDC, fully vaccinated people in Illinois can resume activities without wearing a mask except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.

Consistent with CDC guidance, fully vaccinated and non-vaccinated persons are required to wear a face covering in certain situations including (1) on public transportation, planes, buses, trains, and in transportation hubs such as airports and train and bus stations; (2) in congregate facilities such as correctional facilities and homeless shelters; and (3) in health care settings. Individuals in schools and day cares must also continue to wear face coverings per guidance issued by the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

According to the CDC, it is critical that schools use and layer prevention strategies. Schools providing in-person instruction should prioritize two prevention strategies:

1. Universal and correct use of masks should be required; and
2. Physical distancing should be maximized to the greatest extent possible.

Municipalities and businesses in most industries may choose to continue to implement public health mitigations as they deem appropriate, including requiring face coverings.

To help businesses recover from the pandemic, the Governor, in partnership with the General Assembly, announced $1.5 billion in funding next year to support business grants, tourism, workforce, affordable housing, violence prevention, capital projects and other investments throughout Illinois. This investment follows the $580 million invested last

year for Business Interruption grants to aid businesses in pandemic impacted industries and childcare providers.

“Today’s advancement to Phase 5 is a significant milestone in our work to combat the virus and get the Illinois economy back on track. Through Governor Pritzker’s Restore Illinois plan, we have continued to lead on testing, vaccines and providing economic relief programs that are essential to supporting the return of workers and businesses amid the pandemic,” **said Acting DCEO Director Sylvia Garcia.** “Now, as businesses are set to fully reopen across the state, DCEO remains committed to implementing key programs that will not only reinvigorate our small businesses, workforce, and tourism, but that will build back our state's economy stronger than ever before.”

Businesses and communities can learn more about Phase 5 recommended public health practices by visiting IDPH's website.

Statement from CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH

On May 12, 2021, CDC recommended use of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine in people aged 12 years and up based on the safety and efficacy of the vaccine in adolescents following clinical trials. At the time, there was a growing body of evidence that demonstrated the severe health impacts of COVID-19 on adolescents.
Today’s (June 4, 2021) MMWR presents additional data reporting the trends in hospitalizations among adolescents with COVID-19. I am deeply concerned by the numbers of hospitalized adolescents and saddened to see the number of adolescents who required treatment in intensive care units or mechanical ventilation.
Much of this suffering can be prevented.
Until they are fully vaccinated, adolescents should continue to wear masks and take precautions when around other who are not vaccinated to protect themselves, and their family, friends, and community. I ask parents, relatives and close friends to join me and talk with teens about the importance of these prevention strategies and to encourage them to get vaccinated. If parents or their teenagers have questions or concerns, I suggest they talk with their adolescent’s healthcare provider, local health department or neighborhood pharmacist.
Vaccination is our way out of this pandemic. I continue to see promising signs in CDC data that we are nearing the end of this pandemic in this country; however, we all have to do our part and get vaccinated to cross the finish line.

RESTORE ILLINOIS

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http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19/Illinois%20Phase%205%20Guidelines.pdf

RESTORE ILLINOIS

Phase 5 Guidance for Businesses and Venues

This guidance replaces the industry-specific guidance that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity published as part of the state's Restore Illinois plan. This guidance includes recommendations for all types of businesses and venues, customers, and employees in order to help maintain healthy environments and operations, as well as lower the risk of COVID-19 spread.

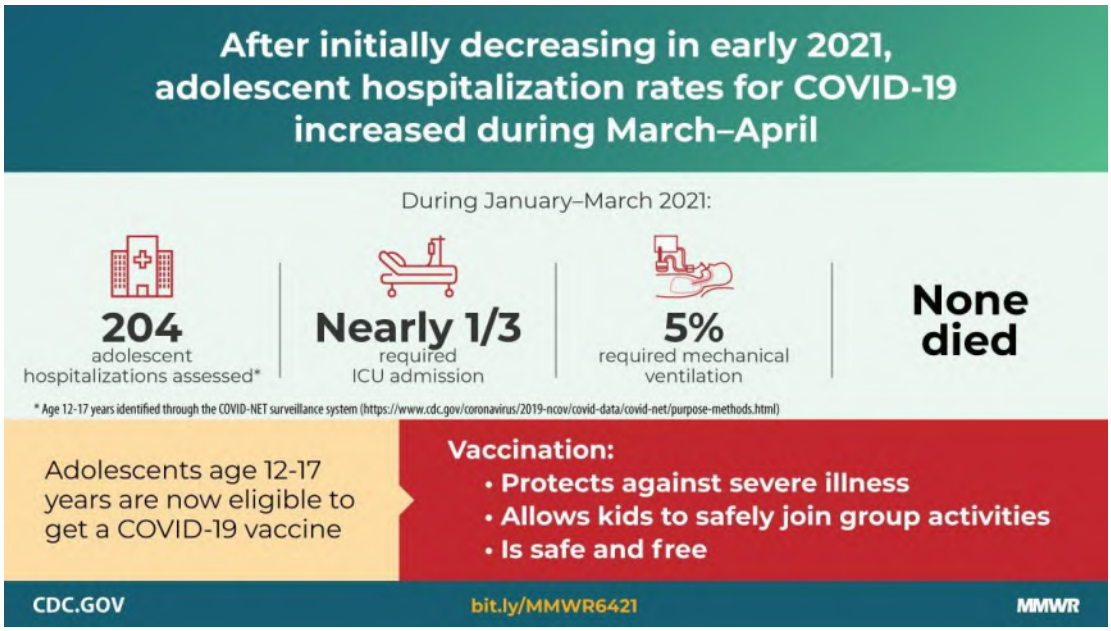
The following are recommended prevention strategies that recognize that while the state of Illinois has made substantial progress in vaccinating its residents, a number of individuals remain ineligible or have not yet chosen to be vaccinated. Consistent use of prevention strategies will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect people who are not fully vaccinated, including customers, employees, and their families. As always, businesses and local municipalities may choose to implement additional prevention strategies as they deem appropriate.

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and widely available across Illinois. Everyone aged 12 years and older should be vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible to keep from getting and/or spreading COVID-19.
- For businesses and venues where everyone present is fully vaccinated, the state does not require face coverings and social distancing in both indoor and outdoor settings. Businesses and municipalities are permitted to continue requiring face coverings and social distancing as they deem appropriate.
- For indoor businesses and venues where everyone present is not fully vaccinated, unvaccinated persons should wear a face covering and maintain six feet social distance. Businesses and venues may continue to require face coverings and/or social distancing. At outdoor businesses and venues, unvaccinated persons may choose not to wear a face covering when able to maintain a six-foot social distance while outdoors, unless required to do so by a business or municipality.
- Although people who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a face covering under state guidance, businesses and venues should be supportive of customers and employees who choose to wear a face covering.
- Persons who are immunocompromised should consider wearing face coverings when in settings where others may not be fully vaccinated.
- All unvaccinated persons should wear face coverings in crowded settings, both indoors and outdoors, especially when youth are present. See CDC guidance for further information.
- There are limited circumstances and settings where all individuals, including those who are fully vaccinated, must continue to wear a mask in accordance with CDC guidance: (1) on public transportation, (2) in congregate facilities, (3) in health care settings, and where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- Individuals in schools, day care settings, and educational institutions should continue to follow separate guidance issued by the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and Illinois Department of Public Health.
- All businesses and venues should support social distancing to the extent possible, especially in indoor settings. Businesses and venues should apply best practices in managing distancing at such places as concessions/counters, public restrooms, and lines/queuing.
- This guidance will be updated as the CDC releases new recommendations and is meant to supplement any federal or local guidance, safety laws, rules, regulations or business safety policies that may expressly require a face covering and/or social distancing.
- Continue to consult the CDC and IDPH websites for updated resources, guidelines, and rules related to COVID-19 safety.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Hospitalization of Adolescents Aged 12–17 Years with Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19 — COVID-NET, 14 States, March 1, 2020–April 24, 2021

A new CDC report looks at data for 204 adolescents hospitalized for COVID-19 during January-March 2021 and found nearly one-third required admission to an ICU and 5% required mechanical ventilation; no associated deaths occurred. Recent increased rates of hospitalization among adolescents for laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 and the potential for severe disease show the importance of vaccination for adolescents and mask use for those not yet vaccinated. Learn more: bit.ly/MMWR6421.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for most people with underlying health conditions, but data are limited on how well vaccines protect people with weakened immune systems. If you have a weakened immune system, talk to your doctor about whether you should keep taking precautions when you're fully vaccinated. Learn more: https://bit.ly/3psVQSR.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

CDC COVID-19 Study Shows mRNA Vaccines Reduce Risk of Infection by 91 Percent for Fully Vaccinated People *-Vaccination Makes Illness Milder, Shorter for the Few Vaccinated People Who Do Get COVID-19*

A new CDC study finds the mRNA COVID-19 vaccines authorized by the Food and Drug Administration (Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna) reduce the risk of infection by 91 percent for fully vaccinated people. This adds to the growing body of real-world evidence of their effectiveness. Importantly, this study also is among the first to show that mRNA vaccination benefits people who get COVID-19 despite being fully vaccinated (14 or more days after dose 2) or partially vaccinated (14 or more days after dose 1 to 13 days after dose 2).

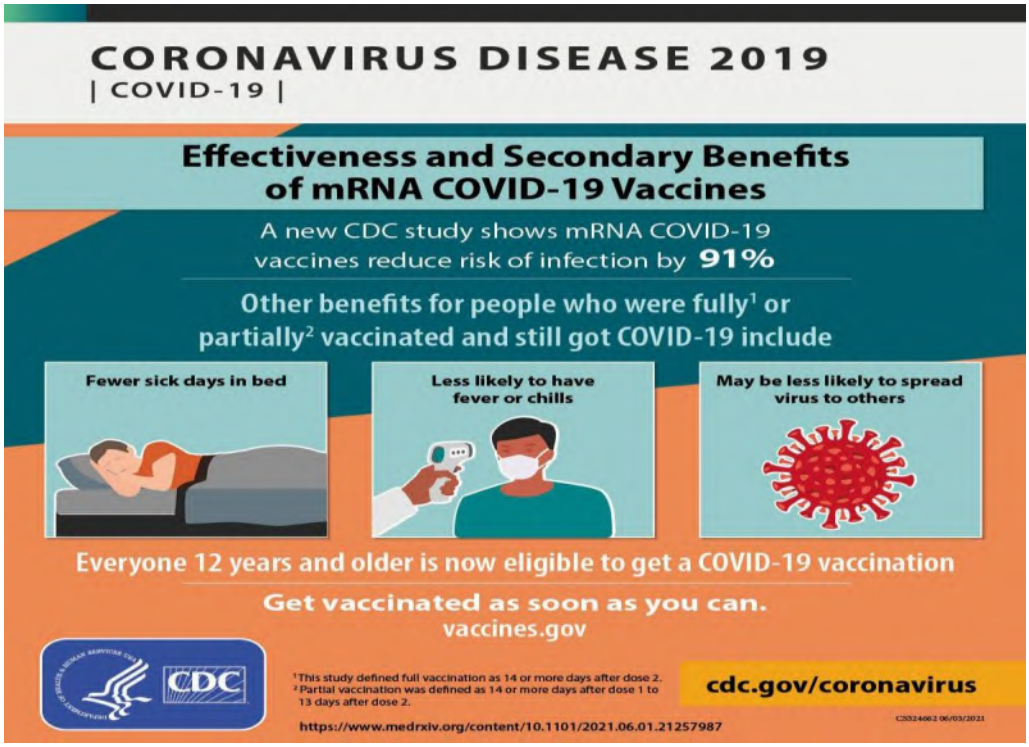
"COVID-19 vaccines are a critical tool in overcoming this pandemic," said CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH. "Findings from the extended timeframe of this study add to accumulating evidence that mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are effective and should prevent most infections — but that fully vaccinated people who still get COVID-19 are likely to have milder, shorter illness and appear to be less likely to spread the virus to others. These benefits are another important reason to get vaccinated."

The findings come from four weeks of additional data collected in CDC's HEROES-RECOVER study of health care workers, first responders, frontline workers, and other essential workers. These groups are more likely to be exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19 because of their occupations. Preliminary results from this study were first announced in March 2021.

In the new analysis, 3,975 participants completed weekly SARS-CoV-2 testing for 17 consecutive weeks (from December 13, 2020 to April 10, 2021) in eight U.S. locations. Participants self-collected nasal swabs that were laboratory tested for SARS-CoV-2, which is the virus that causes COVID-19. If the tests came back positive, the specimens were further tested to determine the amount of detectable virus in the nose (i.e., viral load) and the number of days that participants tested positive (i.e., viral shedding). Participants were followed over time and the data were analyzed according to vaccination status. To evaluate vaccine benefits, the study investigators accounted for the circulation of SARS-CoV-2 viruses in the area and how consistently participants used personal protective equipment (PPE) at work and in the community. Once fully vaccinated, participants' risk of infection was reduced by 91 percent. After partial vaccination, participants' risk of infection was reduced by 81 percent. These estimates included symptomatic and asymptomatic infections.

To determine whether COVID-19 illness was milder, study participants who became infected with SARS-CoV-2 were combined into a single group and compared to unvaccinated, infected participants. Several findings indicated that those who became infected after being fully or partially vaccinated were more likely to have a milder and shorter illness compared to those who were unvaccinated. For example, fully or partially vaccinated people who developed COVID-19 spent on average six fewer total days sick and two fewer days sick in bed. They also had about a 60 percent lower risk of developing symptoms, like fever or chills, compared to those who were unvaccinated. Some study participants infected with SARS-CoV-2 did not develop symptoms.

Other study findings suggest that fully or partially vaccinated people who got COVID-19 might be less likely to spread the virus to others. For example, fully or partially vaccinated study participants had 40 percent less detectable virus in their nose (i.e., a lower viral load), and the virus was detected for six fewer days (i.e., viral shedding) compared to those who were unvaccinated when infected. In addition, people who were partially or fully vaccinated were 66 percent less likely to test positive for SARS-CoV-2 infection for more than one week compared to those who were unvaccinated. While these indicators are not a direct measure of a person's ability to spread the virus, they have been correlated with reduced spread of other viruses, such as varicella and influenza.
Overall, the study findings support CDC's recommendation to get fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as you can. Everyone 12 years and older is now eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccination in the United States. CDC has several surveillance networks that will continue to assess how FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines are working in real-world conditions in different settings and in different groups of people, such as different age groups and people with different health statuses.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Illinois Department of Public Health Expands COVID-19 Testing to Elementary Schools - *Testing currently available for middle schools, high schools, and community colleges*

To help ensure schools can more safely resume in-person learning, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced it is expanding access to no-cost and low-cost COVID-19 testing to elementary schools across Illinois. Schools can choose to utilize the saliva-based covidSHIELD test developed by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

(UIUC). The covidSHIELD test can quickly detect the virus that causes COVID-19, and its variants, including among people who do not have symptoms.

"As we move ever closer to returning to how we lived pre-pandemic, it is critically important that we identify cases of COVID-19 as quickly as possible to help prevent outbreaks, which could ultimately lead to new surges," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Offering testing in schools, along with vaccination and masking, can help protect students, staff, and teachers when in-person learning resumes."

Schools and IDPH will receive test results within 24 hours of specimens reaching a SHIELD Illinois lab.

Testing is free for schools in districts that are predominantly low-income and have experienced high rates of COVID-19 infection. Other schools will receive a discounted fee of $10 per test. The classification of low-income school districts is determined by the Illinois State Board of Education's evidence-based funding criteria.

Last month, IDPH expanded covidSHIELD testing to middle and high schools across Illinois outside the city of Chicago.

IDPH is utilizing federal funds from the CARES Act and American Rescue Plan to offer the rapid results testing. The effort is part of the $225 million agreement between the University of Illinois System and the state aimed at proactively identifying asymptomatic individuals to prevent spread of COVID-19.

"I am pleased to see the protective screen that our covidSHIELD test-and-trace system provides being extended now to elementary schools around Illinois. I am deeply thankful to the Illinois Department of Public Health for its vision in making this safe, effective and efficient system available to so many students and teachers," University of Illinois System President Tim Killeen said. "Providing this kind of service to the state is at the heart of our land-grant mission."

Schools looking for more information on testing or to sign up for covidSHIELD testing can contact Beth Heller at bheller@uillinois.edu.

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

July 2, 2021

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Summer Schedule for COVID-19 Bulletin

Please note the following schedule change to the COVID-19 Bulletin. During the summer months (June and July) the COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin will be published every other week. The bulletin will be available on:

July 2
July 16
July 30

At that time, a decision will be made to return to a weekly schedule or continue with the bi-weekly schedule. Thank you!

LaSalle County Health Department Moves to Weekly COVID-19 Media Updates

The LaSalle County Health Department (LCHD) will no longer be issuing daily COVID-19 updates, but has moved to once a week updates on Fridays.

COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 07/02/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
12,938	12,541	312	85	95,724	0.7 %

Week ending 06/25/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
12,918	12,509	310	99	93,525	1.7 %

Week of 06/18/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
12,906	12,463	310	133	91,802	1.4 %

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Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

As of July 2, 2021, The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 25,755 individuals with 12,470 of those individuals being fully vaccinated since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

Below is the overall County and State data as of July 2, 2021:

LaSalle County	**Illinois**
95,724 Administered Vaccine Doses	12,648,167 Administered Vaccine Doses
46,219 # Population Fully Vaccinated	6,195,351 # Population Fully Vaccinated
42.24 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	48.63 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated

Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

06/18/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	177,515,339	3,843,997
US	33,509,821	600,935
Illinois	1,388,688	23,133
LaSalle County	12,906	310

07/02/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	182,747,382	3,957,753
US	33,679,937	605,036
Illinois	1,392,552	23,245
LaSalle County	12,938	312

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	238	256	3.82	0.00
10-19	622	721	10.38	0.00
20s	1035	1133	16.76	0.00
30s	1011	1005	15.58	0.00
40s	921	974	14.65	1.60
50s	947	1030	15.28	2.24
60s	731	716	11.18	8.33
70s	383	431	6.29	23.40
80s	218	309	4.07	35.26
90s	90	152	1.87	25.96
100s	1	14	0.12	3.21
UNK				
Total	6197	6741		
%	47.90	52.10		
TOTAL CASES		12938		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	537
June	67	**104**
July	261	**11**
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**4485**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	10*
May	12	10
June	4	**5**
July	1	**0**
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**81**

Deaths by Age	**312**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	5
50's	7
60's	26
70's	73
80's	110
90's	81
100s	10
Males	158
Females	154

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported death in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Cases by City/Village

06.18.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	31	0.24%
Dana	30	0.23%
Earlville	246	1.91%
Grand Ridge	105	0.81%
LaSalle	1215	9.41%
Leland	167	1.29%
Leonore	5	0.04%
Lostant	80	0.62%
Marseilles	863	6.69%
Mendota	1321	10.24%
Millington	38	0.29%
Oglesby	514	3.98%
Ottawa	2630	20.38%
Peru	1324	10.26%
Ransom	45	0.35%
Rutland	33	0.26%
Sandwich	453	3.51%
Serena	57	0.44%
Seneca	323	2.50%
Sheridan	795	6.16%
Somonauk	246	1.91%
Streator	1997	15.47%
Tonica	112	0.87%
Troy Grove	24	0.19%
Utica	208	1.61%
Wedron	8	0.06%
Wenona	28	0.22%
Other**	8	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**12906**	

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Town	Current Total	Increase since last report	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	31	0	0.24%
Dana	30	0	0.23%
Earlville	249	3	1.92%
Grand Ridge	105	0	0.81%
LaSalle	1215	0	9.39%
Leland	169	2	1.31%
Leonore	5	0	0.04%
Lostant	80	0	0.62%
Marseilles	864	1	6.68%
Mendota	1321	0	10.21%
Millington	38	0	0.29%
Oglesby	514	0	3.97%
Ottawa	2639	9	20.40%
Peru	1327	3	10.26%
Ransom	45	0	0.35%
Rutland	33	0	0.26%
Sandwich	453	0	3.50%
Serena	57	0	0.44%
Seneca	326	3	2.52%
Sheridan	797	2	6.16%
Somonauk	247	1	1.91%
Streator	2004	7	15.49%
Tonica	113	1	0.87%
Troy Grove	24	0	0.19%
Utica	208	0	1.61%
Wedron	8	0	0.06%
Wenona (LC Cases)	28	0	0.22%
Other**	8	0	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**12938**	**32**	

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.

** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

Week of 06.18.21



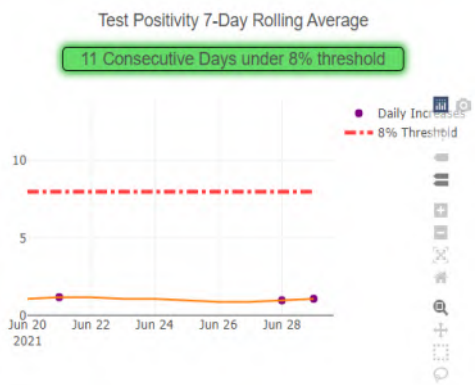
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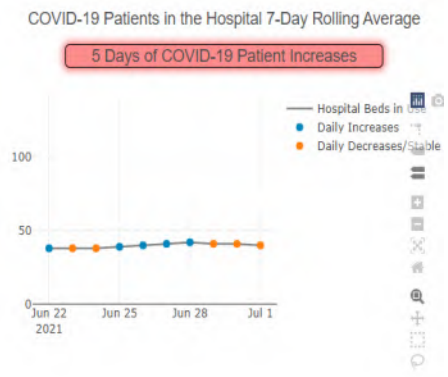


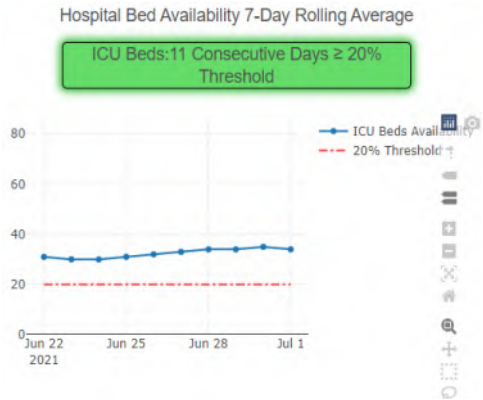
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Region 2 Summary - 07/02/2021







County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics –06/20/21 – 06/26/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **6 per 100K** *Decrease from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **0** * Decrease from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **0.7 %** *Decrease from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **1412** *less tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1.2 %** *Increase in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **5** * Increase from previous week
Cluster (%) of cases No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **0.0 %** *No Change in reported clusters from previous week	**ICU (%) Available** ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **31.8 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 06/13/21 – 06/19/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **18 per 100K** *Decrease from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1** * No change from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **1.7 %** *Increase from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **1,713** *less tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **0.9 %** *Increase in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **0** * No Change from previous week
Cluster (%) of cases No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **0.0 %** *No change in reported clusters from previous week	**ICU (%) Available** ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **32.0 %** *Increase in availability from previous week	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

LaSalle County Health Department Testing Information

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

State of Illinois Community Based Testing

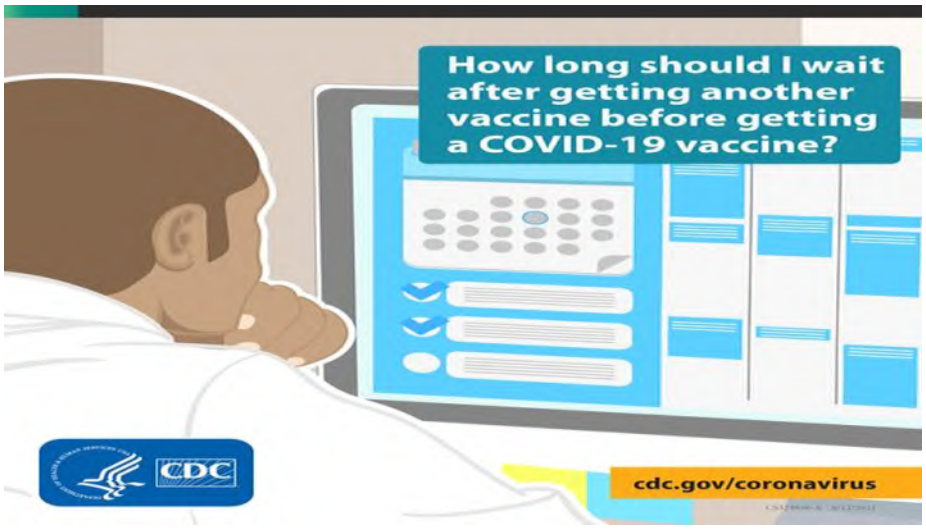
Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 823 Wilke Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Fairview Heights	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State Street	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.



How Long Should I Wait After Getting Another Vaccine Before Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine?

You can get a COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as other vaccines, including flu and shingles. You no longer need to wait 14 days between these vaccines and your COVID-19 vaccine. Generally, side effects are the same if vaccines are given alone or together. Learn more about timing of vaccinations: https://bit.ly/2RqXsQs.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Current and Upcoming LaSalle County Health Department COVID-19 Vaccination

COVID -19 Vaccines Available at the Health Department

The LaSalle County Health Department has COVID-19 vaccine available at the Health

Department **by appointment only,** Monday through Saturday. The Health Department has Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer available. Residents who still need to be vaccinated should call the Health Department at 815-433-3366 to make an appointment.

Appointments Still Available for COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at Local High Schools

The LaSalle County Health Department has partnered with local high schools in larger communities (Streator, Mendota, and LaSalle-Peru) to hold COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics this summer. Our goal is to vaccinate students 12 years of age and older. The Health Department encourages parents to make plans to get your children 12 years and older vaccinated against COVID-19 to help protect them and others. Widespread vaccination is a critical tool to help stop the pandemic. In addition, students at nearby feeder schools should take advantage of this opportunity in their communities.

Current guidelines for vaccinated individuals:

- Testing is not recommended for staff or students who are fully vaccinated
- Fully vaccinated students or staff are not required to quarantine or test, unless symptomatic

Parents, students, and staff who are vaccinated will experience less disruptions in their lives and daily activities. Please note, these clinics are open to all LaSalle County residents that are still in need of a vaccination.

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 ---- Pfizer (Dose 1 Appointment)
Ottawa High School
Must be 12 years old, and eligible per the State of Illinois.
Click link to schedule an appointment https://events.juvare.com/IL-IDPH/71680517-bb04640-a872-ebbbc6fd71f9/

Important Things to Remember:

- **Must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**
- Appointment availability is only for those scheduling their first dose. If you received your first dose elsewhere, we will not be able to complete your second dose at this time.
- *All second dose appointments will be scheduled upon attending your first dose appointment.*

Information regarding upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics and Appointment Availability is posted on our website. Please visit www.lasallecounty.org and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment at an upcoming COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic. For additional information, please contact the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366.

Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.

Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

St. Margaret's Health - Peru (LaSalle Medical Clinic)

The Hygienic Institute will begin weekly Wednesday clinics for the COVID-19 Vaccine 1st or 2nd dose starting Wednesday, June 23rd. The Hygienic Institute will have both Moderna and Pfizer available. Pfizer can be given to the 12 – 18-year-olds.

If you would like to schedule an appointment for the COVID Vaccine, please call the Vaccine Hotline Number: **779-201-5272** and leave a detailed message with your name and the best contact number. You will be called back to schedule an appointment.

Get the Vaccine to Save Lives!

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

Locate the nearest location of the Pfizer vaccine for your 12–17-year-old in Illinois at www.vaccines.gov



Gov. Pritzker Launches $10 Million 'All In for the Win' Promotion to Reward Vaccinated Residents

June 17, 2021 – As Illinois continues to lead the Midwest in vaccinating our residents, Governor Pritzker announced a new $10 million 'All In for the Win' promotion that will reward vaccinated Illinoisans by automatically entering them into a series of cash and scholarship lotteries with prizes up to $1 million.

More than 70% of Illinois adults have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, according to the CDC, making Illinois the first state in the Midwest to reach President Biden's goal.

"All In For The Win is yet another way we're working to ensure every single resident is protected from COVID-19, and especially, this virus' more dangerous variants," **said Governor JB Pritzker.** "Vaccines are incredibly effective and keep you protected – and they also make your community safer. Getting the shot is how we truly end this thing, so vax up, Illinois. If you do, you might even hit the jackpot."

"While our vaccination numbers in Illinois are good, in fact the best in the Midwest, we still need more people – as many people as possible – to get vaccinated," **said Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike.** "The pandemic is not over and as long as the virus is allowed to circulate, it can mutate and form new variants. We need to slow the virus' activity – and the best way to do that is through vaccination."

All In for the Win offers $7 million in cash prizes to vaccinated adults, ranging from $100,000 to $1 million, and $3 million in scholarship awards to vaccinated youth, held in Bright Start 529 College Savings Plan. Residents who received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine in Illinois are automatically entered into the lotteries. There are no sign ups, no forms, and no lines to wait in. Residents are encouraged to get vaccinated before July 1st to ensure they're entered into every draw and have the most chances to win a prize, including the first

million-dollar top prize on July 8th. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) will continue to check their records before each drawing. Once entered, residents remain eligible in all future drawings, unless they win.

The first drawing will take place on Thursday, July 8, 2021, and the promotion will run until Thursday, August 26, 2021, with a series of drawings for 43 cash prizes — including three million-dollar jackpots — and 20 scholarship awards.

One million-dollar cash winner and three $150K scholarship winners will be drawn on July 8th, and weekly drawings will continue throughout the summer. Drawings include weekly $100K cash prizes and regional lotteries to ensure people from every part of the state are among the lucky winners. The grand finale — which includes two million-dollar cash prizes and seventeen scholarship awards – will be drawn on August 26. To view the complete drawing schedule, visit allin.illinois.gov.

After each draw, IDPH will reach out to the winners to ask for authorization to share their name and contact information with the Illinois Lottery. At no time will any state entity other than IDPH have information about a participant or winner without their consent. The Illinois Lottery will then help the winner through the claim process to receive their prize.

RESTORE ILLINOIS

On Friday, June 11, 2021, Illinois moved to a full reopening, also known as Phase 5, the final phase of the Restore Illinois plan. The state has eliminated all capacity limits on businesses, large-scale events, conventions, amusement parks, and all other venues. Mask requirements for vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals continue to align with CDC guidelines. #VaxUpIL if you are eligible! Learn more about Phase 5 http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19/Illinois%20Phase%205%20Guidelines.pdf

RESTORE ILLINOIS

Phase 5 Guidance for Businesses and Venues

This guidance replaces the industry-specific guidance that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity published as part of the state's Restore Illinois plan. This guidance includes recommendations for all types of businesses and venues, customers, and employees in order to help maintain healthy environments and operations, as well as lower the risk of COVID-19 spread.

The following are recommended prevention strategies that recognize that while the state of Illinois has made substantial progress in vaccinating its residents, a number of individuals remain ineligible or have not yet chosen to be vaccinated. Consistent use of prevention strategies will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect people who are not fully vaccinated, including customers, employees, and their families. As always, businesses and local municipalities may choose to implement additional prevention strategies as they deem appropriate.

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and widely available across Illinois. Everyone aged 12 years and older should be vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible to keep from getting and/or spreading COVID-19.
- For businesses and venues where everyone present is fully vaccinated, the state does not require face coverings and social distancing in both indoor and outdoor settings. Businesses and municipalities are permitted to continue requiring face coverings and social distancing as they deem appropriate.
- For indoor businesses and venues where everyone present is not fully vaccinated, unvaccinated persons should wear a face covering and maintain six feet social distance. Businesses and venues may continue to require face coverings and/or social distancing. At outdoor businesses and venues, unvaccinated persons may choose not to wear a face covering when able to maintain a six-foot social distance while outdoors, unless required to do so by a business or municipality.
- Although people who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a face covering under state guidance, businesses and venues should be supportive of customers and employees who choose to wear a face covering.
- Persons who are immunocompromised should consider wearing face coverings when in settings where others may not be fully vaccinated.
- All unvaccinated persons should wear face coverings in crowded settings, both indoors and outdoors, especially when youth are present. See CDC guidance for further information.
- There are limited circumstances and settings where all individuals, including those who are fully vaccinated, must continue to wear a mask in accordance with CDC guidance: (1) on public transportation, (2) in congregate facilities, (3) in health care settings, and where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- Individuals in schools, day care settings, and educational institutions should continue to follow separate guidance issued by the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and Illinois Department of Public Health.
- All businesses and venues should support social distancing to the extent possible, especially in indoor settings. Businesses and venues should apply best practices in managing distancing at such places as concessions/counters, public restrooms, and lines/queuing.
- This guidance will be updated as the CDC releases new recommendations and is meant to supplement any federal or local guidance, safety laws, rules, regulations or business safety policies that may expressly require a face covering and/or social distancing.
- Continue to consult the CDC and IDPH websites for updated resources, guidelines, and rules related to COVID-19 safety.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

The authorized COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing COVID-19, but no vaccine prevents illness 100% of the time. A small percentage of people who are fully vaccinated

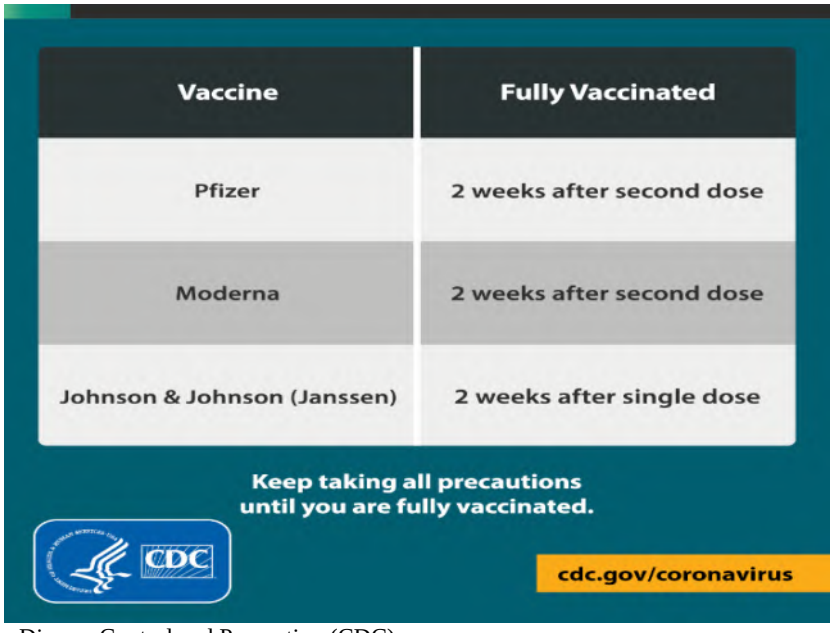
may still get COVID-19 if they're exposed to the virus that causes it. These infections are called "vaccine breakthrough cases." However, being vaccinated makes it less likely that people will get seriously ill if they do get COVID-19.
More: https://bit.ly/2QL0XAC.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

When Am I Considered Fully Vaccinated?

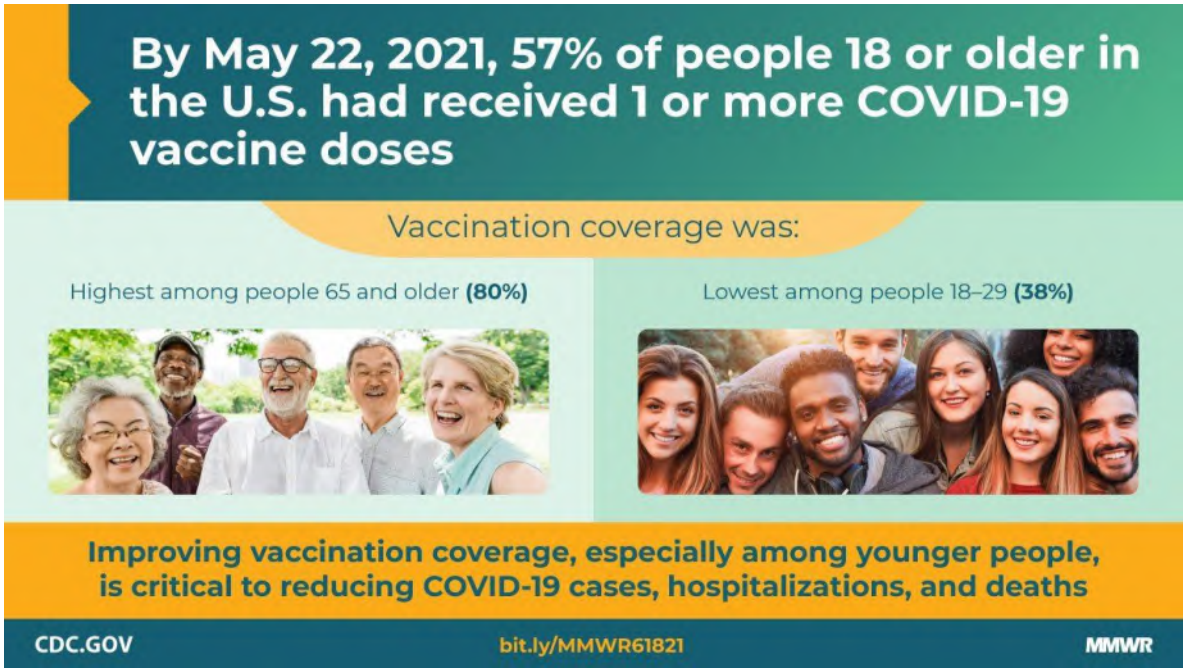
When you receive a COVID-19 vaccine, it's important to know when you are fully vaccinated. It's not instant. COVID-19 vaccines teach our immune systems how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19.
Learn more: https://bit.ly/3btJaFU



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Adults — United States, December 14, 2020–May 22, 2021

A new CDC report finds that by May 22, 2021, 57% of people 18 and older had received 1 or more doses of COVID-19 vaccine. Coverage was highest among people 65 and older (80%) and lowest among people 18–29 (38%). Coverage increased more slowly over time among younger adults. If the current rates of vaccination (as of May 22) continue through August, coverage among younger adults will remain substantially lower than among older adults. Coverage was lower among people who live in less urban communities or communities with higher levels of factors associated with poor health. Outreach is critical to improve coverage among people of all ages to reduce COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, especially among younger adults. Learn more: bit.ly/MMWR61821.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Public Health Officials Announce More Than 80 COVID-19 Cases Now Associated with Youth Camp Outbreak- Secondary outbreak now connected with previously reported youth camp outbreak in Central Illinois

June 28, 2021, SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is now reporting 85 teens and adult staff at a summer youth camp held in mid-June in central Illinois tested positive for COVID- 19. One unvaccinated, young adult was hospitalized. Although all campers and staff were eligible for vaccination, IDPH is aware of only a

handful of campers and staff receiving the vaccine. The camp was not checking vaccination status and masking was not required while indoors. IDPH is reminding people about the importance of vaccination, including youth, as the Delta variant and other variants continue to spread.

“The majority of the 85 COVID-19 cases associated with the youth camp are among teens,” said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. “The perceived risk to children may seem small, but even a mild case of COVID-19 can cause long-term health issues. Additionally, infected youth who may not experience severe illness can still spread the virus to others, including those who are too young to be vaccinated or those who don’t build the strong expected immune response to the vaccine.”

A couple individuals who were at the camp also attended a nearby conference, which resulted in 11 additional cases. At least 70% of those cases were unvaccinated. The vaccines currently authorized n the U.S. have been shown to be effective among individuals who are fully vaccinated, even against the more transmissible and serious variants. Schuyler and Adams counties, where the outbreaks occurred, are seeing approximately 40% of their population fully vaccinated.

IDPH continues to assist local health departments involved in the youth camp and conference outbreaks and is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Specimens are being sought for genomic sequencing to determine if any of the cases were caused by variants.

Information about where to get a COVID-19 vaccination can be found at https://www.vaccines.gov/. CDC guidance adopted by IDPH for operating youth camps can be found at http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/operating-youth-camps.
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Tracking SARS-CoV-2 variants

All viruses, including SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, change over time. Most changes have little to no impact on the virus’ properties. However, some changes may affect the virus’s properties, such as how easily it spreads, the associated disease severity, or the performance of vaccines, therapeutic medicines, diagnostic tools, or other public health and social measures.

The World Health Organization (WHO), in collaboration with partners, expert networks, national authorities, institutions and researchers have been monitoring and assessing the evolution of SARS-CoV-2 since January 2020. During late 2020, the emergence of variants that posed an increased risk to global public health prompted the characterization of specific Variants of Interest (VOIs) and Variants of Concern (VOCs), in order to prioritize global monitoring and research, and ultimately to inform the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHO and its international networks of experts are monitoring changes to the virus so that if significant mutations are identified, we can inform countries and the public about any changes needed to react to the variant, and prevent its spread. Globally, systems have been established and are being strengthened to detect “signals” of potential VOIs or VOCs and assess these based on the risk posed to global public health. National authorities may choose to designate other variants of local interest/concern.

Current strategies and measures recommended by WHO continue to work against virus variants identified since the start of the pandemic.

Naming SARS-CoV-2 variants

The established nomenclature systems for naming and tracking SARS-CoV-2 genetic lineages by GISAID, Nextstrain and Pango are currently and will remain in use by scientists and in scientific research. To assist with public discussions of variants, WHO convened a group of scientists from the WHO Virus Evolution Working Group, the WHO COVID-19 reference laboratory network, representatives from GISAID, Nextstrain, Pango and additional experts in virological, microbial nomenclature and communication from several countries and agencies to consider easy-to-pronounce and non-stigmatizing labels for VOI and VOC. At the present time, this expert group convened by WHO has recommended using labeled using letters of the Greek Alphabet, i.e., Alpha, Beta, Gamma, which will be easier and more practical to discussed by non-scientific audiences.

SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern and Variants of Interest, updated 15 June 2021

A SARS-CoV-2 variant that meets the definition of a VOI (see below) and, through a comparative assessment, has been demonstrated to be associated with one or more of the following changes at a degree of global public health significance:

- Increase in transmissibility or detrimental change in COVID-19 epidemiology; or
- Increase in virulence or change in clinical disease presentation; or
- Decrease in effectiveness of public health and social measures or available diagnostics, vaccines, therapeutics.

WHO label	Pango lineage	Earliest documented samples	Date of designation
Alpha	B.1.1.7	United Kingdom, Sep-2020	18-Dec-2020
Beta	B.1.351	South Africa, May-2020	18-Dec-2020
Gamma	P.1	Brazil, Nov-2020	11-Jan-2021

Delta	B.1.617.2	India, Oct-2020	VOI: 4-Apr-2021 VOC: 11-May-2021

Variants of Interest

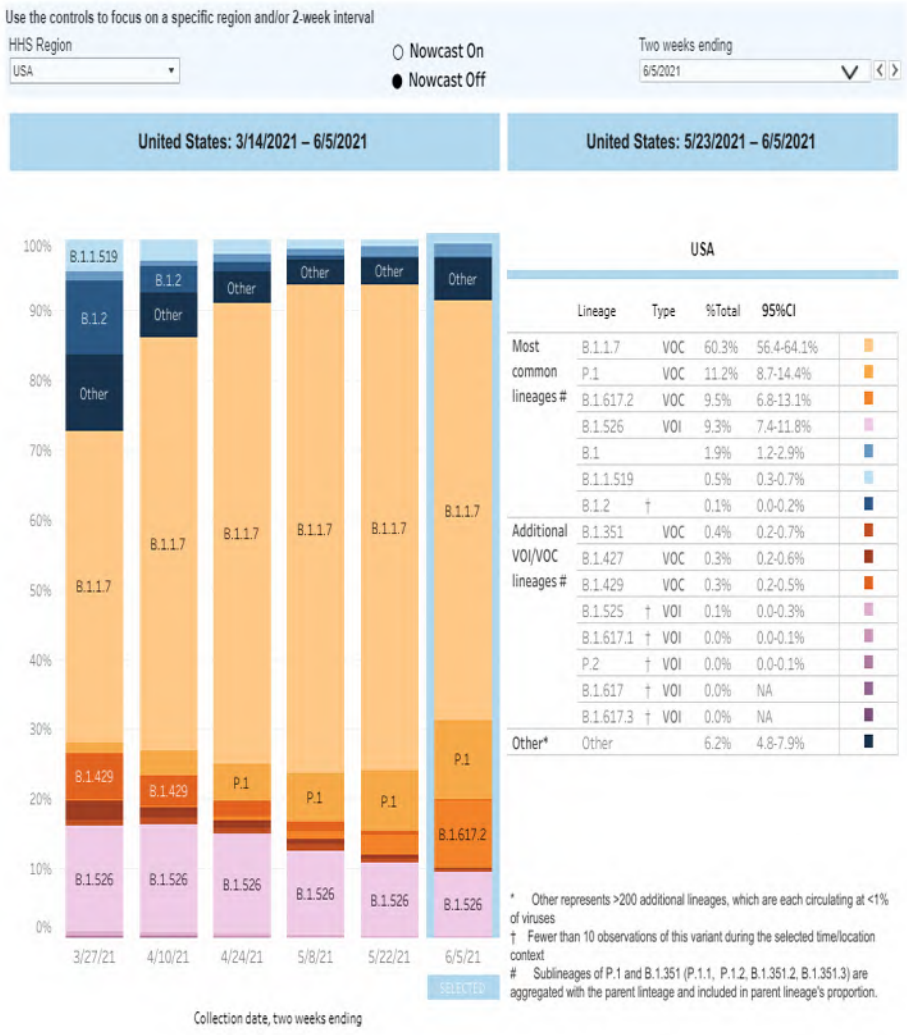
A SARS-CoV-2 isolate is a Variant of Interest (VOI) if, compared to a reference isolate, its genome has mutations with established or suspected phenotypic implications, and either:

- has been identified to cause community transmission/multiple COVID-19 cases/clusters, or has been detected in multiple countries; OR
- is otherwise assessed to be a VOI by WHO in consultation with the WHO SARS-CoV-2 Virus Evolution Working Group.

WHO label	Pango lineage	Earliest documented samples	Date of designation
Epsilon	B.1.427/B.1.429	United States of America, Mar-2020	5-Mar-2021
Zeta	P.2	Brazil, Apr-2020	17-Mar-2021
Eta	B.1.525	Multiple countries, Dec-2020	17-Mar-2021
Theta	P.3	Philippines, Jan-2021	24-Mar-2021
Iota	B.1.526	United States of America, Nov-2020	24-Mar-2021
Kappa	B.1.617.1	India, Oct-2020	4-Apr-2021
Lambda	C.37	Peru, Aug-2020	14-Jun-2021

Source: https://www.who.int/en/activities/tracking-SARS-CoV-2-variants/

Variant Circulation in United States



Source: CDC web site

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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin

Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.

For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

July 16, 2021

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Summer Schedule for COVID-19 Bulletin

Please note the following schedule change to the COVID-19 Bulletin. During the summer months (June and July) the COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin will be published every other week. The bulletin will be available on:

July 16
July 30

At that time, a decision will be made to return to a weekly schedule or continue with the bi-weekly schedule. Thank you!

COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 07/16/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
12,990	12,592	314	84	97,792	2.2 %

Week ending 07/09/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
12,960	12,570	313	77	96,375	1.2 %

Week of 07/02/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
12,938	12,541	312	85	95,724	0.7 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

As of July 16, 2021, The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 25,265 individuals with 12,520 of those individuals being fully vaccinated since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

- COVID-19 Vaccination Among Adolescents and Parents of Adolescents
- SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617.2 (Delta) Variant COVID-19 Outbreak Associated with a Gymnastics Facility
- Illinois Department of Public Health Adopts CDC COVID-19 Prevention School Guidance
- Variant Circulation in the United States

Below is the overall County and State data as of July 16, 2021:

LaSalle County	Illinois
97,792 Administered Vaccine Doses	12,917,362 Administered Vaccine Doses
47,416 # Population Fully Vaccinated	6,341,844 # Population Fully Vaccinated
43.33 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	49.77 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated

Total LaSalle County Breakthrough Cases as of 7/16/21

31

Note: Breakthrough cases are defined as someone who tests positive for Covid-19 more than 14 days after completing vaccination.

Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

07/02/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	182,747,382	3,957,753
US	33,679,937	605,036
Illinois	1,392,552	23,245
LaSalle County	12,938	312

07/16/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	189,074,478	4,069,219
US	33,978,642	608,417
Illinois	1,399,946	23,357
LaSalle County	12,990	314

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	240	258	3.83	0.00
10-19	625	725	10.39	0.00
20s	1040	1136	16.75	0.00
30s	1013	1014	15.60	0.00
40s	924	976	14.63	1.59
50s	949	1037	15.29	2.23
60s	734	717	11.17	8.60
70s	385	432	6.29	23.57
80s	218	310	4.06	35.03
90s	90	152	1.86	25.80
100s	1	14	0.12	3.18
UNK				
Total	6219	6771		
%	47.88	52.12		
TOTAL CASES		**12990**		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	537
June	67	104
July	261	**63**
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**4548**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	10*
May	12	10
June	4	5
July	1	**2**
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**83**

Deaths by Age	**314**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	5
50's	7
60's	27
70's	74
80's	110
90's	81
100s	10
Males	158
Females	156

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported deaths in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

VARIANTS

Reported Variant Cases in LaSalle County as of 7/16/2021*

(* Total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.)

Variant Name	Variant Designation	Variant Country of Origin	Number reported
Alpha	B.1.1.7	U.K	56
Gamma	P.1/P.1.1	Brazil	46
Iota	B.1.526.1	US	<5
Delta	B.1.617.2	India	<5

Cases by City/Village

07.02.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	31	0.24%
Dana	30	0.23%
Earlville	249	1.92%
Grand Ridge	105	0.81%
LaSalle	1215	9.39%
Leland	169	1.31%
Leonore	5	0.04%
Lostant	80	0.62%
Marseilles	864	6.68%
Mendota	1321	10.21%
Millington	38	0.29%
Oglesby	514	3.97%
Ottawa	2639	20.40%
Peru	1327	10.26%
Ransom	45	0.35%
Rutland	33	0.26%
Sandwich	453	3.50%
Serena	57	0.44%
Seneca	326	2.52%
Sheridan	797	6.16%
Somonauk	247	1.91%
Streator	2004	15.49%
Tonica	113	0.87%
Troy Grove	24	0.19%
Utica	208	1.61%
Wedron	8	0.06%
Wenona	28	0.22%
Other**	8	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**12938**	

07.16.21

Town	Current Total	Increase since last report	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	31	0	0.24%
Dana	30	0	0.23%
Earlville	251	2	1.93%
Grand Ridge	106	1	0.82%
LaSalle	1218	3	9.38%
Leland	170	1	1.31%
Leonore	5	0	0.04%
Lostant	80	0	0.62%
Marseilles	867	3	6.67%
Mendota	1323	2	10.18%
Millington	38	0	0.29%
Oglesby	516	2	3.97%
Ottawa	2653	14	20.42%
Peru	1332	5	10.25%
Ransom	45	0	0.35%
Rutland	33	0	0.25%
Sandwich	453	0	3.49%
Serena	57	0	0.44%
Seneca	327	1	2.52%
Sheridan	797	0	6.14%
Somonauk	249	2	1.92%
Streator	2017	13	15.53%
Tonica	113	0	0.87%
Troy Grove	24	0	0.18%
Utica	211	3	1.62%
Wedron	8	0	0.06%
Wenona (LC Cases)	28	0	0.22%
Other**	8	0	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**12990**	**52**	

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.

** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

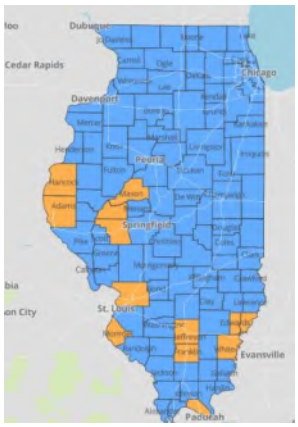
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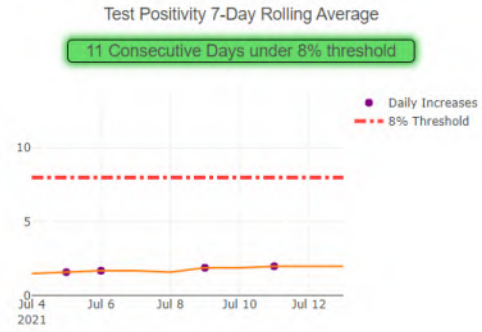
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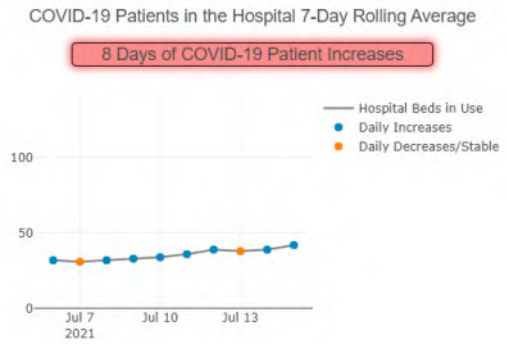


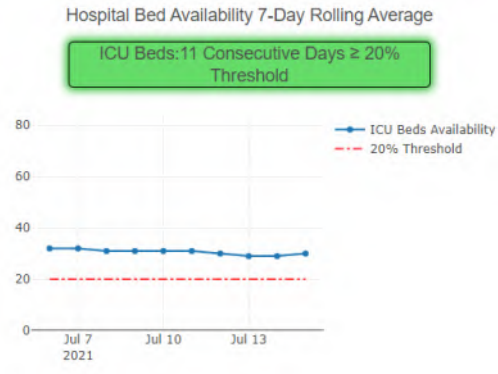
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Region 2 Summary - 07/16/2021







County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics –07/04/21 – 07/11/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **32 per 100K** *Increase from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **0** * Decrease from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **2.2%** *Increase from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **1,513** *less tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1.3%** *Increase in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **<5** * Increase from previous week
Cluster (%) of cases No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **7.7 %** *Increase in reported clusters from previous week	**ICU (%) Available** ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **31.1%** *Decrease in availability from previous week	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 06/27/21 – 07/3/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **15 per 100K** *Increase from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2** * Increase from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **1.2 %** *Increase from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **1,867** *more tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **NA %** *less than 5 visits, percent not calculated	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **0** * Decrease from previous week
Cluster (%) of cases No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **0.0 %** *No change in reported clusters from previous week	**ICU (%) Available** ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **31.9 %** *Increase in availability from previous week	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

LaSalle County Health Department Testing Information

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

PCR tests are available for individuals who need a more comprehensive test. Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

State of Illinois Community Based Testing

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 823 Wilke Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Fairview Heights	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State Street	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

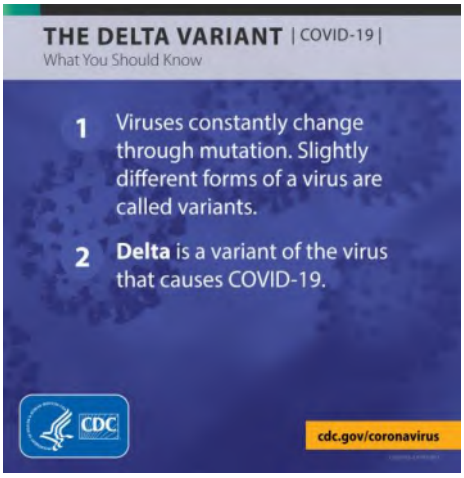
For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.

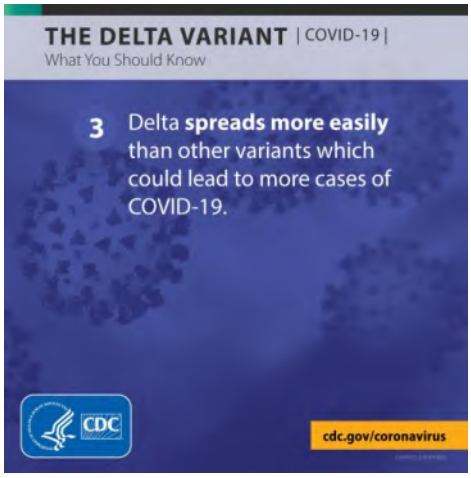


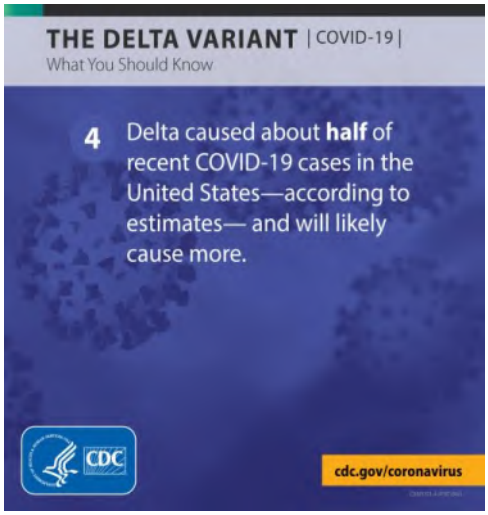
The Delta Variant – What Should I Know?

You're probably hearing a lot about the Delta variant of the virus that causes COVID-19. Delta spreads more easily than other variants, which could lead to more cases of COVID-19. More COVID-19 cases mean more opportunities for the virus to mutate and for new variants to emerge.

FDA-authorized COVID-19 vaccines offer protection against Delta and other known variants. You can help stop the spread of these variants by getting vaccinated as soon as you can.









Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Still in Need of a COVID -19 Vaccine? Call the Health Department to Schedule an Appointment

The LaSalle County Health Department has COVID -19 vaccine available at the Health Department by appointment only, Monday through Friday. The Health Department has Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer vaccine available.
Residents who still need to be vaccinated should call the Health Department at 815-433-3366 to make an appointment.
Pfizer is available to anyone 12 years of age and older. **Please Note – Must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**

Get the facts, then get the vax! Learn more about the COVID-19 vaccines: https://www.cdc.gov/.../vaccines/different-vaccines.html



Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

St. Margaret's Health - Peru (LaSalle Medical Clinic)

The Hygienic Institute will begin weekly Wednesday clinics for the COVID-19 Vaccine 1st or 2nd dose starting Wednesday, June 23rd. The Hygienic Institute will have both Moderna and Pfizer available. Pfizer can be given to the 12 – 18-year-olds.

If you would like to schedule an appointment for the COVID Vaccine, please call the Vaccine Hotline Number: **779-201-5272** and leave a detailed message with your name and the best contact number. You will be called back to schedule an appointment.

Get the Vaccine to Save Lives!

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)

- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

Locate the nearest location of the Pfizer vaccine for your 12–17-year-old in Illinois at www.vaccines.gov



RESTORE ILLINOIS

On Friday, June 11, 2021**,** Illinois moved to a full reopening, also known as Phase 5, the final phase of the Restore Illinois plan. The state has eliminated all capacity limits on businesses, large-scale events, conventions, amusement parks, and all other venues. Mask requirements for vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals continue to align with CDC guidelines. #VaxUpIL if you are eligible! Learn more about Phase 5 http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19/Illinois%20Phase%205%20Guidelines.pdf

RESTORE ILLINOIS

Phase 5 Guidance for Businesses and Venues

This guidance replaces the industry-specific guidance that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity published as part of the state's Restore Illinois plan. This guidance includes recommendations for all types of businesses and venues, customers, and employees in order to help maintain healthy environments and operations, as well as lower the risk of COVID-19 spread.

The following are recommended prevention strategies that recognize that while the state of Illinois has made substantial progress in vaccinating its residents, a number of individuals remain ineligible or have not yet chosen to be vaccinated. Consistent use of prevention strategies will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect people who are not fully vaccinated, including customers, employees, and their families. As always, businesses and local municipalities may choose to implement additional prevention strategies as they deem appropriate.

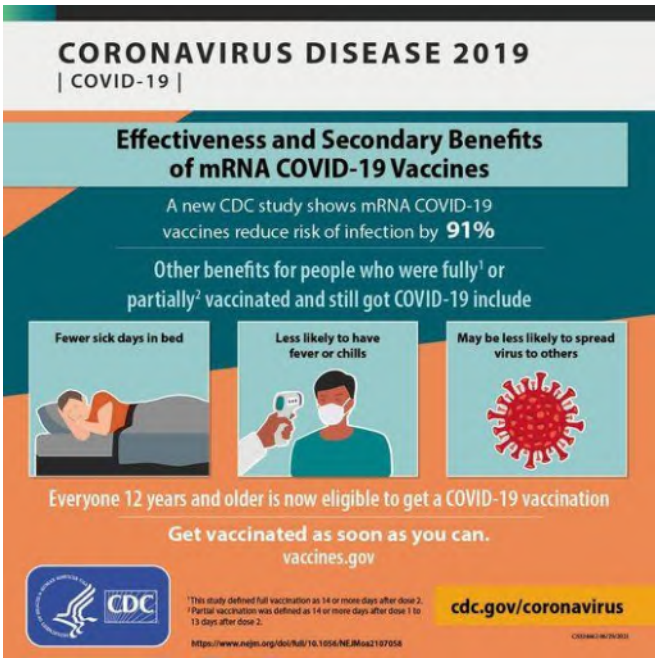
- COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and widely available across Illinois. Everyone aged 12 years and older should be vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible to keep from getting and/or spreading COVID-19.
- For businesses and venues where everyone present is fully vaccinated, the state does not require face coverings and social distancing in both indoor and outdoor settings. Businesses and municipalities are permitted to continue requiring face coverings and social distancing as they deem appropriate.
- For indoor businesses and venues where everyone present is not fully vaccinated, unvaccinated persons should wear a face covering and maintain six feet social distance. Businesses and venues may continue to require face coverings and/or social distancing. At outdoor businesses and venues, unvaccinated persons may choose not to wear a face covering when able to maintain a six-foot social distance while outdoors, unless required to do so by a business or municipality.
- Although people who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a face covering under state guidance, businesses and venues should be supportive of customers and employees who choose to wear a face covering.
- Persons who are immunocompromised should consider wearing face coverings when in settings where others may not be fully vaccinated.
- All unvaccinated persons should wear face coverings in crowded settings, both indoors and outdoors, especially when youth are present. See CDC guidance for further information.
- There are limited circumstances and settings where all individuals, including those who are fully vaccinated, must continue to wear a mask in accordance with CDC guidance: (1) on public transportation, (2) in congregate facilities, (3) in health care settings, and where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- Individuals in schools, day care settings, and educational institutions should continue to follow separate guidance issued by the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and Illinois Department of Public Health.
- All businesses and venues should support social distancing to the extent possible, especially in indoor settings. Businesses and venues should apply best practices in managing distancing at such places as concessions/counters, public restrooms, and lines/queuing.
- This guidance will be updated as the CDC releases new recommendations and is meant to supplement any federal or local guidance, safety laws, rules, regulations or business safety policies that may expressly require a face covering and/or social distancing.
- Continue to consult the CDC and IDPH websites for updated resources, guidelines, and rules related to COVID-19 safety.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

A CDC study found that mRNA COVID-19 vaccines are 91% effective at reducing the risk of infection. Additionally, people who were fully or partially vaccinated and still got

COVID-19 had other benefits from the vaccine, like fewer sick days in bed and reduced risk of symptoms like fever and chills. Learn more: https://bit.ly/3hK1YCL.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Joint CDC and FDA Statement on Vaccine Boosters – July 8, 2021

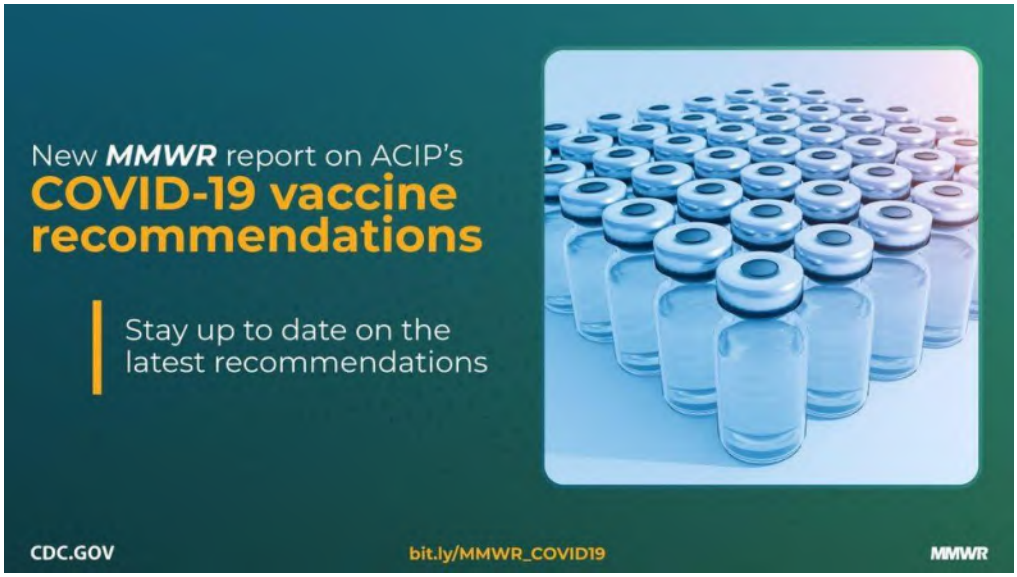
Americans who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 do not need a booster shot at this time. FDA, CDC, and NIH are engaged in a science-based, rigorous process to consider whether or when a booster might be necessary. Read full statement from CDC & FDA below:

> *The United States is fortunate to have highly effective vaccines that are widely available for those aged 12 and up. People who are fully vaccinated are protected from severe disease and death, including from the variants currently circulating in the country such as Delta. People who are not vaccinated remain at risk. Virtually all COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths are among those who are unvaccinated. We encourage Americans who have not yet been vaccinated to get vaccinated as soon as possible to protect themselves and their community.*
>
> *Americans who have been fully vaccinated do not need a booster shot at this time. FDA, CDC, and NIH are engaged in a science-based, rigorous process to consider whether or when a booster might be necessary. This process takes into account laboratory data, clinical trial data, and cohort data – which can include data from specific pharmaceutical companies, but does not rely on those data exclusively. We continue to review any new data as it becomes available and will keep the public informed. We are prepared for booster doses if and when the science demonstrates that they are needed.*

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine After Reports of Myocarditis Among Vaccine Recipients: Update from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, June 2021

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices has reviewed the safety of COVID-19 vaccines and continues to recommend vaccination for everyone ages 12 and older. School starts soon in some parts of the country and while your adolescent is getting back-to-school vaccinations, make sure they get a COVID-19 vaccine, too. Since it takes 2 weeks after the second dose for adolescents to be fully vaccinated, be sure your teen has the most protection against COVID-19 when they start school. Learn more: https://bit.ly/MMWR7621.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Acceptability of Adolescent COVID-19 Vaccination Among Adolescents and Parents of Adolescents — United States, April 15–23, 2021

A new report published in MMWR showed that parents and adolescents thinking about COVID-19 vaccination wanted more information about vaccine safety and effectiveness in adolescents. Since it takes 2 weeks after the second dose to be fully vaccinated, now is the time to talk to your health care provider to get the information you need about COVID-19 vaccines. Learn more: http://bit.ly/MMWR7921



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617.2 (Delta) Variant COVID-19 Outbreak Associated with a Gymnastics Facility — Oklahoma, April–May 2021

Findings from a new report published in MMWR suggest the COVID-19 Delta variant spreads easily in indoor sports settings and households. Eligible athletes and staff members should get a COVID-19 vaccine, especially when participating in indoor sports where it's difficult to maintain physical distancing. Learn more: https://bit.ly/MM7921b.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Illinois Department of Public Health Adopts CDC COVID-19 Prevention School Guidance

On July 9, 2021, The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is fully adopting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in Kindergarten (K)-12 Schools released today.

“Our goal is to protect the health of students, teachers, and staff so that in-person learning can resume as safely as possible,” said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. “The CDC is right: vaccination is the best preventive strategy. As school board members, parents, teachers and superintendents plan for a return to in-person learning in the fall, we strongly encourage those who are not vaccinated to continue to mask. IDPH is proud to fully adopt school guidance issued by CDC, which is based on the latest scientific information about COVID-19.”

The updated school guidance now aligns with guidance for fully vaccinated people, which allows activities to resume for fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask except where required by federal, state, and local rules and regulations. Major elements of the updated guidance include:

- Masks should be worn indoors by all individuals (age 2 and older) who are not fully vaccinated.
- CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms, combined with indoor mask wearing by people who are not fully vaccinated, to reduce transmission risk. When it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least 3 feet, such as when schools cannot fully re-open while maintaining these distances, it is especially important to layer multiple other prevention strategies, such as indoor masking.
- Screening testing, ventilation, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick and getting tested, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfection are also important layers of prevention to keep schools safe.
- Many schools serve children under the age of 12 who are not eligible for vaccination at this time. Therefore, this guidance emphasizes implementing layered prevention strategies (masking, distancing, testing) to protect people who are not fully vaccinated.

Schools and communities should monitor community transmission of COVID-19, vaccination coverage, screening testing, and outbreaks to guide decisions about on the level of layered prevention strategies being implemented.

State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen I. Ayala issued the following declaration mandating in-person learning with limited exceptions:

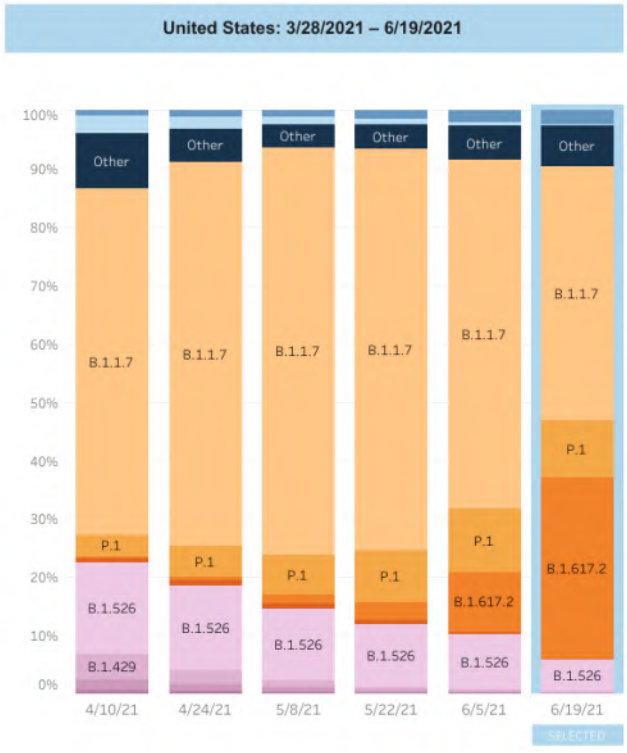
Beginning with the 2021-22 school year, all schools must resume fully in-person learning for all student attendance days, provided that, pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/10-30 and 105 ILCS5/34-18.66, remote instruction be made available for students who have not received a COVID-19 vaccine or who are not eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine, only while they are under quarantine consistent with guidance or requirements from a local public health department or the Illinois Department of Public Health.

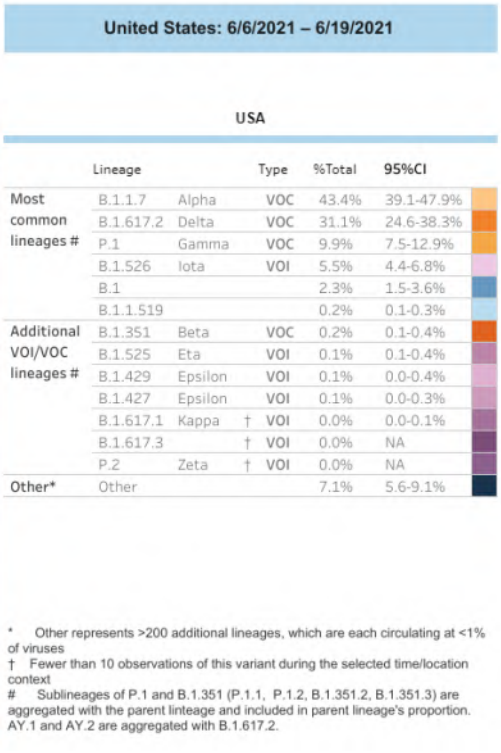
"All our students deserve to return safely in-person to schools this fall," said Dr. Ayala. "With vaccination rates continually rising and unprecedented federal funding to support safe in-person learning, and mitigations such as contact tracing and increased ventilation in place in schools, we are fully confident in the safety of in-person learning this fall. We look forward to a great school year and to the energy of Illinois' young minds once again filling our school buildings."

The updated school guidance can be found at http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/communityguidance/school-guidance. This guidance is subject to change pursuant to changing public health conditions and updates from CDC.

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

Variant Circulation in United States





Source: CDC web site

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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin

Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.

For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

July 30, 2021

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Schedule Update for COVID-19 Bulletin

Beginning on August 6, 2021, the COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin will move back to being published every Friday.

COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 07/30/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
13,116	12,623	315	178	100,304	2.9 %

Week ending 07/23/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
13,036	12,604	314	118	99,068	1.6 %

Week of 07/16/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
12,990	12,592	314	84	97,792	2.2 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

VACCINATIONS

As of July 30, 2021, The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 25,431 individuals with 12,675 of those individuals being fully vaccinated since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

Below is the overall County and State data as of July 30, 2021:

- State of Illinois Community Based Testing
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LaSalle County	Illinois
100,304 Administered Vaccine Doses	13,211,304 Administered Vaccine Doses
48,606 # Population Fully Vaccinated	6,469,974 # Population Fully Vaccinated
44.42 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	50.78 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated

Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

07/16/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	189,074,478	4,069,219
US	33,978,642	608,417
Illinois	1,399,946	23,357
LaSalle County	12,990	314

07/30/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	196,773,279	4,202,130
US	34,754,758	612,129
Illinois	1,419,611	23,440
LaSalle County	13,116	315

BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Breakthrough Cases
49

Note: Breakthrough cases are defined as someone who tests positive for Covid-19 more than 14 days after completing vaccination.

COUNTY TRANSMISSION LEVELS

LaSalle County CDC Transmission Rate Level
Substantial

LaSalle County IDPH County Level Metric
BLUE

Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those communities with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

VARIANTS

(* Total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.)

Variant Name	Variant Designation	Variant Country of Origin	Number reported
Alpha	B.1.1.7	U.K	57
Gamma	P.1/P.1.1	Brazil	46
Iota	B.1.526.1	US	<5
Delta	B.1.617.2	India	5

CASE BREAKDOWN

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	245	261	3.86	0.00
10-19	632	731	10.39	0.00
20s	1053	1152	16.81	0.00
30s	1025	1018	15.58	0.00
40s	933	985	14.62	1.59
50s	959	1045	15.28	2.22
60s	737	726	11.15	8.89
70s	388	433	6.26	23.49
80s	219	314	4.06	34.92
90s	90	155	1.87	25.71
100s	1	14	0.11	3.17
UNK				
Total	6282	6834		
%	47.90	52.10		
TOTAL CASES		**13,116**		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	537
June	67	104
July	261	**189**
August	778	
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**4674**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	10*
May	12	10
June	4	5
July	1	**3**
August	30	
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**84**

Deaths by Age	**315**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	5
50's	7
60's	28
70's	74
80's	110
90's	81
100s	10
Males	159
Females	156

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported deaths in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Cases by City/Village

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Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	31	0.24%
Dana	30	0.23%
Earlville	251	1.93%
Grand Ridge	106	0.82%
LaSalle	1218	9.38%
Leland	170	1.31%
Leonore	5	0.04%
Lostant	80	0.62%
Marseilles	867	6.67%
Mendota	1323	10.18%
Millington	38	0.29%
Oglesby	516	3.97%
Ottawa	2653	20.42%
Peru	1332	10.25%
Ransom	45	0.35%
Rutland	33	0.25%
Sandwich	453	3.49%
Serena	57	0.44%
Seneca	327	2.52%
Sheridan	797	6.14%
Somonauk	249	1.92%
Streator	2017	15.53%
Tonica	113	0.87%
Troy Grove	24	0.18%
Utica	211	1.62%
Wedron	8	0.06%
Wenona	28	0.22%
Other**	8	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**12990**	

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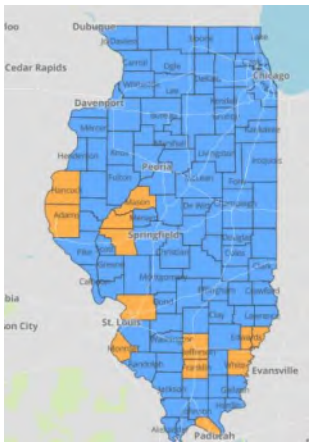
Town	Current Total	Increase since last report	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	31	0	0.24%
Dana	31	1	0.24%
Earlville	252	1	1.92%
Grand Ridge	106	0	0.81%
LaSalle	1230	12	9.38%
Leland	171	1	1.30%
Leonore	5	0	0.04%
Lostant	82	2	0.63%
Marseilles	872	5	6.65%
Mendota	1327	4	10.12%
Millington	38	0	0.29%
Oglesby	518	2	3.95%
Ottawa	2682	29	20.45%
Peru	1339	7	10.21%
Ransom	45	0	0.34%
Rutland	33	0	0.25%
Sandwich	460	7	3.51%
Serena	58	1	0.44%
Seneca	331	4	2.52%
Sheridan	799	2	6.09%
Somonauk	253	4	1.93%
Streator	2059	42	15.70%
Tonica	114	1	0.87%
Troy Grove	24	0	0.18%
Utica	212	1	1.62%
Wedron	8	0	0.06%
Wenona (LC Cases)	28	0	0.21%
Other**	8	0	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**13116**	126	

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.

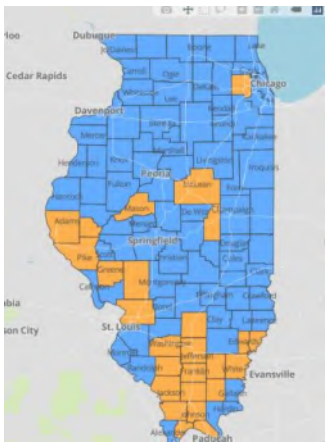
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

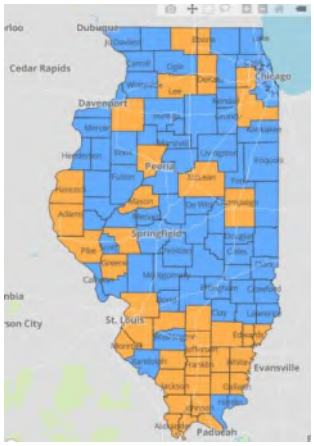
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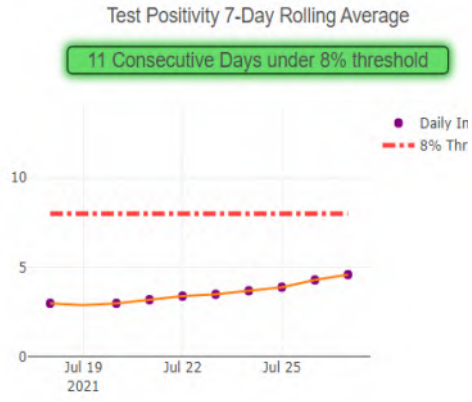
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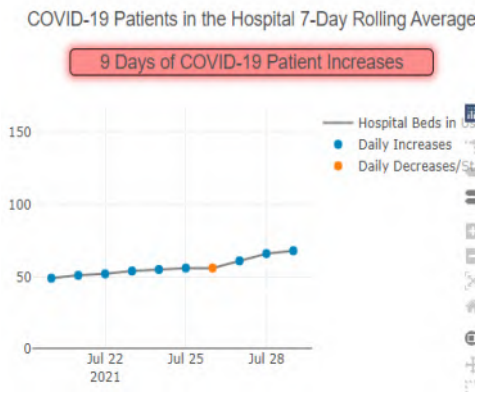


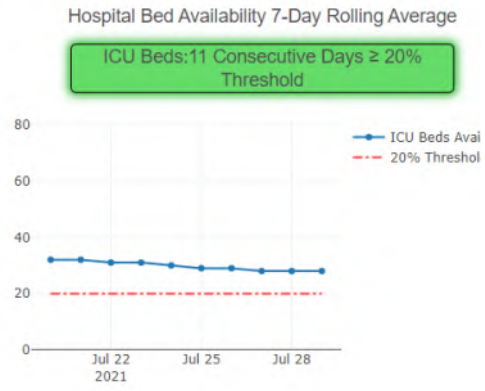
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Region 2 Summary - 07/30/2021







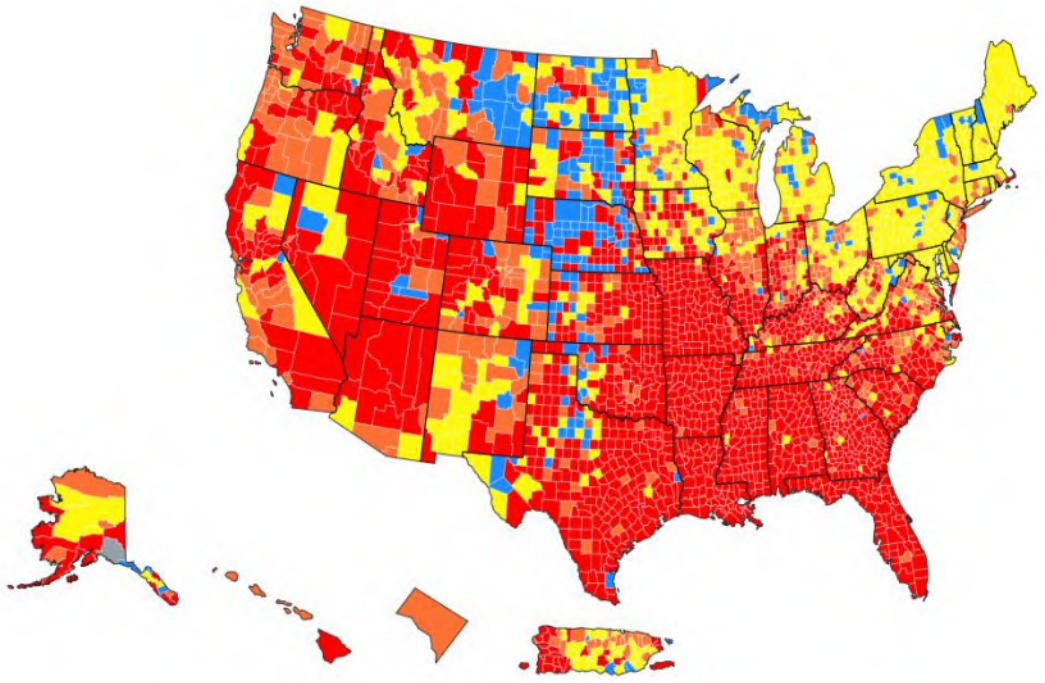
County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics –07/18/21 – 07/24/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **47 per 100K** *Increase from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **0** * Decrease from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **2.9 %** *Increase from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **1,847** *less tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1.1 %** *Increase in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **<5** * No Change from previous week
Cluster (%) of cases No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **2.9 %** *Decrease in reported clusters from previous week	**ICU (%) Available** ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **30.1 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics – 07/11/21 – 07/17/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **26 per 100K** *Decrease from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1** * Increase from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **1.6 %** *Decrease from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **2,135** *more tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **0.7%** *Decrease in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **<5** * No change from previous week
Cluster (%) of cases No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **5.6 %** *Decrease in reported clusters from previous week	**ICU (%) Available** ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **31.0%** *Decrease in availability from previous week	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

COVID Transmission Rates Across the US



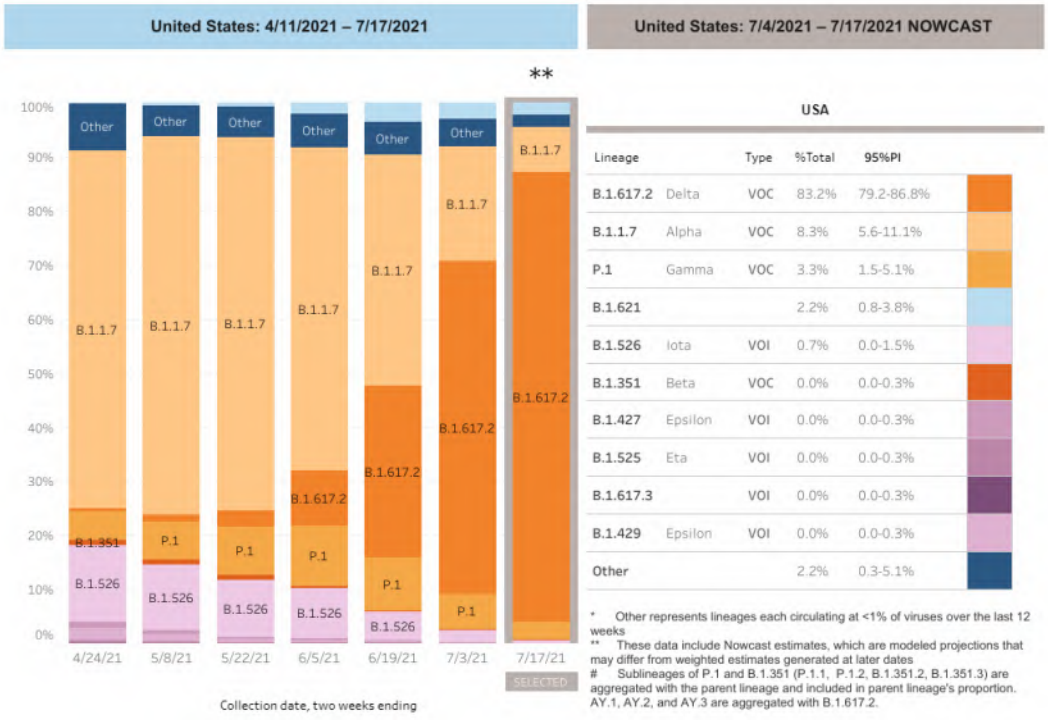
High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

Level of Community Transmission	Number of U.S. Counties at this Level	Percent of U.S. Counties at this Level	Percentage Point Difference Since 7 Days Ago
High	1680	52.17%	17.08%
Substantial	551	17.11%	-0.34%
Moderate	741	23.01%	-11.06%
Low	247	7.67%	-5.68%

Indicator - If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected	Low Transmission Blue	Moderate Transmission Yellow	Substantial Transmission Orange	High Transmission Red
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days	0-9.99	10-49.99	50-99.99	≥100
Percentage of NAATs[1] that are positive during the past 7 days	0-4.99%	5-7.99%	8-9.99%	≥10.0%

Source: CDC web site

Variant Circulation in United States



Source: CDC web site

LaSalle County Health Department Testing Information

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

State of Illinois Community Based Testing

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 823 Wilke Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Fairview Heights	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State Street	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.



Why Doesn't the LaSalle County Health Department Report the Number of Cases in Vaccinated vs. Non-Vaccinated Individuals in their Weekly Report?

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide an accurate breakdown of vaccinated vs. non-vaccinated individuals in our weekly COVID-19 report. This is due mainly to the fact that

the case investigation of a case reported in that weekly report, may not have been completed at the time the weekly report is released. Therefore, we may not know the actual vaccination status at the time of the report.
However, since February 2021, there have been 49 breakthrough cases out of 48,606 fully vaccinated individuals in LaSalle County. Breakthrough is defined as an individual who tests positive for COVID-19 at least 14 days after being fully vaccinated and did not test positive in the previous 45 days.
In addition, the Health Department also started sharing statistical information regarding variant cases in LaSalle County in this bulletin. Please note the total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.
The Illinois Department of Public Health tracks breakthrough information http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccinedata?county=Illinois#breakthroughtag and variant information http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/variants for the State on their website.

What is The Difference Between IDPH's County Level Risk Metrics and CDC's Community Transmission Alert Level?

The IDPH county level metrics (BLUE/ORANGE) are based on weekly values, from the preceding week. Therefore, numbers released today are actually data from July 18-July 25th. Each county is then assessed to determine whether it is meeting or exceeding each indicator target level. The measures are evaluated to determine if **multiple indicators** are at warning levels within the County. Counties meeting set target levels will be indicated in blue, while counties that are exceeding more than two levels will be indicated in orange.

- Blue indicates that the county is experiencing overall stable COVID-19 metrics.
- Orange indicates there are warning signs of increased COVID-19 risk in the county.

CDC's Level of Community Transmission Alert Level looks at **one** value – the County case rate. Case rates are calculated based on the number of new cases per 100,000 population over a **rolling 7-day** period. CDC data is updated daily. Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

CDC Issues New Mask Guidance for Vaccinated Individuals

The Delta variant of the virus that causes COVID-19 is surging in the United States. New data show Delta is different than past versions of the virus; it is much more contagious.

While rare, some vaccinated people can get Delta in a breakthrough infection and may be contagious.

Unvaccinated people: get vaccinated and wear a mask until you do.

Everyone in areas of substantial or high transmission should wear a mask, even if they are vaccinated.

In addition, the CDC recommended universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools regardless of vaccination status. They also recommended vaccinated individuals wear masks indoor in areas that are seeing substantial or high transmission rates. This new guidance is due to the spreading of the Delta variant and new data indicating that cases of delta in vaccinated individuals, while not common, still pose a risk of spreading the virus.

For additional information, visit the COVID-19 Integrated County View which provides maps, charts, and data provided by CDC, updates daily by 8 pm ET

Guidance for Implementing COVID-19 Prevention Strategies in the Context of Varying Community Transmission Levels and Vaccination Coverage

In a new MMWR, CDC recommends communities and organizations use five factors when determining the need for layered strategies to prevent COVID-19:

1. Level of COVID-19 spread in a community
2. Health care capacity
3. COVID-19 vaccination rates
4. Capacity for early detection of increases in COVID-19 increases
5. Local populations at risk for severe outcomes from COVID-19

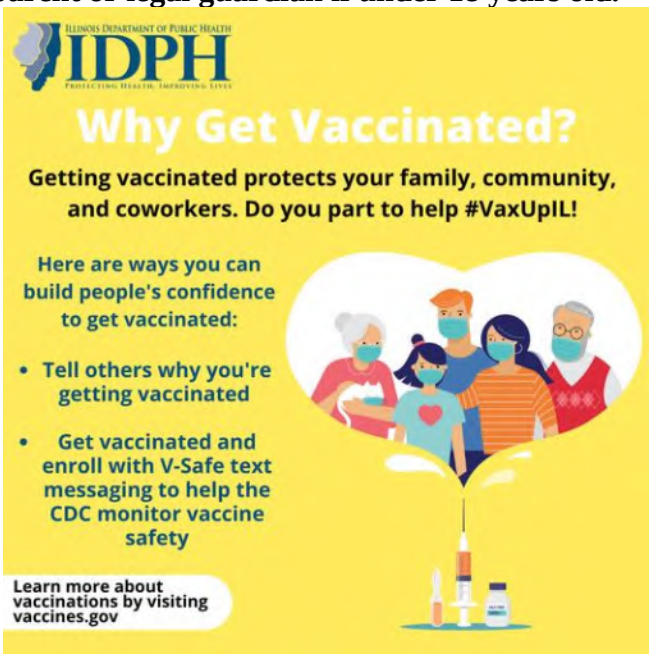
Read the full report: https://bit.ly/MMWR72721.



COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Still in Need of a COVID -19 Vaccine? Call the Health Department to Schedule an Appointment

The LaSalle County Health Department has COVID -19 vaccine available at the Health Department by appointment only, Monday through Friday. The Health Department has Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer vaccine available.
Residents who still need to be vaccinated should call the Health Department at 815-433-3366 to make an appointment.
Pfizer is available to anyone 12 years of age and older. **Please Note – Must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**



Get the facts, then get the vax! Learn more about the COVID-19 vaccines:
https://www.cdc.gov/.../vaccines/different-vaccines.html



Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

St. Margaret's Health - Peru (LaSalle Medical Clinic)

The Hygienic Institute will begin weekly Wednesday clinics for the COVID-19 Vaccine 1st or 2nd dose starting Wednesday, June 23rd. The Hygienic Institute will have both Moderna and Pfizer available. Pfizer can be given to the 12 – 18-year-olds.

If you would like to schedule an appointment for the COVID Vaccine, please call the Vaccine Hotline Number: **779-201-5272** and leave a detailed message with your name and the best contact number. You will be called back to schedule an appointment.

Get the Vaccine to Save Lives!

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

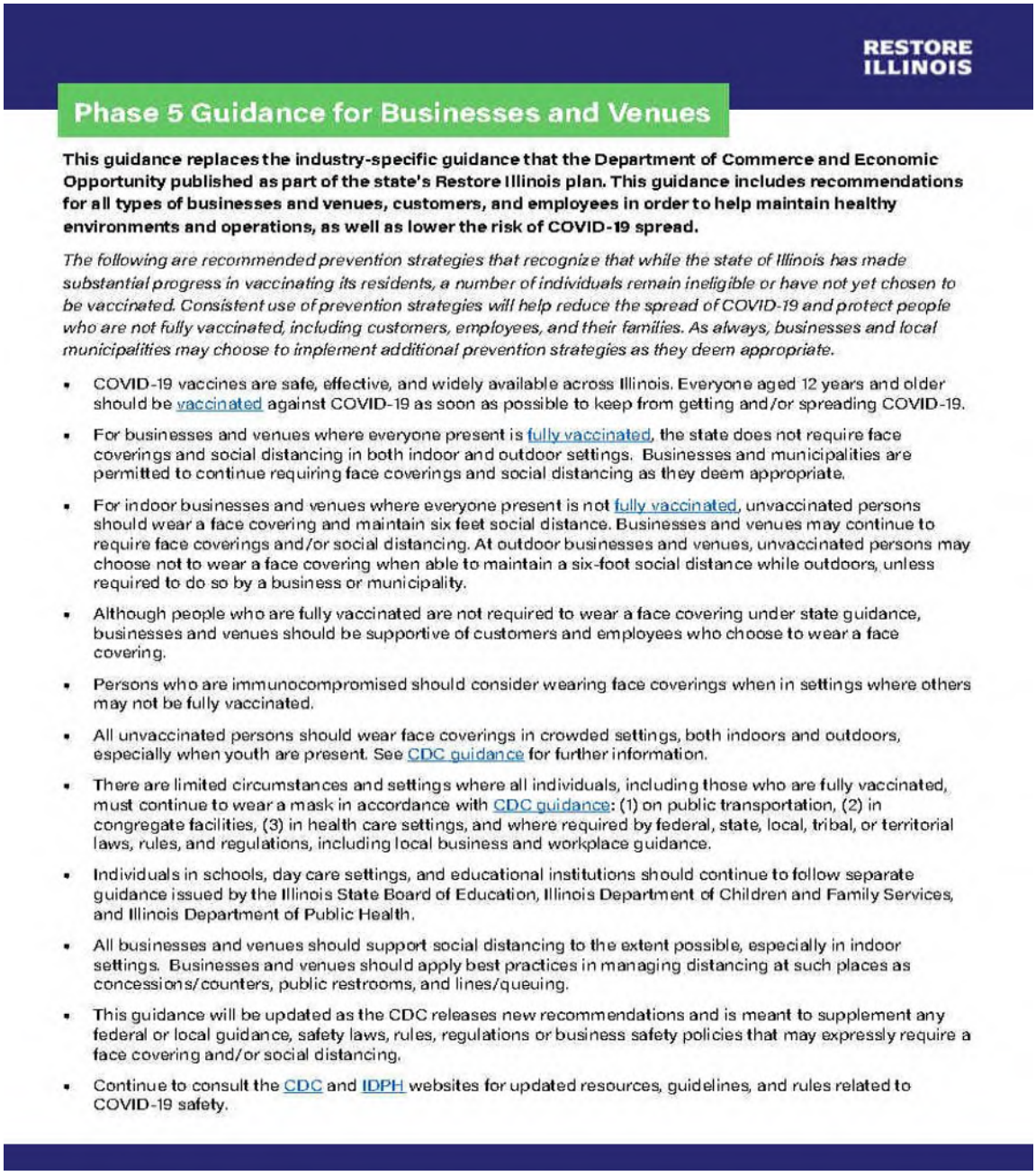
- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

Locate the nearest location of the Pfizer vaccine for your 12–17-year-old in Illinois at www.vaccines.gov



RESTORE ILLINOIS

On Friday, June 11, 2021, Illinois moved to a full reopening, also known as Phase 5, the final phase of the Restore Illinois plan. The state has eliminated all capacity limits on businesses, large-scale events, conventions, amusement parks, and all other venues. Mask requirements for vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals continue to align with CDC guidelines. #VaxUpIL if you are eligible! Learn more about Phase 5 http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19/Illinois%20Phase%205%20Guidelines.pdf



RESTORE ILLINOIS

Phase 5 Guidance for Businesses and Venues

This guidance replaces the industry-specific guidance that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity published as part of the state's Restore Illinois plan. This guidance includes recommendations for all types of businesses and venues, customers, and employees in order to help maintain healthy environments and operations, as well as lower the risk of COVID-19 spread.

The following are recommended prevention strategies that recognize that while the state of Illinois has made substantial progress in vaccinating its residents, a number of individuals remain ineligible or have not yet chosen to be vaccinated. Consistent use of prevention strategies will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect people who are not fully vaccinated, including customers, employees, and their families. As always, businesses and local municipalities may choose to implement additional prevention strategies as they deem appropriate.

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and widely available across Illinois. Everyone aged 12 years and older should be vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible to keep from getting and/or spreading COVID-19.
- For businesses and venues where everyone present is fully vaccinated, the state does not require face coverings and social distancing in both indoor and outdoor settings. Businesses and municipalities are permitted to continue requiring face coverings and social distancing as they deem appropriate.
- For indoor businesses and venues where everyone present is not fully vaccinated, unvaccinated persons should wear a face covering and maintain six feet social distance. Businesses and venues may continue to require face coverings and/or social distancing. At outdoor businesses and venues, unvaccinated persons may choose not to wear a face covering when able to maintain a six-foot social distance while outdoors, unless required to do so by a business or municipality.
- Although people who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a face covering under state guidance, businesses and venues should be supportive of customers and employees who choose to wear a face covering.
- Persons who are immunocompromised should consider wearing face coverings when in settings where others may not be fully vaccinated.
- All unvaccinated persons should wear face coverings in crowded settings, both indoors and outdoors, especially when youth are present. See CDC guidance for further information.
- There are limited circumstances and settings where all individuals, including those who are fully vaccinated, must continue to wear a mask in accordance with CDC guidance: (1) on public transportation, (2) in congregate facilities, (3) in health care settings, and where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- Individuals in schools, day care settings, and educational institutions should continue to follow separate guidance issued by the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and Illinois Department of Public Health.
- All businesses and venues should support social distancing to the extent possible, especially in indoor settings. Businesses and venues should apply best practices in managing distancing at such places as concessions/counters, public restrooms, and lines/queuing.
- This guidance will be updated as the CDC releases new recommendations and is meant to supplement any federal or local guidance, safety laws, rules, regulations or business safety policies that may expressly require a face covering and/or social distancing.
- Continue to consult the CDC and IDPH websites for updated resources, guidelines, and rules related to COVID-19 safety.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

If you have questions about COVID-19 vaccines, resources are available to help you make informed healthcare decisions.

You can find answers to common questions from CDC.gov, your local health department website, or other trusted sources like your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

Learn more: https://bit.ly/2RZT4HL.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

SARS-CoV-2 Infection in Public School District Employees Following a District-Wide Vaccination Program — Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, March 21–April 23, 2021

A new MMWR suggests vaccinated staff School District of Philadelphia had 95% fewer COVID-19 infections compared to unvaccinated staff. This finding highlights the importance of promoting COVID-19 vaccination for school staff as soon as possible to reduce infections during the 2021–2022 school year. Learn more: https://bit.ly/2UxxdJD.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 and Mental Health

How are you feeling? We're often asked this, and we say "fine". During these challenging times emotions can be complex. It helps to stay positive and remind yourself of your strengths. For more mental health resources visit [www.howrightnow.org.](http://www.howrightnow.org)



Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

August 06, 2021

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COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 08/06/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
13,228	12,642	318	268	101,942	3.4 %

Week ending 07/30/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
13,116	12,623	315	178	100,304	2.9 %

Week of 07/23/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
13,036	12,604	314	118	99,068	1.6 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

VACCINATIONS

As of August 6, 2021, The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 25,509 individuals with 12,743 of those individuals being fully vaccinated since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

Below is the overall County and State data as of August 6, 2021:

LaSalle County	Illinois
101,942 Administered Vaccine Doses	13,388,013 Administered Vaccine Doses
49,267 # Population Fully Vaccinated	6,545,532 # Population Fully Vaccinated
45.02 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	51.37 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated

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Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

07/30/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	196,773,279	4,202,130
US	34,754,758	612,129
Illinois	1,419,611	23,440
LaSalle County	13,116	315

08/06/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	201,124,163	4,271,350
US	35,443,400	615,341
Illinois	1,436,353	23,503
LaSalle County	13,228	318

BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Breakthrough Cases
60

Note: Breakthrough cases are defined as someone who tests positive for Covid-19 more than 14 days after completing vaccination.

COUNTY TRANSMISSION LEVELS

LaSalle County CDC Transmission Rate Level
SUBSTANTIAL

LaSalle County IDPH County Level Metric
ORANGE

Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those communities with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

VARIANTS

(* Total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.)

Variant Name	Variant Designation	Variant Country of Origin	Number reported
Alpha	B.1.1.7	U.K	57
Gamma	P.1/P.1.1	Brazil	46
Iota	B.1.526.1	US	<5
Delta	B.1.617.2	India	9

CASE BREAKDOWN

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	249	262	3.86%	0.00
10-19	640	740	10.43%	0.00
20s	1070	1161	16.87%	0.00
30s	1033	1026	15.57%	0.00
40s	941	990	14.60%	1.57
50s	961	1051	15.21%	2.20
60s	743	732	11.15%	8.81
70s	395	436	6.28%	23.27
80s	221	313	4.04%	35.22
90s	90	158	1.87%	25.79
100s	1	15	0.12%	3.14
UNK				
Total	6344	6884		
%	47.96	52.04		
TOTAL CASES		**13,228**		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	537
June	67	104
July	261	**185**
August	778	**116**
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**4786**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	10*
May	12	10
June	4	5
July	1	3
August	30	**3**
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**87**

Deaths by Age	**318**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	5
50's	7
60's	28
70's	74
80's	112
90's	82
100s	10
Males	160
Females	158

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported deaths in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Cases by City/Village

07.30.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	31	0.24%
Dana	31	0.24%
Earlville	252	1.92%
Grand Ridge	106	0.81%
LaSalle	1230	9.38%
Leland	171	1.30%
Leonore	5	0.04%
Lostant	82	0.63%
Marseilles	872	6.65%
Mendota	1327	10.12%
Millington	38	0.29%
Oglesby	518	3.95%
Ottawa	2682	20.45%
Peru	1339	10.21%
Ransom	45	0.34%
Rutland	33	0.25%
Sandwich	460	3.51%
Serena	58	0.44%
Seneca	331	2.52%
Sheridan	799	6.09%
Somonauk	253	1.93%
Streator	2059	15.70%
Tonica	114	0.87%
Troy Grove	24	0.18%
Utica	212	1.62%
Wedron	8	0.06%
Wenona	28	0.21%
Other**	8	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**13116**	

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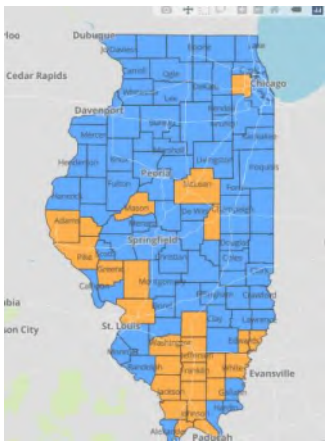
Town	Current Total	Increase since last report	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	31	0	0.23%
Dana	33	2	0.25%
Earlville	257	5	1.94%
Grand Ridge	106	0	0.80%
LaSalle	1235	5	9.34%
Leland	171	0	1.29%
Leonore	5	0	0.04%
Lostant	91	9	0.69%
Marseilles	885	13	6.69%
Mendota	1332	5	10.07%
Millington	38	0	0.29%
Oglesby	521	3	3.94%
Ottawa	2708	26	20.47%
Peru	1346	7	10.18%
Ransom	46	1	0.35%
Rutland	33	0	0.25%
Sandwich	462	2	3.49%
Serena	59	1	0.45%
Seneca	336	5	2.54%
Sheridan	806	7	6.09%
Somonauk	252	-1	1.91%
Streator	2080	21	15.72%
Tonica	114	0	0.86%
Troy Grove	24	0	0.18%
Utica	212	0	1.60%
Wedron	9	1	0.07%
Wenona (LC Cases)	28	0	0.21%
Other**	8	0	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**13,228**	**112**	

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.

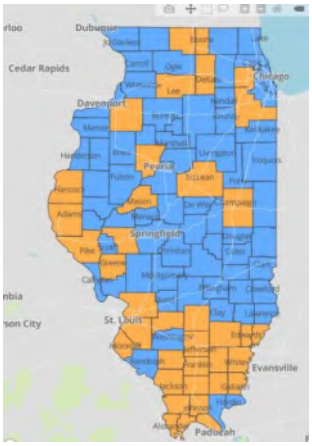
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

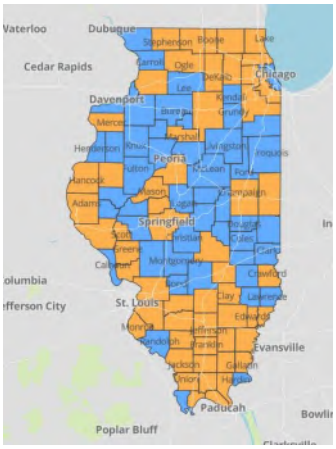
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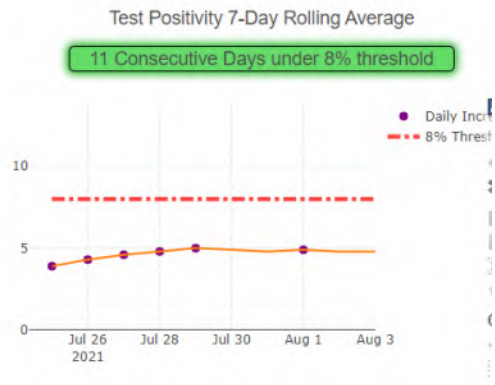
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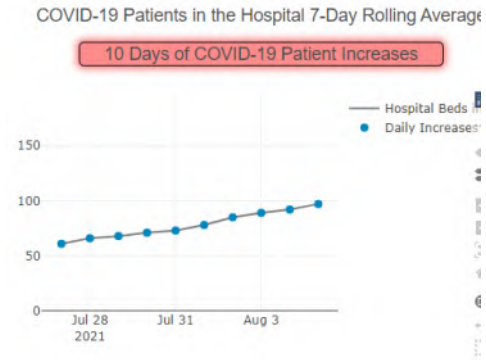


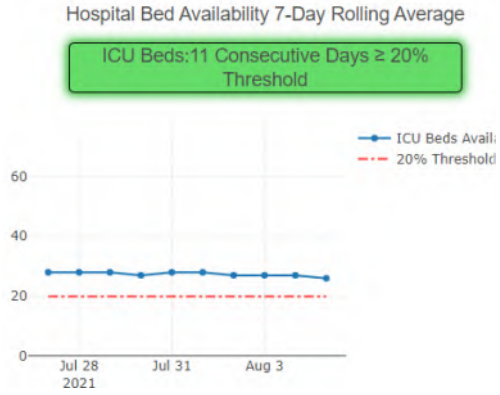
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Region 2 Summary - 08/06/2021



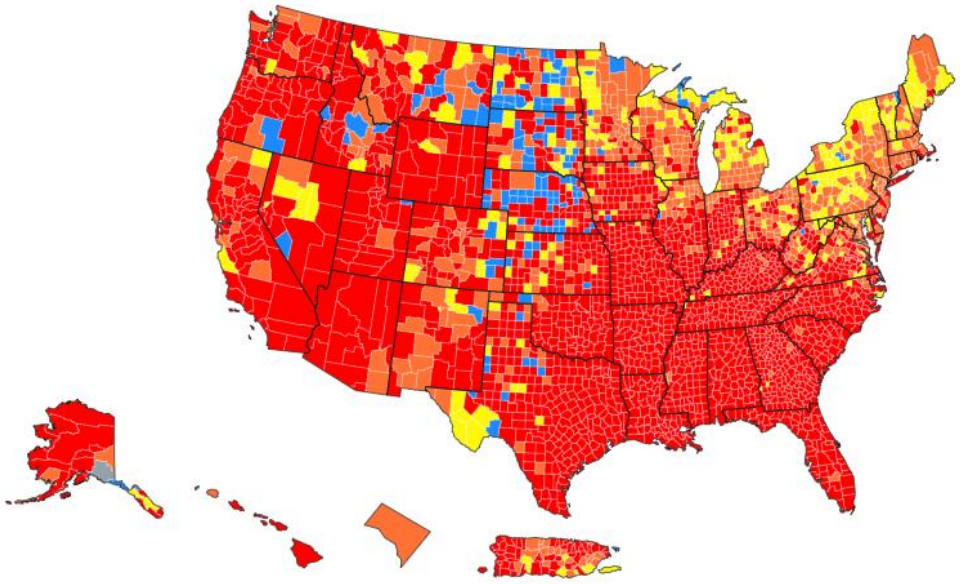




County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics –07/25/21 – 07/31/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **81 per 100K** *Increase from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1** * Increase from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **3.4 %** *Increase from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **3,143** *more tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2.6 %** *Increase in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **5** * Increase from previous week
Cluster (%) of cases No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **6.4 %** *Increase in reported clusters from previous week	**ICU (%) Available** ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **28.2 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

COVID Transmission Rates Across the US



High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

Level of Community Transmission	Number of U.S. Counties at this Level	Percent of U.S. Counties at this Level	Percentage Point Difference Since 7 Days Ago
High	2058	63.91%	13.98%
Substantial	612	19.01%	2.33%
Moderate	395	12.27%	-12.48%
Low	154	4.78%	-3.82%

Indicator - If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected	Low Transmission Blue	Moderate Transmission Yellow	Substantial Transmission Orange	High Transmission Red
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days	0-9.99	10-49.99	50-99.99	≥100
Percentage of NAATs[1] that are positive during the past 7 days	0-4.99%	5-7.99%	8-9.99%	≥10.0%

Source: CDC web site

Variant Circulation in United States

United States: 7/18/2021 – 7/31/2021 NOWCAST

USA

WHO label	Lineage #	Type	%Total	95%PI
Alpha	B.1.1.7	VOC	2.9%	1.2-4.7%
Beta	B.1.351	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Gamma	P.1	VOC	1.3%	0.2-2.5%
Delta	B.1.617.2	VOC	83.4%	79.6-87.0%
	AY.3	VOC	9.1%	6.2-12.0%
	AY.2	VOC	0.8%	0.0-1.7%
	AY.1	VOC	0.1%	0.0-0.5%
Epsilon	B.1.427	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
	B.1.429	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Eta	B.1.525	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Iota	B.1.526	VOI	0.2%	0.0-0.7%
	B.1.621		1.1%	0.2-2.2%
	B.1.621.1		0.6%	0.0-1.5%
	B.1.628		0.3%	0.0-1.0%
	B.1		0.1%	0.0-0.5%
	A.2.5		0.0%	0.0-0.2%
	Other*		0.0%	0.0-0.2%
	B.1.617.3	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
	B.1.626		0.0%	0.0-0.2%

* Enumerated lineages are VOI/VOC or are circulating >1% in at least one HHS region during at least one two week period; remaining lineages are aggregated as "Other".
** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates
# Sublineages of P.1 and B.1.351 (P.1.1, P.1.2, B.1.351.2, B.1.351.3) are aggregated with the parent lineage and included in parent lineage's proportion. AY.1, AY.2, and AY.3 are no longer aggregated with B.1.617.2.

Source: CDC web site

LaSalle County Health Department Testing Information

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

State of Illinois Community Based Testing

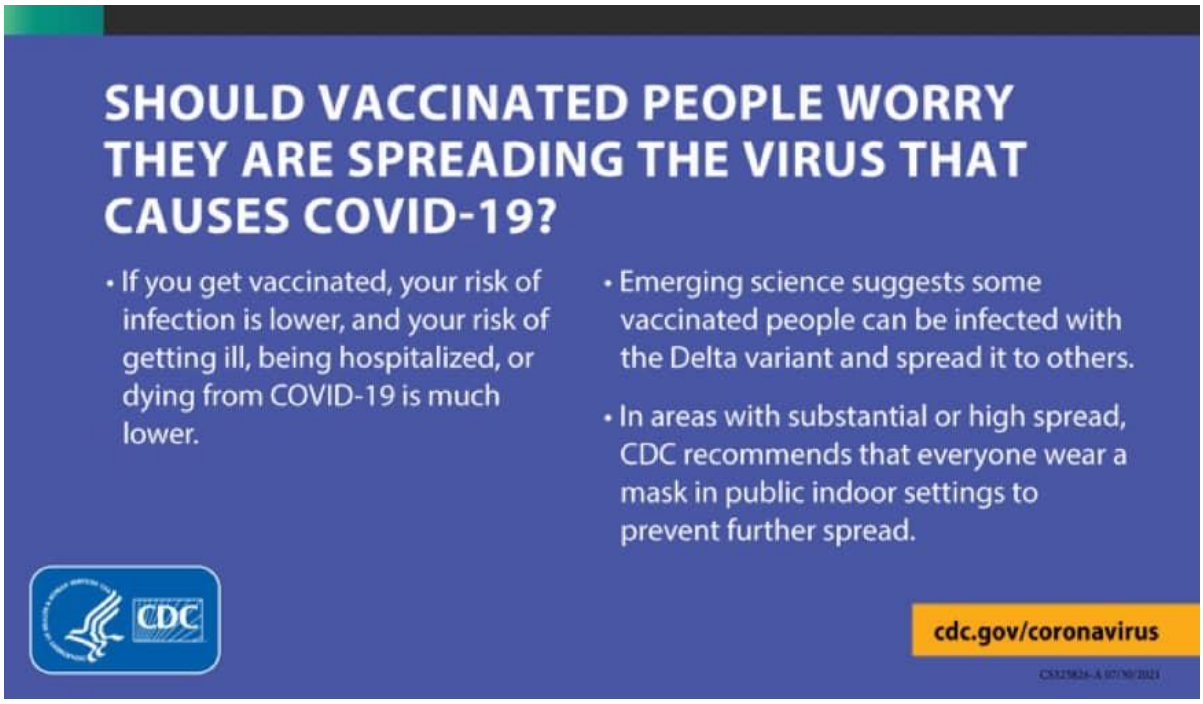
Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 823 Wilke Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Fairview Heights	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State Street	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.



Should Vaccinated People Worry They Are Spreading the Virus That Causes COVID-19?

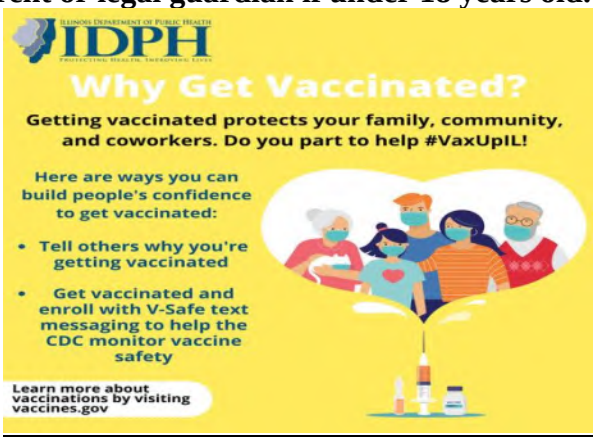
If you are fully vaccinated, your risk of infection is lower, but some people can still spread the Delta variant. When “breakthrough cases” of COVID-19 do occur in vaccinated people, nearly all are avoiding serious illness, hospitalization, or death. cdc.gov/coronavirus



COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Still in Need of a COVID -19 Vaccine? Call the Health Department to Schedule an Appointment

The LaSalle County Health Department has COVID -19 vaccine available at the Health Department by appointment only, Monday through Friday. The Health Department has Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer vaccine available.
Residents who still need to be vaccinated should call the Health Department at 815-433-3366 to make an appointment.
Pfizer is available to anyone 12 years of age and older. **Please Note – Must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**



Get the facts, then get the vax! Learn more about the COVID-19 vaccines:
https://www.cdc.gov/.../vaccines/different-vaccines.html



Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

St. Margaret's Health - Peru (LaSalle Medical Clinic)

The Hygienic Institute will begin weekly Wednesday clinics for the COVID-19 Vaccine 1st or 2nd dose starting Wednesday, June 23rd. The Hygienic Institute will have both Moderna and Pfizer available. Pfizer can be given to the 12 – 18-year-olds.

If you would like to schedule an appointment for the COVID Vaccine, please call the Vaccine Hotline Number: **779-201-5272** and leave a detailed message with your name and the best contact number. You will be called back to schedule an appointment.

Get the Vaccine to Save Lives!

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

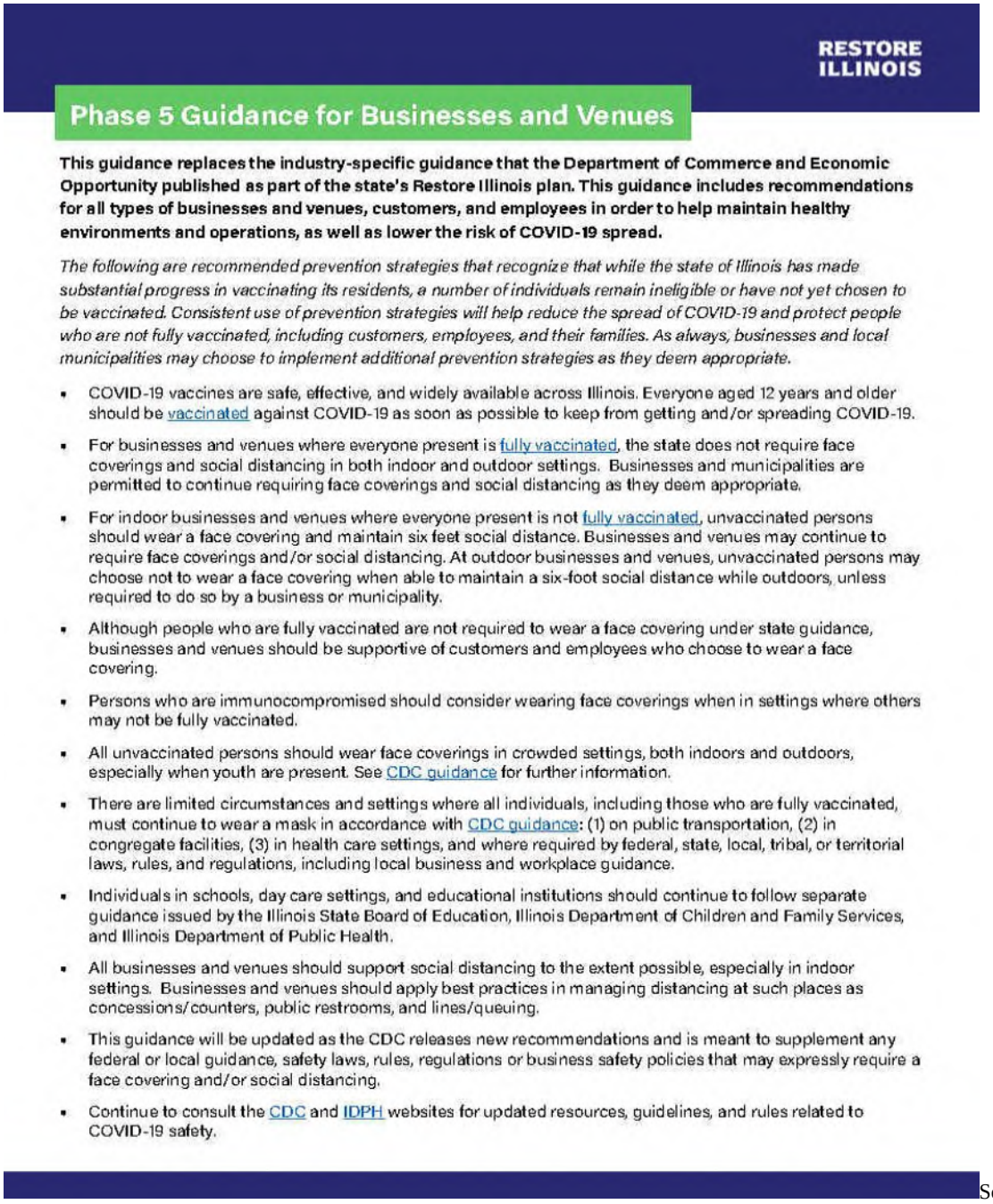
- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

Locate the nearest location of the Pfizer vaccine for your 12–17-year-old in Illinois at www.vaccines.gov



RESTORE ILLINOIS

On Friday, June 11, 2021, Illinois moved to a full reopening, also known as Phase 5, the final phase of the Restore Illinois plan. The state has eliminated all capacity limits on businesses, large-scale events, conventions, amusement parks, and all other venues. Mask requirements for vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals continue to align with CDC guidelines. #VaxUpIL if you are eligible! Learn more about Phase 5 http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19/Illinois%20Phase%205%20Guidelines.pdf



RESTORE ILLINOIS

Phase 5 Guidance for Businesses and Venues

This guidance replaces the industry-specific guidance that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity published as part of the state's Restore Illinois plan. This guidance includes recommendations for all types of businesses and venues, customers, and employees in order to help maintain healthy environments and operations, as well as lower the risk of COVID-19 spread.

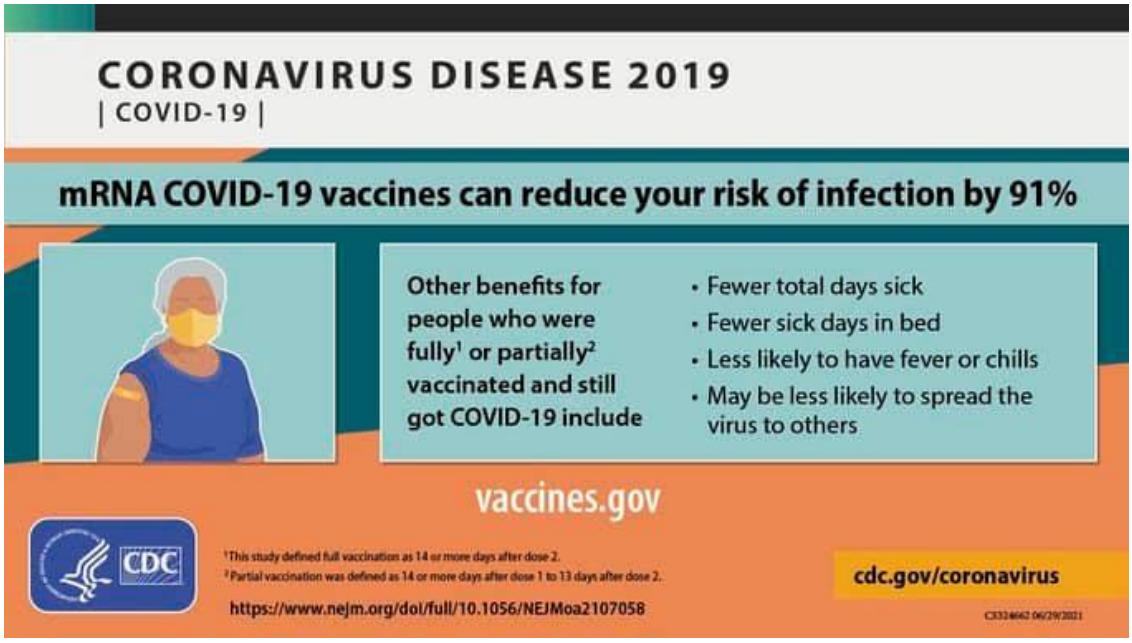
The following are recommended prevention strategies that recognize that while the state of Illinois has made substantial progress in vaccinating its residents, a number of individuals remain ineligible or have not yet chosen to be vaccinated. Consistent use of prevention strategies will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect people who are not fully vaccinated, including customers, employees, and their families. As always, businesses and local municipalities may choose to implement additional prevention strategies as they deem appropriate.

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and widely available across Illinois. Everyone aged 12 years and older should be vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible to keep from getting and/or spreading COVID-19.
- For businesses and venues where everyone present is fully vaccinated, the state does not require face coverings and social distancing in both indoor and outdoor settings. Businesses and municipalities are permitted to continue requiring face coverings and social distancing as they deem appropriate.
- For indoor businesses and venues where everyone present is not fully vaccinated, unvaccinated persons should wear a face covering and maintain six feet social distance. Businesses and venues may continue to require face coverings and/or social distancing. At outdoor businesses and venues, unvaccinated persons may choose not to wear a face covering when able to maintain a six-foot social distance while outdoors, unless required to do so by a business or municipality.
- Although people who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a face covering under state guidance, businesses and venues should be supportive of customers and employees who choose to wear a face covering.
- Persons who are immunocompromised should consider wearing face coverings when in settings where others may not be fully vaccinated.
- All unvaccinated persons should wear face coverings in crowded settings, both indoors and outdoors, especially when youth are present. See CDC guidance for further information.
- There are limited circumstances and settings where all individuals, including those who are fully vaccinated, must continue to wear a mask in accordance with CDC guidance: (1) on public transportation, (2) in congregate facilities, (3) in health care settings, and where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- Individuals in schools, day care settings, and educational institutions should continue to follow separate guidance issued by the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and Illinois Department of Public Health.
- All businesses and venues should support social distancing to the extent possible, especially in indoor settings. Businesses and venues should apply best practices in managing distancing at such places as concessions/counters, public restrooms, and lines/queuing.
- This guidance will be updated as the CDC releases new recommendations and is meant to supplement any federal or local guidance, safety laws, rules, regulations or business safety policies that may expressly require a face covering and/or social distancing.
- Continue to consult the CDC and IDPH websites for updated resources, guidelines, and rules related to COVID-19 safety.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

A CDC study shows mRNA COVID-19 vaccines reduce risk of infection by 91%. If you are vaccinated & still get COVID-19, there are other benefits of vaccination, like fewer sick days & reduced risk of symptoms like fever or chills.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

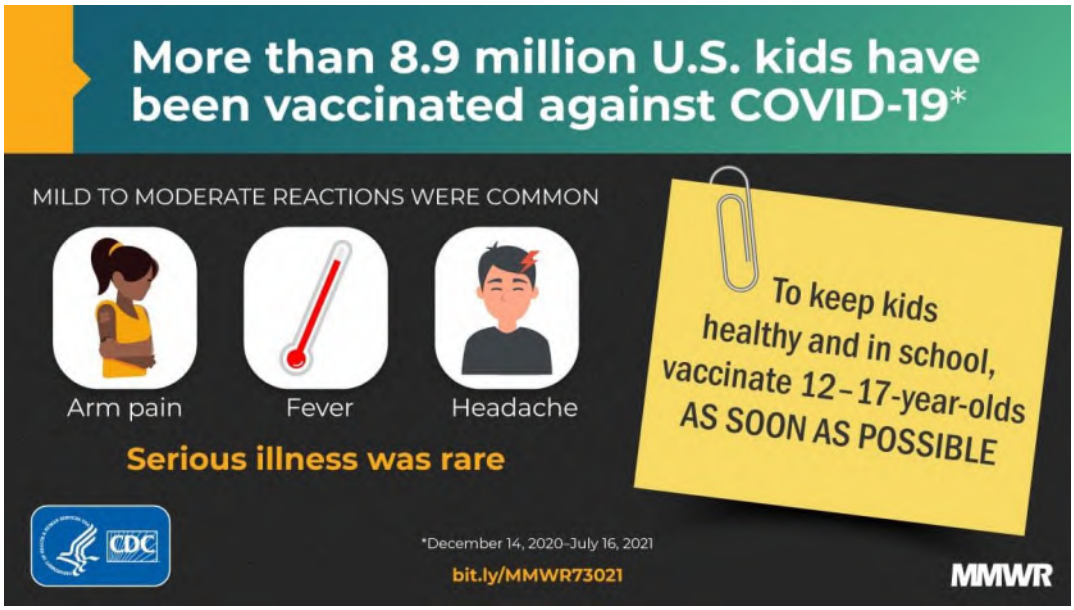
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Getting vaccinated and masking up in areas of high transmission is the best way to protect yourself and your community. #VaxUpIL



COVID-19 Vaccine Safety in Adolescents Aged 12–17 Years — United States, December 14, 2020–July 16, 2021

A new CDC MMWR reviewed more than 9,000 reported reactions among adolescents after COVID-19 vaccination & found most were non-serious. Get adolescents vaccinated to keep them safe as they return to school. Learn more: bit.ly/MMWR73021.



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Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
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- LaSalle County Health Department
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COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

August 13, 2021

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COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 08/13/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
13,382	12,670	320	392	103,171	3.9 %

Week ending 08/06/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
13,228	12,642	318	268	101,942	3.4 %

Week of 07/30/2021

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
13,116	12,623	315	178	100,304	2.9 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

VACCINATIONS

As of August 13, 2021, The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 25,530 individuals with 12,760 of those individuals being fully vaccinated since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

Below is the overall County and State data as of August 13, 2021:

LaSalle County	Illinois
103,171 Administered Vaccine Doses	13,510,873 Administered Vaccine Doses
50,441 # Population Fully Vaccinated	6,554,688 # Population Fully Vaccinated
46.09 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	51.45 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated

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Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

08/06/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	201,124,163	4,271,350
US	35,443,400	615,341
Illinois	1,436,353	23,503
LaSalle County	13,228	318

08/13/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	205,611,601	4,338,592
US	32,117,826	430,254
Illinois	1,457,687	23,594
LaSalle County	13,382	320

BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Total Breakthrough Cases	Total Breakthrough Deaths
73	<5

Note: Breakthrough cases are defined as someone who tests positive for Covid-19 more than 14 days after completing vaccination.

COUNTY TRANSMISSION LEVELS

LaSalle County CDC Transmission Rate Level	LaSalle County IDPH County Level Metric
HIGH	BLUE

Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those communities with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

VARIANTS

(* Total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.)

Variant Name	Variant Designation	Variant Country of Origin	Total Number Reported
Alpha	B.1.1.7	U.K	57
Gamma	P.1/P.1.1	Brazil	46
Iota	B.1.526.1	US	<5
Delta	B.1.617.2/AY.2 /AY.3	India	21

CASE BREAKDOWN

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	256	266	3.90	0.00
10-19	653	752	10.50	0.00
20s	1083	1174	16.87	0.00
30s	1047	1037	15.57	0.00
40s	949	998	14.55	1.56
50s	966	1058	15.12	2.19
60s	753	737	11.13	8.75
70s	401	444	6.31	23.13
80s	223	317	4.04	35.31
90s	90	162	1.88	25.94
100s	1	15	0.12	3.13
UNK				
Total	6422	6960		
%	47.99	52.01		
TOTAL CASES		13382		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	537
June	67	104
July	261	185
August	778	**270**
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**4940**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	10*
May	12	10
June	4	5
July	1	3
August	30	**5**
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**89**

Deaths by Age	**320**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	5
50's	7
60's	28
70's	74
80's	113
90's	83
100s	10
Males	161
Females	159

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported deaths in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Cases by City/Village

08.06.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	31	0.23%
Dana	33	0.25%
Earlville	257	1.94%
Grand Ridge	106	0.80%
LaSalle	1235	9.34%
Leland	171	1.29%
Leonore	5	0.04%
Lostant	91	0.69%
Marseilles	885	6.69%
Mendota	1332	10.07%
Millington	38	0.29%
Oglesby	521	3.94%
Ottawa	2708	20.47%
Peru	1346	10.18%
Ransom	46	0.35%
Rutland	33	0.25%
Sandwich	462	3.49%
Serena	59	0.45%
Seneca	336	2.54%
Sheridan	806	6.09%
Somonauk	252	1.91%
Streator	2080	15.72%
Tonica	114	0.86%
Troy Grove	24	0.18%
Utica	212	1.60%
Wedron	9	0.07%
Wenona	28	0.21%
Other**	8	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**13,228**	

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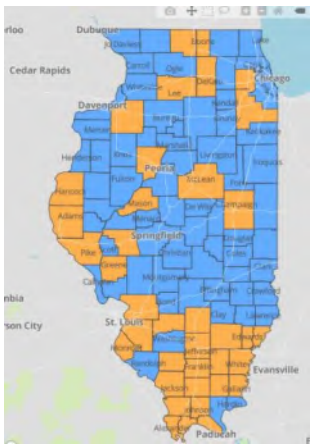
Town	Current Total	Increase since last report	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	31	0	0.23%
Dana	38	5	0.28%
Earlville	267	10	2.00%
Grand Ridge	110	4	0.82%
LaSalle	1244	9	9.30%
Leland	177	6	1.32%
Leonore	5	0	0.04%
Lostant	92	1	0.69%
Marseilles	892	7	6.67%
Mendota	1336	4	9.98%
Millington	38	0	0.28%
Oglesby	525	4	3.92%
Ottawa	2742	34	20.49%
Peru	1356	10	10.13%
Ransom	47	1	0.35%
Rutland	33	0	0.25%
Sandwich	465	3	3.47%
Serena	59	0	0.44%
Seneca	340	4	2.54%
Sheridan	808	2	6.04%
Somonauk	252	0	1.88%
Streator	2125	45	15.88%
Tonica	116	2	0.87%
Troy Grove	24	0	0.18%
Utica	214	2	1.60%
Wedron	9	0	0.07%
Wenona (LC Cases)	28	0	0.21%
Other**	9	1	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	**13,382**	**154**	

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.

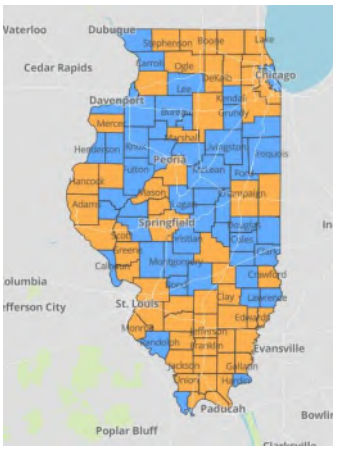
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

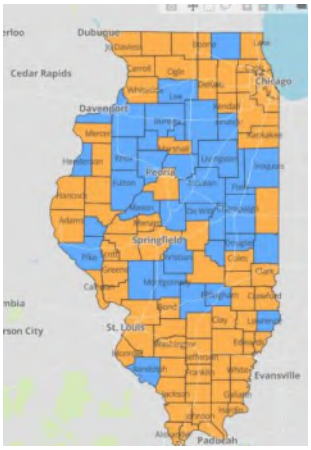
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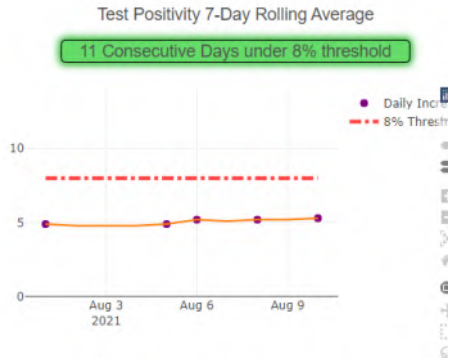
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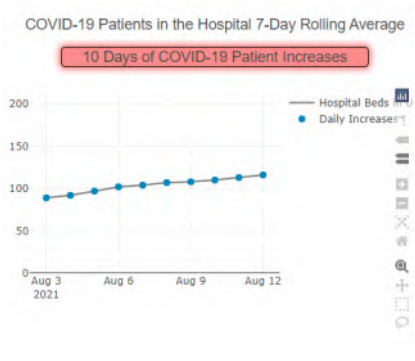


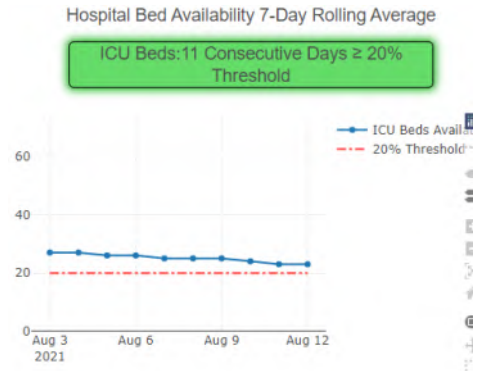
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Region 2 Summary - 08/13/2021



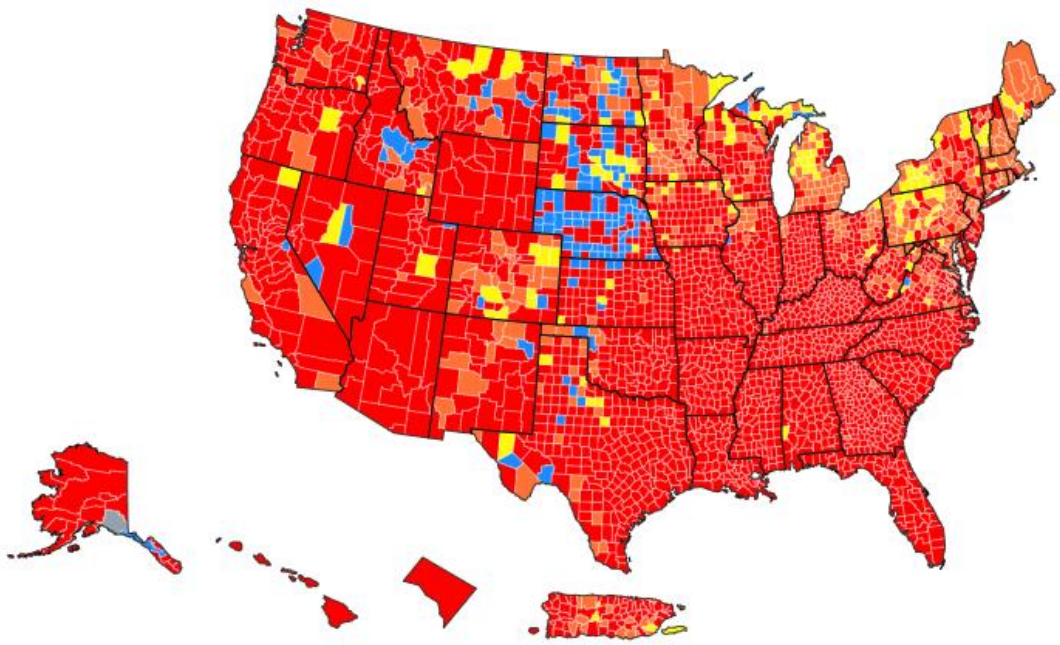




County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics –08/01/21 – 08/07/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **112 per 100K** *Increase from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **4** * Increase from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **3.9 %** *Increase from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **3,527** *more tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2.7 %** *Increase in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **<5** * No change from previous week
Cluster (%) of cases No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **20.2 %** *Increase in reported clusters from previous week	**ICU (%) Available** ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **25.2 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

COVID Transmission Rates Across the US



High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

Level of Community Transmission	Number of U.S. Counties at this Level	Percent of U.S. Counties at this Level	Percentage Point Difference Since 7 Days Ago
High	2469	76.68%	12.76%
Substantial	463	14.38%	-4.63%
Moderate	150	4.66%	-7.61%
Low	137	4.25%	-0.53%

Source: CDC web site

Variant Circulation in United States

United States: 7/18/2021 – 7/31/2021 NOWCAST

USA

WHO label	Lineage #	Type	%Total	95%PI
Alpha	B.1.1.7	VOC	2.4%	1.0-4.0%
Beta	B.1.351	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Gamma	P.1	VOC	1.1%	0.2-2.2%
Delta	B.1.617.2	VOC	80.6%	76.7-84.4%
	AY.3	VOC	13.1%	9.9-16.4%
	AY.2	VOC	0.6%	0.0-1.5%
	AY.1	VOC	0.1%	0.0-0.5%
Eta	B.1.525	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Iota	B.1.526	VOI	0.2%	0.0-0.7%
	B.1.621		1.0%	0.2-2.0%
	B.1.621.1		0.3%	0.0-1.0%
	B.1.628		0.3%	0.0-1.0%
	Other*		0.2%	0.0-0.7%
	A.2.5		0.1%	0.0-0.5%
	B.1.626		0.0%	0.0-0.2%
	B.1.429	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
	B.1.427	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%

* Enumerated lineages are VOI/VOC or are circulating >1% in at least one HHS region during at least one two week period; remaining lineages are aggregated as "Other".
** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates
# Sublineages of P.1 and B.1.351 (P.1.1, P.1.2, B.1.351.2, B.1.351.3) are aggregated with the parent lineage and included in parent lineage's proportion. AY.3.1 is agregated with its parent lineage AY.3.

Source: CDC web site

LaSalle County Health Department Testing Information

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be

given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

State of Illinois Community Based Testing

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 823 Wilke Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Fairview Heights	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State Street	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.



Should I Be Tested for COVID-19 If I Have Been Vaccinated?

Consider getting tested for COVID-19, regardless of your vaccination status, if you think you've been exposed or if you have symptoms. If you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, your risk of infection is lower, but some people can still spread the Delta variant. Find COVID-19 testing locations near you: https://bit.ly/3gmWGhp.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

LaSalle County is Currently Experiencing High Community Transmission

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), LaSalle County is currently experiencing high community transmission based on the 7-day moving average of new cases per 100,000 (144.48 per 100,000) of COVID-19 (Data as of Thursday August 12). In accordance with the CDC and IDPH, the LaSalle County Health Department continues to recommend that all County residents, including fully vaccinated people, should wear a mask while in public indoor settings to help control the spread of the virus.

CDC's Level of Community Transmission Alert Level looks at one value – the County case rate. Case rates are calculated based on the number of new cases per 100,000 population over a rolling 7-day period. CDC data is updated daily. Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

County Level Risk Metrics – LaSalle County's Orange Warning Level Returns to Blue

This week, LaSalle County was not included in the counties with a warning level, as part of the IDPH County-Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics.

The IDPH county level metrics (BLUE/ORANGE) are based on weekly values, from the preceding week. Therefore, numbers released today are actually data from August 1-August 7th. Each county is then assessed to determine whether it is meeting or exceeding each indicator target level. The measures are evaluated to determine if multiple indicators are at warning levels within the County. Counties meeting set target levels will be indicated in blue, while counties that are exceeding more than two levels will be indicated in orange.

• Blue indicates that the county is experiencing overall stable COVID-19 metrics and that the County has not exceeded two or more State's metrics.
• Orange indicates there are warning signs of increased COVID-19 risk in the county and that the county has exceeded at least two of the State's metrics.

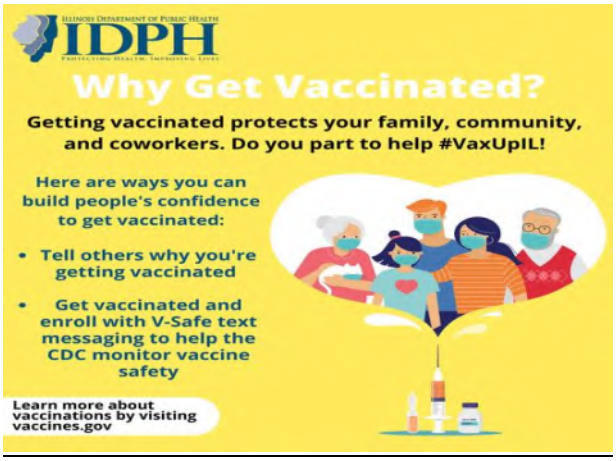
LaSalle County returned to blue this week because we did not experience an increase (weekly percent of CLI ED visits increases for 2 consecutive weeks by more than 20%) in Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness. However, LaSalle County continues to experience a new case rate which is greater than 50 cases per 100,000 people. Until LaSalle County can get a handle on the number of new cases being identified each week and slow the community spread that is occurring, LaSalle County will continue to be at risk for remaining at the orange warning level

Vaccination continues to be the most important public health action to help us end the COVID-19 pandemic. We need more people vaccinated. High vaccination coverage will reduce the spread of the virus and prevent new variants from emerging. While no vaccine provides 100% immunity the COVID-19 vaccinations can prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death.

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Still in Need of a COVID -19 Vaccine? Call the Health Department to Schedule an Appointment

The LaSalle County Health Department has COVID -19 vaccine available at the Health Department by appointment only, Monday through Friday. The Health Department has Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer vaccine available.
Residents who still need to be vaccinated should call the Health Department at 815-433-3366 to make an appointment.
Pfizer is available to anyone 12 years of age and older. **Please Note – Must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**



Get the facts, then get the vax! Learn more about the COVID-19 vaccines: https://www.cdc.gov/.../vaccines/different-vaccines.html



Vaccine Brand Name	Safe?	Effective?	Reduces your risk of severe illness?	Age group who can get this vaccine	How many shots you will need?	When you are fully vaccinated
BIONTECH Pfizer	✓	✓	✓	12 years and older	2 shots given 3 weeks (21 days) apart*	2 weeks after your second shot
moderna	✓	✓	✓	18 years and older	2 shots given 4 weeks (28 days) apart*	2 weeks after your second shot
janssen	✓	✓	✓	18 years and older	1 Shot	2 weeks after your shot

*You should get your second shot as close to the recommended 3-week or 4-week interval as possible. However, your second shot may be given up to 6 weeks (42 days) after the first dose, if necessary.

CDC

cdc.gov/coronavirus

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Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

St. Margaret's Health - Peru (LaSalle Medical Clinic)

The Hygienic Institute will begin weekly Wednesday clinics for the COVID-19 Vaccine 1st or 2nd dose starting Wednesday, June 23rd. The Hygienic Institute will have both Moderna and Pfizer available. Pfizer can be given to the 12 – 18-year-olds.

If you would like to schedule an appointment for the COVID Vaccine, please call the Vaccine Hotline Number: **779-201-5272** and leave a detailed message with your name and the best contact number. You will be called back to schedule an appointment.

Get the Vaccine to Save Lives!

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

Locate the nearest location of the Pfizer vaccine for your 12–17-year-old in Illinois at www.vaccines.gov



RESTORE ILLINOIS

On Friday, June 11, 2021, Illinois moved to a full reopening, also known as Phase 5, the final phase of the Restore Illinois plan. The state has eliminated all capacity limits on businesses, large-scale events, conventions, amusement parks, and all other venues. Mask requirements for vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals continue to align with CDC guidelines. #VaxUpIL if you are eligible! Learn more about Phase 5 http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19/Illinois%20Phase%205%20Guidelines.pdf

RESTORE ILLINOIS

Phase 5 Guidance for Businesses and Venues

This guidance replaces the industry-specific guidance that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity published as part of the state's Restore Illinois plan. This guidance includes recommendations for all types of businesses and venues, customers, and employees in order to help maintain healthy environments and operations, as well as lower the risk of COVID-19 spread.

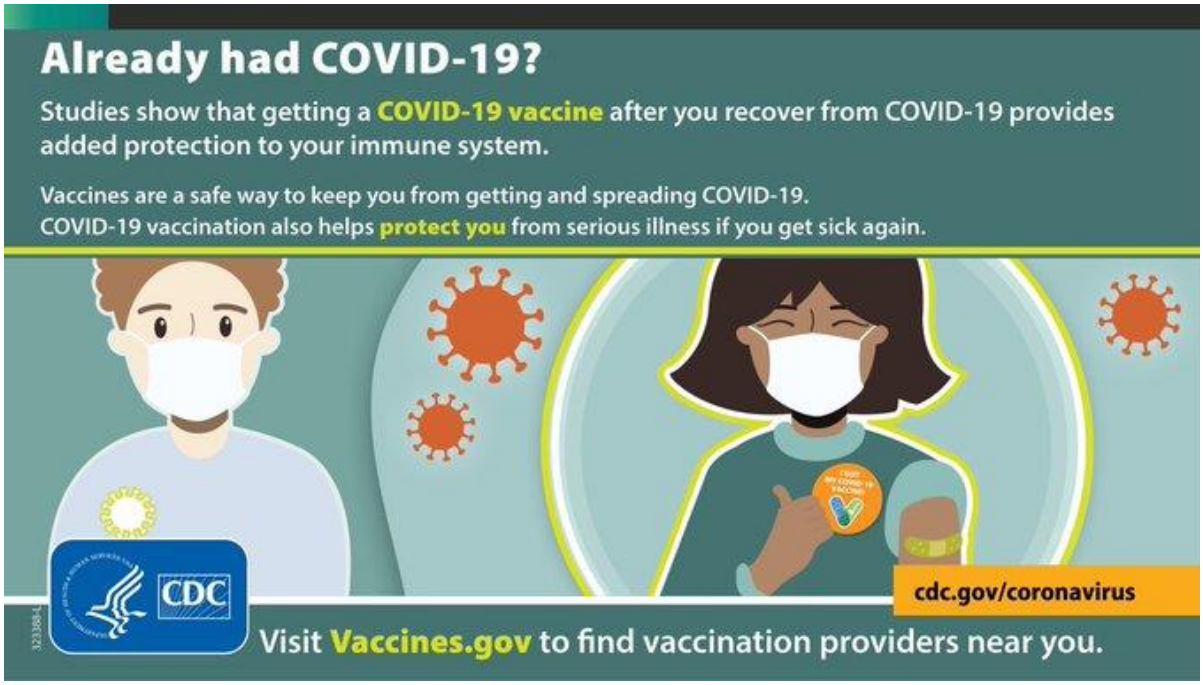
The following are recommended prevention strategies that recognize that while the state of Illinois has made substantial progress in vaccinating its residents, a number of individuals remain ineligible or have not yet chosen to be vaccinated. Consistent use of prevention strategies will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect people who are not fully vaccinated, including customers, employees, and their families. As always, businesses and local municipalities may choose to implement additional prevention strategies as they deem appropriate.

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and widely available across Illinois. Everyone aged 12 years and older should be vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible to keep from getting and/or spreading COVID-19.
- For businesses and venues where everyone present is fully vaccinated, the state does not require face coverings and social distancing in both indoor and outdoor settings. Businesses and municipalities are permitted to continue requiring face coverings and social distancing as they deem appropriate.
- For indoor businesses and venues where everyone present is not fully vaccinated, unvaccinated persons should wear a face covering and maintain six feet social distance. Businesses and venues may continue to require face coverings and/or social distancing. At outdoor businesses and venues, unvaccinated persons may choose not to wear a face covering when able to maintain a six-foot social distance while outdoors, unless required to do so by a business or municipality.
- Although people who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a face covering under state guidance, businesses and venues should be supportive of customers and employees who choose to wear a face covering.
- Persons who are immunocompromised should consider wearing face coverings when in settings where others may not be fully vaccinated.
- All unvaccinated persons should wear face coverings in crowded settings, both indoors and outdoors, especially when youth are present. See CDC guidance for further information.
- There are limited circumstances and settings where all individuals, including those who are fully vaccinated, must continue to wear a mask in accordance with CDC guidance: (1) on public transportation, (2) in congregate facilities, (3) in health care settings, and where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- Individuals in schools, day care settings, and educational institutions should continue to follow separate guidance issued by the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and Illinois Department of Public Health.
- All businesses and venues should support social distancing to the extent possible, especially in indoor settings. Businesses and venues should apply best practices in managing distancing at such places as concessions/counters, public restrooms, and lines/queuing.
- This guidance will be updated as the CDC releases new recommendations and is meant to supplement any federal or local guidance, safety laws, rules, regulations or business safety policies that may expressly require a face covering and/or social distancing.
- Continue to consult the CDC and IDPH websites for updated resources, guidelines, and rules related to COVID-19 safety.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

It is safe and recommended to get a COVID-19 vaccine, even if you've already had COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccination is an effective way to boost your immune system and help prevent serious illness if you get COVID-19 again.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

IDPH Launches Online 'Vax Verify' System

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is launching a new immunization portal, Vax Verify, that will allow Illinois residents 18 years and older to check their COVID-19 vaccination record. Vax Verify can be accessed at https://idphportal.illinois.gov.

The verification system follows best practices to protect confidential health information. In order to download proof of vaccination, residents will go through a brief, one-time identity verification process to gain access to their immunization history. The State of Illinois utilizes Experian® as its identity verification service provider. Individuals who have placed a freeze on their credit will need to unfreeze their credit with Experian® and wait 24 hours before completing the registration process. After completing registrations, individuals can re-freeze their credit by contacting Experian®.

After the verification process, individuals can see their own record in the Illinois Comprehensive Automated Immunization Registry Exchange (I-CARE).

Immunization records are kept confidential and only the individual can access their vaccination history. Parents should talk with their child's provider to confirm their vaccination status. Some individuals with very common names will need to take additional steps to securely prove their identities.

Go to vaccines.gov or call 1-800-232-0233 to find COVID-19 vaccine locations near you.

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

New CDC Data: COVID-19 Vaccination Safe for Pregnant People

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released new data on the safety of the COVID-19 vaccines in pregnant people and is recommending all people 12 years of age and older get vaccinated against COVID-19.

"CDC encourages all pregnant people or people who are thinking about becoming pregnant and those breastfeeding to get vaccinated to protect themselves from COVID-19," said CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky. "The vaccines are safe and effective, and it has never been more urgent to increase vaccinations as we face the highly transmissible Delta variant and see severe outcomes from COVID-19 among unvaccinated pregnant people."

A new CDC analysis of current data from the v-safe pregnancy registry assessed vaccination early in pregnancy and did not find an increased risk of miscarriage among nearly 2,500 pregnant women who received an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine before 20 weeks of pregnancy. Miscarriage typically occurs in about 11-16% of pregnancies, and this study found miscarriage rates after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine were around 13%, similar to the expected rate of miscarriage in the general population.

Previously, data from three safety monitoring systems did not find any safety concerns for pregnant people who were vaccinated late in pregnancy or for their babies. Combined, these data and the known severe risks of COVID-19 during pregnancy demonstrate that the benefits of receiving a COVID-19 vaccine for pregnant people outweigh any known or potential risks.

Clinicians have seen the number of pregnant people infected with COVID-19 rise in the past several weeks. The increased circulation of the highly contagious Delta variant, the low vaccine uptake among pregnant people, and the increased risk of severe illness and pregnancy complications related to COVID-19 infection among pregnant people make vaccination for this population more urgent than ever.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Spread Knowledge Not Germs

Let's slow the spread of COVID-19 and give our students the best start to the new school year. Learn more about the vaccine at vaccines.gov.



Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin

Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.

For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

August 20, 2021

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COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 08/20/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
13,545	12,711	325	509	106,079	5.0%

Week ending 8/13/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
13,382	12,670	320	392	103,171	3.9 %

Week of 08/06/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
13,228	12,642	318	268	101,942	3.4 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

VACCINATIONS

As of August 20, 2021, The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 25,550 individuals with 12,780 of those individuals being fully vaccinated since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

Below is the overall County and State data as of August 20, 2021:

LaSalle County	Illinois
106,079 Administered Vaccine Doses	13,745,822 Administered Vaccine Doses
52,001 # Population Fully Vaccinated	6,666,733 # Population Fully Vaccinated
47.52 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	52.32 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated

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Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

08/13/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	205,611,601	4,338,592
US	36,689,470	621,688
Illinois	1,457,687	23,594
LaSalle County	13,382	320

08/20/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	210,184,453	4,407,155
US	37,292,023	625,183
Illinois	1,482,369	23,717
LaSalle County	13,545	325

BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Total Breakthrough Cases
105

Total Breakthrough Deaths
5

Note: Breakthrough cases are defined as someone who tests positive for Covid-19 more than 14 days after completing vaccination.

COUNTY TRANSMISSION LEVELS

LaSalle County CDC Transmission Rate Level
HIGH

LaSalle County IDPH County Level Metric
BLUE

Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those communities with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

VARIANTS

(* Total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.)

Variant Name	Variant Designation	Variant Country of Origin	Total Number Reported
Alpha	B.1.1.7	U.K	57
Gamma	P.1/P.1.1	Brazil	46
Iota	B.1.526.1	US	<5
Delta	B.1.617.2/AY.2 /AY.3	India	23

CASE BREAKDOWN

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	260	273	3.94%	0.00
10-19	665	762	10.54%	0.00
20s	1099	1191	16.91%	0.00
30s	1063	1050	15.60%	0.00
40s	967	1007	14.57%	1.54
50s	973	1065	15.05%	2.15
60s	763	742	11.11%	8.62
70s	406	447	6.30%	22.77
80s	224	319	4.01%	35.38
90s	91	162	1.87%	26.46
100s	1	15	0.12%	3.08
UNK				
Total	6512	7033		
%	48.08	51.92		
TOTAL CASES		**13545**		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	537
June	67	104
July	261	185
August	778	**433**
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**5103**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	10*
May	12	10
June	4	5
July	1	3
August	30	**10**
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**94**

Deaths by Age	**325**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	5
50's	7
60's	28
70's	74
80's	115
90's	86
100s	10
Males	163
Females	162

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported deaths in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Cases by City/Village

08.13.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	31	0.23%
Dana	38	0.28%
Earlville	267	2.00%
Grand Ridge	110	0.82%
LaSalle	1244	9.30%
Leland	177	1.32%
Leonore	5	0.04%
Lostant	92	0.69%
Marseilles	892	6.67%
Mendota	1336	9.98%
Millington	38	0.28%
Oglesby	525	3.92%
Ottawa	2742	20.49%
Peru	1356	10.13%
Ransom	47	0.35%
Rutland	33	0.25%
Sandwich	465	3.47%
Serena	59	0.44%
Seneca	340	2.54%
Sheridan	808	6.04%
Somonauk	252	1.88%
Streator	2125	15.88%
Tonica	116	0.87%
Troy Grove	24	0.18%
Utica	214	1.60%
Wedron	9	0.07%
Wenona	28	0.21%
Other**	9	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	**13,382**	

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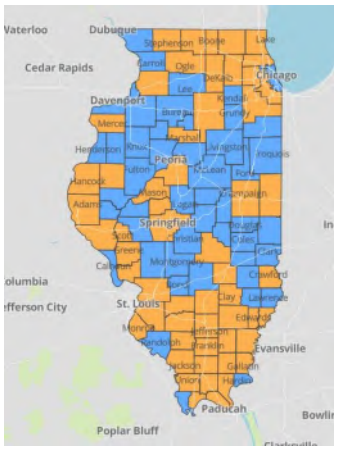
Town	Current Total	Increase since last report	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	31	0	0.23%
Dana	39	1	0.29%
Earlville	268	1	1.98%
Grand Ridge	113	3	0.83%
LaSalle	1259	15	9.29%
Leland	177	0	1.31%
Leonore	5	0	0.04%
Lostant	93	1	0.69%
Marseilles	908	16	6.70%
Mendota	1350	14	9.97%
Millington	45	7	0.33%
Oglesby	531	6	3.92%
Ottawa	2771	29	20.46%
Peru	1371	15	10.12%
Ransom	49	2	0.36%
Rutland	33	0	0.24%
Sandwich	468	3	3.46%
Serena	61	2	0.45%
Seneca	342	2	2.52%
Sheridan	812	4	5.99%
Somonauk	253	1	1.87%
Streator	2162	37	15.96%
Tonica	118	2	0.87%
Troy Grove	24	0	0.18%
Utica	216	2	1.59%
Wedron	9	0	0.07%
Wenona (LC Cases)	28	0	0.21%
Other**	9	0	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	**13,545**	**163**	

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.

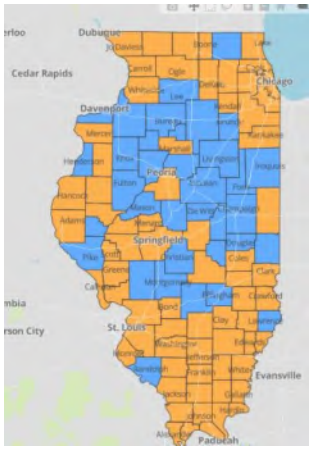
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

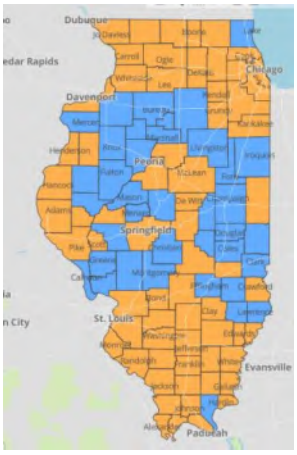
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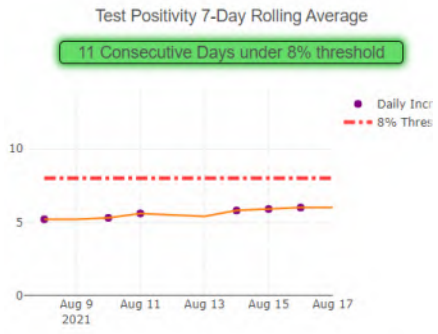
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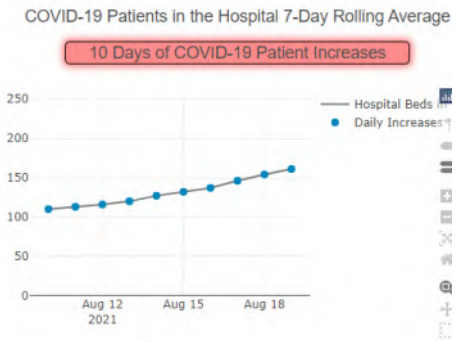


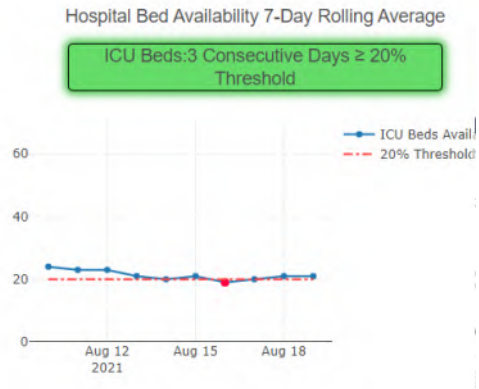
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Region 2 Summary - 08/20/2021



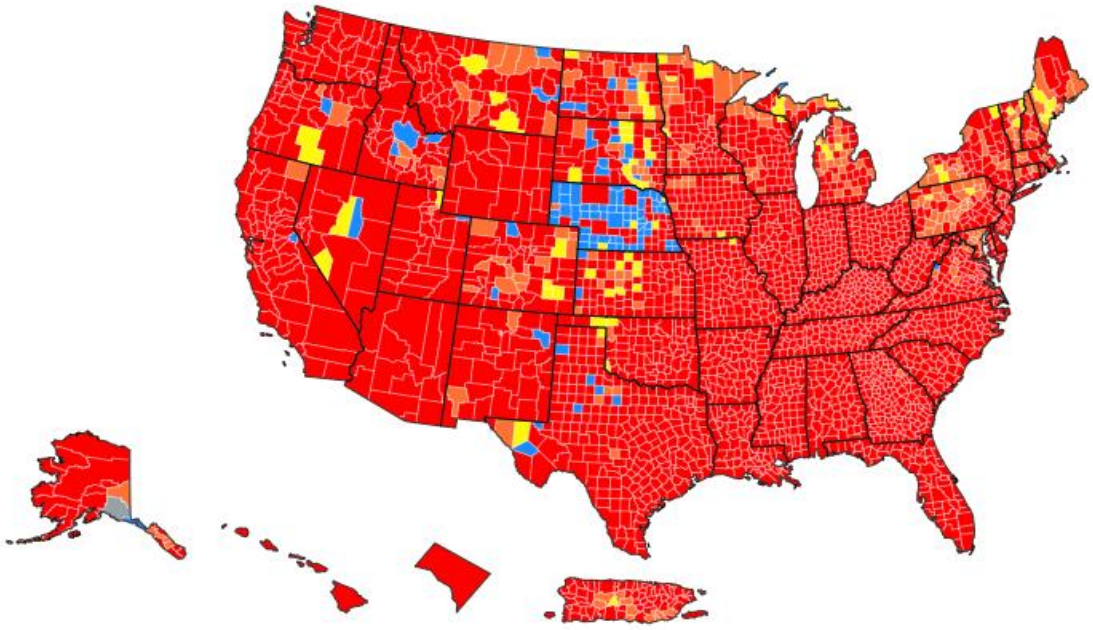




County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics –08/08/21 – 08/15/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **143 per 100K** *Increase from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1** * Decrease from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **5.0 %** *Increase from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **3,732** *more tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2.0 %** *Decrease in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **8** * Increase from previous week
Cluster (%) of cases No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **9.4 %** *Decrease in reported clusters from previous week	**ICU (%) Available** ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **20.4 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

COVID Transmission Rates Across the US



High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

Level of Community Transmission	Number of U.S. Counties at this Level	Percent of U.S. Counties at this Level	Percentage Point Difference of Counties at this Level Since 7 Days Ago
High	2794	86.77%	8.79%
Substantial	256	7.95%	-5.9%
Moderate	65	2.02%	-1.96%
Low	104	3.23%	-0.93%

Source: CDC web site

Variant Circulation in United States

United States: 8/8/2021 – 8/14/2021 NOWCAST

USA

WHO label	Lineage #	Type	%Total	95%PI
Alpha	B.1.1.7	VOC	0.3%	0.0-1.0%
Beta	B.1.351	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Gamma	P.1	VOC	0.2%	0.0-0.7%
Delta	B.1.617.2	VOC	86.1%	82.6-89.4%
	AY.3	VOC	12.3%	9.1-15.7%
	AY.2	VOC	0.3%	0.0-1.0%
	AY.1	VOC	0.1%	0.0-0.2%
Eta	B.1.525	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Iota	B.1.526	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
N/A	B.1.621		0.4%	0.0-1.0%
	B.1.621.1		0.1%	0.0-0.5%
	B.1.628		0.1%	0.0-0.5%
	A.2.5		0.0%	0.0-0.2%
	B.1.626		0.0%	0.0-0.2%
	B.1.617.1	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
	B.1.617.3	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Other	Other*		0.0%	0.0-0.2%

* Enumerated lineages are VOI/VOC or are circulating >1% in at least one HHS region during at least one two week period; remaining lineages are aggregated as "Other".
** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates
# Sublineages of P.1 and B.1.351 are aggregated with the parent lineage and included in parent lineage's proportion. AY.3.1 is aggregated with its parent lineage AY.3. AY.4-AY.12 aggregated with B.1.617.2

Source: CDC web site

LaSalle County Health Department Testing Information

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

State of Illinois Community Based Testing

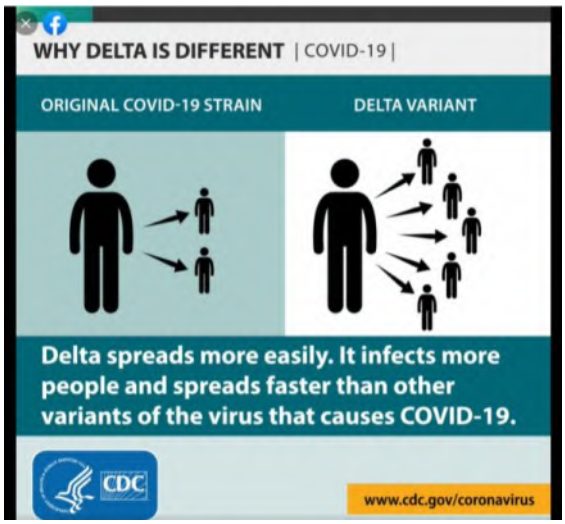
Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 823 Wilke Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Fairview Heights	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State Street	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

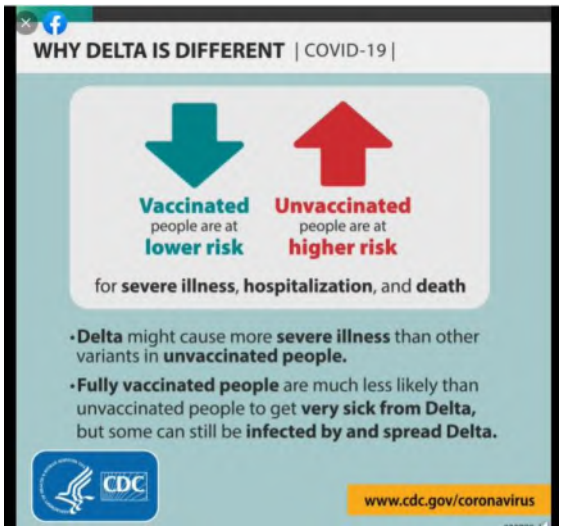
For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.



Why Is Delta Different?

The Delta variant of the virus that causes COVID-19 spreads more easily than other variants and may cause more severe illness. COVID-19 vaccines significantly reduce the risk of severe illness. Vaccination is more urgent than ever.
Learn more about why Delta is different: https://bit.ly/3iuDnTQ.











Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

LaSalle County Continues to Experience High Community Transmission

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), LaSalle County is currently experiencing high community transmission based on the 7-day moving average of new cases per 100,000 (131.59 per 100,000) of COVID-19 (Data as of Thursday August 19). In accordance with the CDC and IDPH, the LaSalle County Health Department continues to recommend that all County residents, including fully vaccinated people, should wear a mask while in public indoor settings to help control the spread of the virus.

CDC's Level of Community Transmission Alert Level looks at one value – the County case rate. Case rates are calculated based on the number of new cases per 100,000 population over a rolling 7-day period. CDC data is updated daily. Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Still in Need of a COVID -19 Vaccine? Call the Health Department to Schedule an Appointment

The LaSalle County Health Department has COVID -19 vaccine available at the Health Department by appointment only, Monday through Friday. The Health Department has Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer vaccine available.
Residents who still need to be vaccinated should call the Health Department at 815-433-3366 to make an appointment.
Pfizer is available to anyone 12 years of age and older. **Please Note – Must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**



Get the facts, then get the vax! Learn more about the COVID-19 vaccines:
https://www.cdc.gov/.../vaccines/different-vaccines.html

Vaccine Brand Name	Safe?	Effective?	Reduces your risk of severe illness?	Age group who can get this vaccine	How many shots you will need?	When you are fully vaccinated
BIONTECH Pfizer	✓	✓	✓	12 years and older	2 shots given 3 weeks (21 days) apart*	2 weeks after your second shot
moderna	✓	✓	✓	18 years and older	2 shots given 4 weeks (28 days) apart*	2 weeks after your second shot
janssen	✓	✓	✓	18 years and older	1 Shot	2 weeks after your shot

*You should get your second shot as close to the recommended 3-week or 4-week interval as possible. However, your second shot may be given up to 6 weeks (42 days) after the first dose, if necessary.

CDC

cdc.gov/coronavirus

VTF-008-02-02

Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

St. Margaret's Health - Peru (LaSalle Medical Clinic)

The Hygienic Institute will begin weekly Wednesday clinics for the COVID-19 Vaccine 1st or 2nd dose starting Wednesday, June 23rd. The Hygienic Institute will have both Moderna and Pfizer available. Pfizer can be given to the 12 – 18-year-olds.

If you would like to schedule an appointment for the COVID Vaccine, please call the Vaccine Hotline Number: **779-201-5272** and leave a detailed message with your name and the best contact number. You will be called back to schedule an appointment.

Get the Vaccine to Save Lives!

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

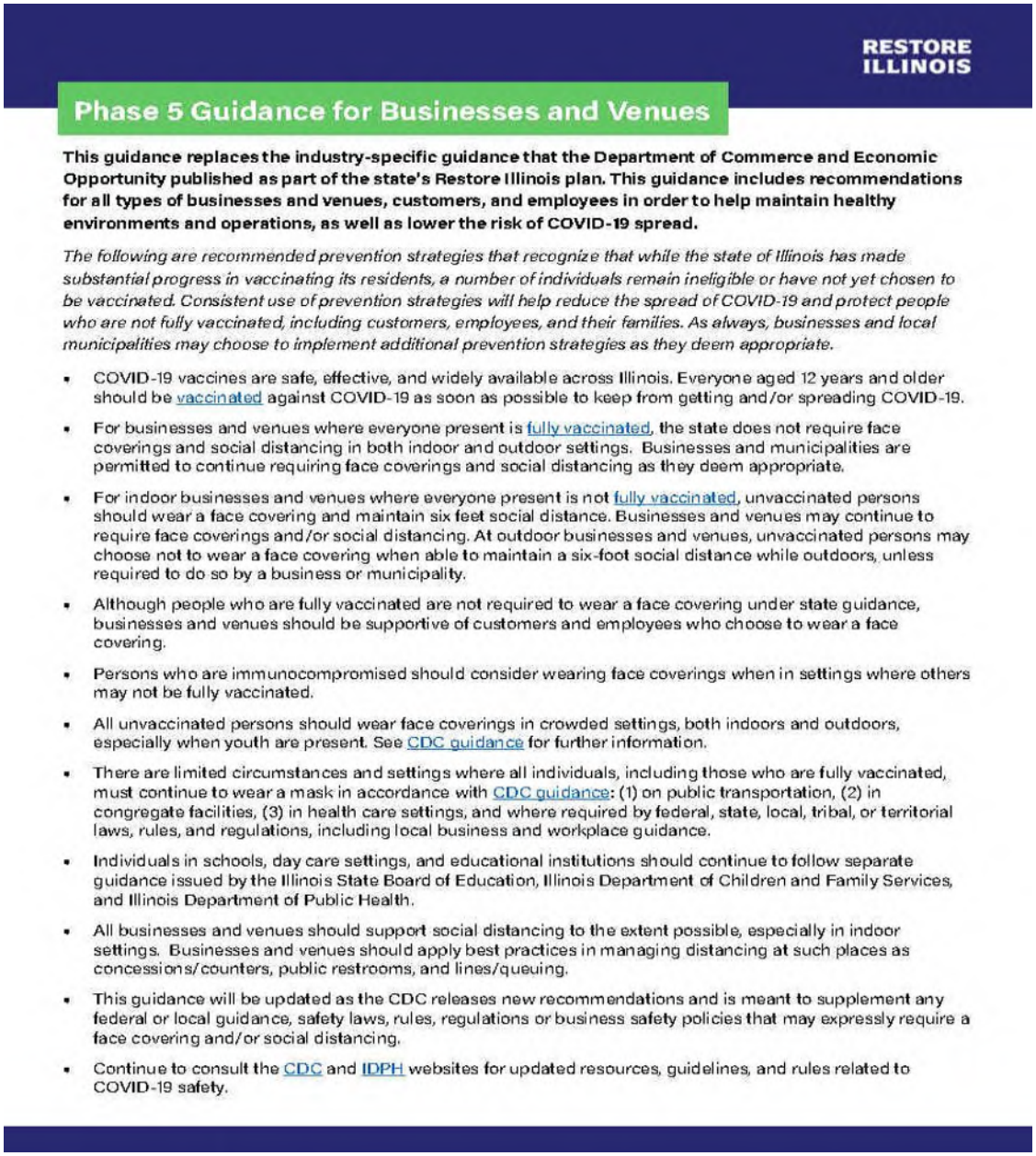
- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

Locate the nearest location of the Pfizer vaccine for your 12–17-year-old in Illinois at www.vaccines.gov



RESTORE ILLINOIS

On Friday, June 11, 2021, Illinois moved to a full reopening, also known as Phase 5, the final phase of the Restore Illinois plan. The state has eliminated all capacity limits on businesses, large-scale events, conventions, amusement parks, and all other venues. Mask requirements for vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals continue to align with CDC guidelines. #VaxUpIL if you are eligible! Learn more about Phase 5 http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19/Illinois%20Phase%205%20Guidelines.pdf



RESTORE ILLINOIS

Phase 5 Guidance for Businesses and Venues

This guidance replaces the industry-specific guidance that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity published as part of the state's Restore Illinois plan. This guidance includes recommendations for all types of businesses and venues, customers, and employees in order to help maintain healthy environments and operations, as well as lower the risk of COVID-19 spread.

The following are recommended prevention strategies that recognize that while the state of Illinois has made substantial progress in vaccinating its residents, a number of individuals remain ineligible or have not yet chosen to be vaccinated. Consistent use of prevention strategies will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect people who are not fully vaccinated, including customers, employees, and their families. As always, businesses and local municipalities may choose to implement additional prevention strategies as they deem appropriate.

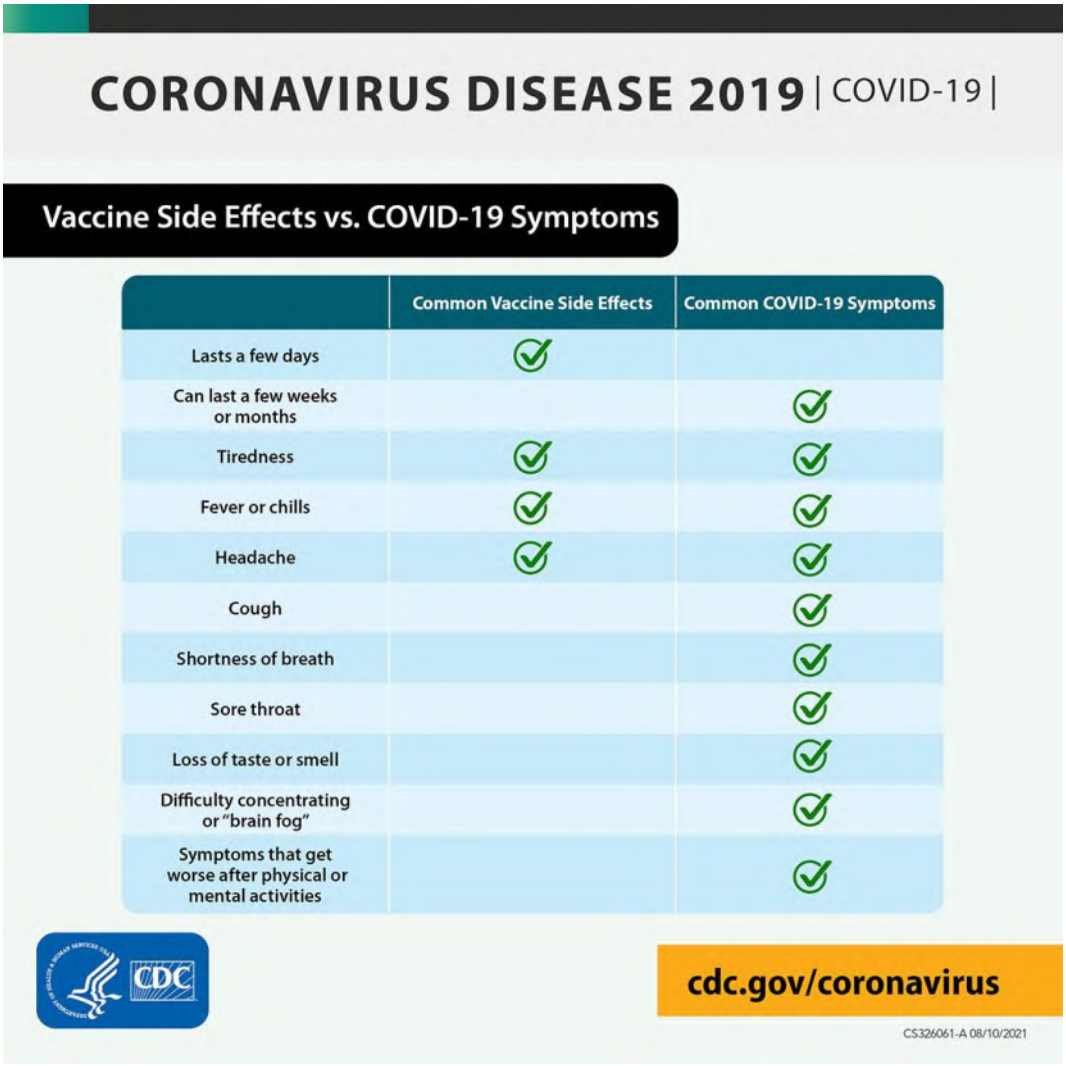
- COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and widely available across Illinois. Everyone aged 12 years and older should be vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible to keep from getting and/or spreading COVID-19.
- For businesses and venues where everyone present is fully vaccinated, the state does not require face coverings and social distancing in both indoor and outdoor settings. Businesses and municipalities are permitted to continue requiring face coverings and social distancing as they deem appropriate.
- For indoor businesses and venues where everyone present is not fully vaccinated, unvaccinated persons should wear a face covering and maintain six feet social distance. Businesses and venues may continue to require face coverings and/or social distancing. At outdoor businesses and venues, unvaccinated persons may choose not to wear a face covering when able to maintain a six-foot social distance while outdoors, unless required to do so by a business or municipality.
- Although people who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a face covering under state guidance, businesses and venues should be supportive of customers and employees who choose to wear a face covering.
- Persons who are immunocompromised should consider wearing face coverings when in settings where others may not be fully vaccinated.
- All unvaccinated persons should wear face coverings in crowded settings, both indoors and outdoors, especially when youth are present. See CDC guidance for further information.
- There are limited circumstances and settings where all individuals, including those who are fully vaccinated, must continue to wear a mask in accordance with CDC guidance: (1) on public transportation, (2) in congregate facilities, (3) in health care settings, and where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- Individuals in schools, day care settings, and educational institutions should continue to follow separate guidance issued by the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and Illinois Department of Public Health.
- All businesses and venues should support social distancing to the extent possible, especially in indoor settings. Businesses and venues should apply best practices in managing distancing at such places as concessions/counters, public restrooms, and lines/queuing.
- This guidance will be updated as the CDC releases new recommendations and is meant to supplement any federal or local guidance, safety laws, rules, regulations or business safety policies that may expressly require a face covering and/or social distancing.
- Continue to consult the CDC and IDPH websites for updated resources, guidelines, and rules related to COVID-19 safety.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

Side effects after getting your COVID-19 vaccine are normal and a sign your body is building protection. They should go away in a few days.
Compared to vaccine side effects, symptoms from COVID-19 can be wider-ranging and more severe. They often last weeks but can sometimes last months. Even people who did not have COVID-19 symptoms in the days or weeks after they were infected can have symptoms appear later.

COVID-19 vaccines help prevent you from getting COVID- 19, and from severe illness, hospitalization, and death if you do get it. Vaccines are safe, effective, and free! Get your COVID-19 vaccine to protect yourself and your loved ones: [vaccines.gov.](vaccines.gov)



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

CDC Recommends People Who Are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised Get an Additional Dose of Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine

CDC has accepted a recommendation by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) that people who are moderately to severely immunocompromised get an additional dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna). This group includes people with different health conditions that can weaken the immune system:

- Recipients of organ or stem cell transplants
- People with advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Those currently being treated for cancer
- People who are taking some medications that weaken the immune system
- People with some other conditions

If you have questions about an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine, you can talk to your healthcare provider. Also, for those immunocompromised people who got Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine, there's insufficient data to support getting an additional mRNA COVID-19 vaccine dose.

More: https://bit.ly/3yLmOc5





Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Joint Statement from HHS Public Health and Medical Experts on COVID-19 Booster Shots

Federal health officials have developed a plan to begin offering COVID-19 vaccine booster shots this fall, pending final FDA evaluation of third doses of the Pfizer and Moderna

mRNA vaccines and formal recommendations from CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).
Here is the full joint statement:

Today (8/18/21), public health and medical experts from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released the following statement on the Administration's plan for COVID-19 booster shots for the American people.

The statement is attributable to Dr. Rochelle Walensky, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); Dr. Janet Woodcock, Acting Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration (FDA); Dr. Vivek Murthy, U.S. Surgeon General; Dr. Francis Collins, Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH); Dr. Anthony Fauci, Chief Medical Advisor to President Joe Biden and Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID); Dr. Rachel Levine, Assistant Secretary for Health; Dr. David Kessler, Chief Science Officer for the COVID-19 Response; and Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith, Chair of the COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force:

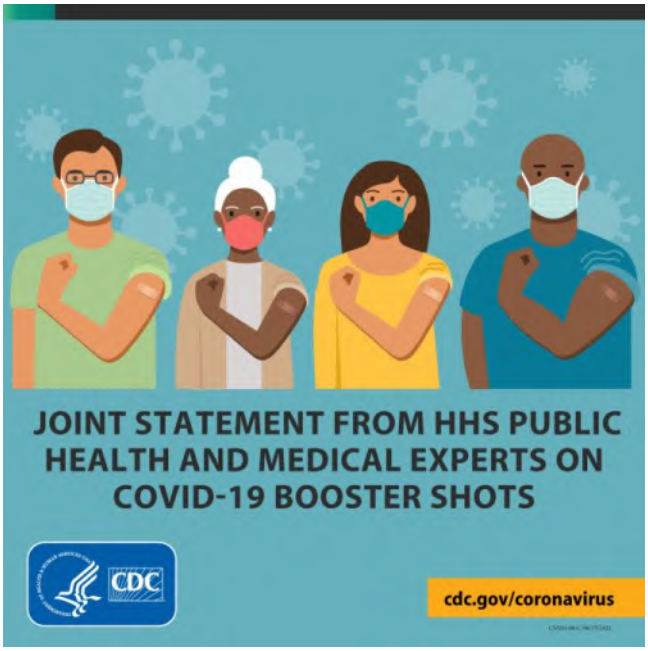
"The COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the United States continue to be remarkably effective in reducing risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death, even against the widely circulating Delta variant. Recognizing that many vaccines are associated with a reduction in protection over time, and acknowledging that additional vaccine doses could be needed to provide long lasting protection, we have been analyzing the scientific data closely from the United States and around the world to understand how long this protection will last and how we might maximize this protection. The available data make very clear that protection against SARS-CoV-2 infection begins to decrease over time following the initial doses of vaccination, and in association with the dominance of the Delta variant, we are starting to see evidence of reduced protection against mild and moderate disease. Based on our latest assessment, the current protection against severe disease, hospitalization, and death could diminish in the months ahead, especially among those who are at higher risk or were vaccinated during the earlier phases of the vaccination rollout. For that reason, we conclude that a booster shot will be needed to maximize vaccine-induced protection and prolong its durability.

"We have developed a plan to begin offering these booster shots this fall subject to FDA conducting an independent evaluation and determination of the safety and effectiveness of a third dose of the Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines and CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) issuing booster dose recommendations based on a thorough review of the evidence. We are prepared to offer booster shots for all Americans beginning the week of September 20 and starting 8 months after an individual's second dose. At that time, the individuals who were fully vaccinated earliest in the vaccination rollout, including many health care providers, nursing home residents, and other seniors, will likely be eligible for a booster. We would also begin efforts to deliver booster shots directly to residents of long-term care facilities at that time, given the distribution of vaccines to this population early in the vaccine rollout and the continued increased risk that COVID-19 poses to them.

"We also anticipate booster shots will likely be needed for people who received the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine. Administration of the J&J vaccine did not begin in the U.S. until March 2021, and we expect more data on J&J in the next few weeks. With those data in hand, we will keep the public informed with a timely plan for J&J booster shots as well.

“Our top priority remains staying ahead of the virus and protecting the American people from COVID-19 with safe, effective, and long-lasting vaccines especially in the context of a constantly changing virus and epidemiologic landscape. We will continue to follow the science on a daily basis, and we are prepared to modify this plan should new data emerge that requires it.

“We also want to emphasize the ongoing urgency of vaccinating the unvaccinated in the U.S. and around the world. Nearly all the cases of severe disease, hospitalization, and death continue to occur among those not yet vaccinated at all. We will continue to ramp up efforts to increase vaccinations here at home and to ensure people have accurate information about vaccines from trusted sources. We will also continue to expand our efforts to increase the supply of vaccines for other countries, building further on the more than 600 million doses we have already committed to donate globally.”



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

August 27, 2021

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COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 08/27/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
13,742	12,789	327	626	107,379	4.3 %

Week ending 8/20/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
13,545	12,711	325	509	106,079	5.0%

Week of 08/13/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
13,382	12,670	320	392	103,171	3.9 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

VACCINATIONS

As of August 27, 2021, The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 25,607 individuals with 12,819 of those individuals being fully vaccinated since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

Below is the overall County and State data as of August 27, 2021:

LaSalle County	Illinois
107,379 Administered Vaccine Doses	13,914,213 Administered Vaccine Doses
52,679 # Population Fully Vaccinated	6,742,814 # Population Fully Vaccinated
48.14 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	52.92 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated

- Frequently Asked Questions
- LaSalle County Continues to Experience High Community Transmission
- COVID-19 Vaccine Phase Updates in LaSalle County
- Restore Illinois
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- Did You Know that Hand Hygiene is the #1 Way to Stop the Spread of Germs and Viruses like COVID-19?

Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

08/20/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	210,184,453	4,407,155
US	37,292,023	625,183
Illinois	1,482,369	23,717
LaSalle County	13,545	325

08/27/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	214,805,349	4,477,443
US	38,390,467	633,609
Illinois	1,508,005	23,889
LaSalle County	13,742	327

BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Total Breakthrough Cases
112

Total Breakthrough Deaths
5

Note: Breakthrough cases are defined as someone who tests positive for Covid-19 more than 14 days after completing vaccination.

COUNTY TRANSMISSION LEVELS

LaSalle County CDC Transmission Rate Level
HIGH

LaSalle County IDPH County Level Metric
BLUE

Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those communities with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

VARIANTS

(* Total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.)

Variant Name	Variant Designation	Variant Country of Origin	Total Number Reported
Alpha	B.1.1.7	U.K	57
Gamma	P.1/P.1.1	Brazil	46
Iota	B.1.526.1	US	<5
Delta	B.1.617.2/AY.2 /AY.3	India	28

CASE BREAKDOWN

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	271	286	4.05	0.00
10-19	677	782	10.62	0.00
20s	1112	1206	16.87	0.00
30s	1081	1069	15.65	0.00
40s	985	1016	14.56	1.53
50s	982	1077	14.98	2.14
60s	770	749	11.05	8.56
70s	415	451	6.30	22.94
80s	225	319	3.96	35.47
90s	91	162	1.84	26.30
100s	1	15	0.12	3.06
UNK				
Total	6610	7132		
%	48.10	51.90		
TOTAL CASES		13742		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	537
June	67	104
July	261	185
August	778	**630**
September	504	
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**5300**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	10*
May	12	10
June	4	5
July	1	3
August	30	**12**
September	9	
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**96**

Deaths by Age	**327**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	5
50's	7
60's	28
70's	75
80's	116
90's	86
100s	10
Males	164
Females	163

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported deaths in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Cases by City/Village

08.20.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	31	0.23%
Dana	39	0.29%
Earlville	268	1.98%
Grand Ridge	113	0.83%
LaSalle	1259	9.29%
Leland	177	1.31%
Leonore	5	0.04%
Lostant	93	0.69%
Marseilles	908	6.70%
Mendota	1350	9.97%
Millington	45	0.33%
Oglesby	531	3.92%
Ottawa	2771	20.46%
Peru	1371	10.12%
Ransom	49	0.36%
Rutland	33	0.24%
Sandwich	468	3.46%
Serena	61	0.45%
Seneca	342	2.52%
Sheridan	812	5.99%
Somonauk	253	1.87%
Streator	2162	15.96%
Tonica	118	0.87%
Troy Grove	24	0.18%
Utica	216	1.59%
Wedron	9	0.07%
Wenona	28	0.21%
Other**	9	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	**13,545**	

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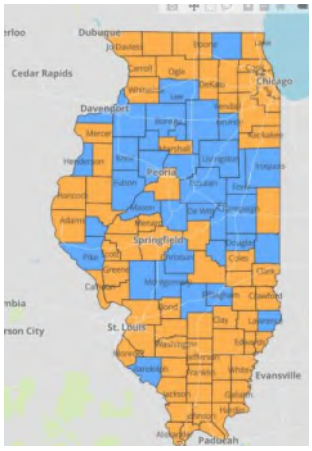
Town	Current Total	Increase since last report	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	33	2	0.24%
Dana	40	1	0.29%
Earlville	273	5	1.99%
Grand Ridge	115	2	0.84%
LaSalle	1275	16	9.28%
Leland	178	1	1.30%
Leonore	5	0	0.04%
Lostant	93	0	0.68%
Marseilles	932	24	6.78%
Mendota	1366	16	9.94%
Millington	45	0	0.33%
Oglesby	544	13	3.96%
Ottawa	2791	20	20.31%
Peru	1384	13	10.07%
Ransom	53	4	0.39%
Rutland	35	2	0.25%
Sandwich	473	5	3.44%
Serena	66	5	0.48%
Seneca	352	10	2.56%
Sheridan	817	5	5.95%
Somonauk	258	5	1.88%
Streator	2202	40	16.02%
Tonica	125	7	0.91%
Troy Grove	24	0	0.17%
Utica	217	1	1.58%
Wedron	9	0	0.07%
Wenona (LC Cases)	28	0	0.20%
Other**	9	0	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	**13,742**	**197**	

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.

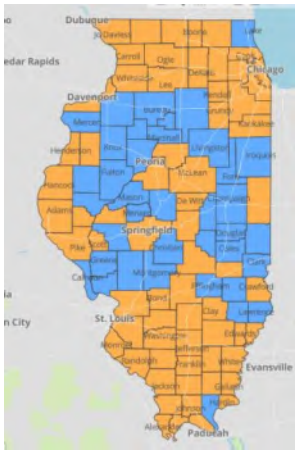
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

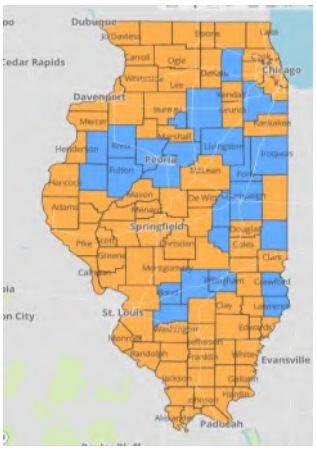
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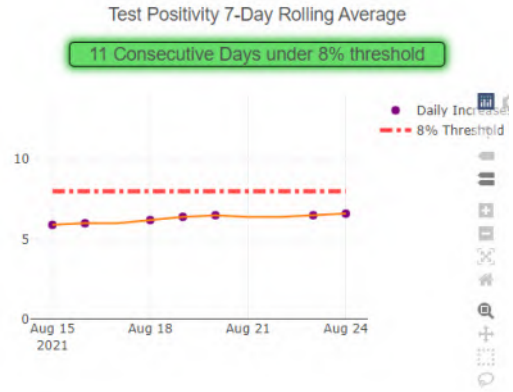
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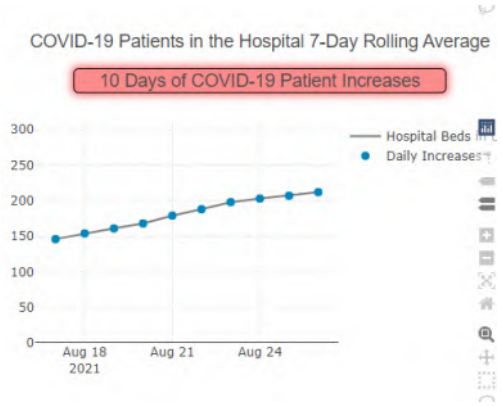


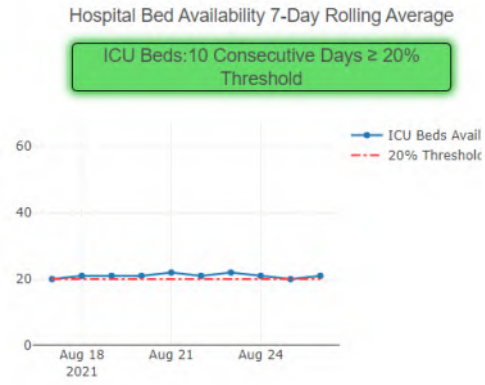
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Region 2 Summary - 08/27/2021



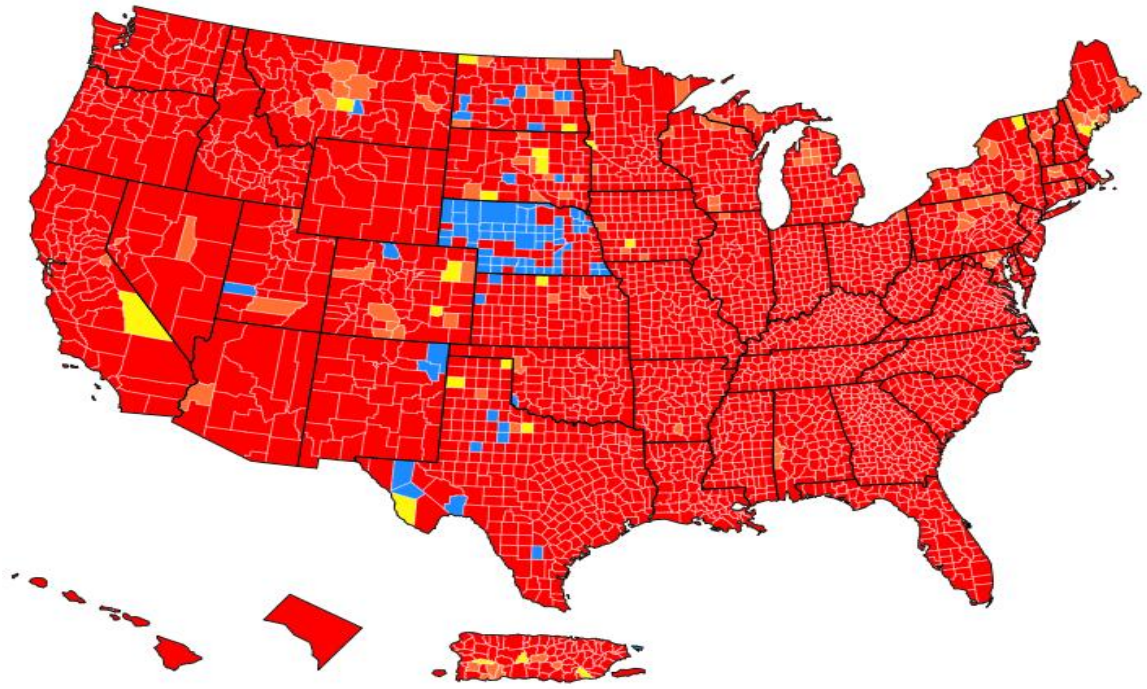




County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics –08/15/21 – 08/21/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **165 per 100K** *Increase from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **5** * Increase from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **4.3 %** *Decrease from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **4,199** *more tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **5.2 %** *Increase in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **10** * Increase from previous week
Cluster (%) of cases No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **5.3 %** *Decrease in reported clusters from previous week	**ICU (%) Available** ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **21.6 %** *Increase in availability from previous week	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

COVID Transmission Rates Across the US



High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

Community Transmission in US by County

	Total	Percent	% Change
High	2974	92.36%	5.59%
Substantial	134	4.16%	-3.79%
Moderate	23	0.71%	-1.3%
Low	88	2.73%	-0.5%

Source: CDC web site

Variant Circulation in United States

United States: 8/15/2021 – 8/21/2021 NOWCAST

USA

WHO label	Lineage #	Type	%Total	95%PI
Alpha	B.1.1.7	VOC	0.2%	0.0-0.7%
Beta	B.1.351	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Gamma	P.1	VOC	0.1%	0.0-0.5%
Delta	B.1.617.2	VOC	98.8%	97.6-99.8%
	AY.2	VOC	0.2%	0.0-0.7%
	AY.1	VOC	0.1%	0.0-0.5%
Eta	B.1.525	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Iota	B.1.526	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
N/A	B.1.621		0.3%	0.0-0.7%
	B.1.621.1		0.1%	0.0-0.5%
	B.1.628		0.1%	0.0-0.5%
Other	Other*		0.1%	0.0-0.5%

* Enumerated lineages are VOI/VOC or are circulating >1% in at least one HHS region during at least one two week period; remaining lineages are aggregated as "Other".
** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates
# Sublineages of P.1 and B.1.351 are aggregated with the parent lineage and included in parent lineage's proportion. AY.3-AY.12 are aggregated with B.1.617.2

Source: CDC web site

LaSalle County Health Department Testing Information

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

State of Illinois Community Based Testing

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 823 Wilke Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Fairview Heights	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State Street	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.



Why Are COVID-19 Booster Doses Not Available Yet?

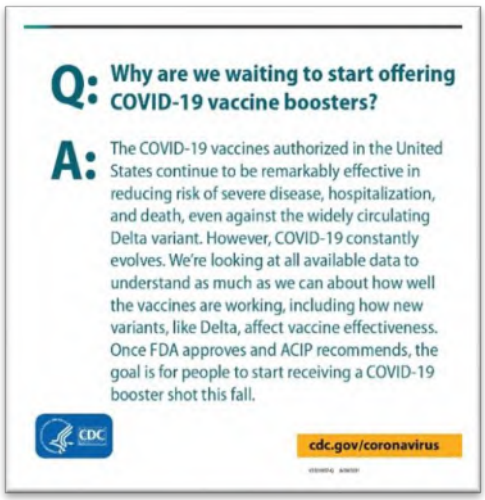
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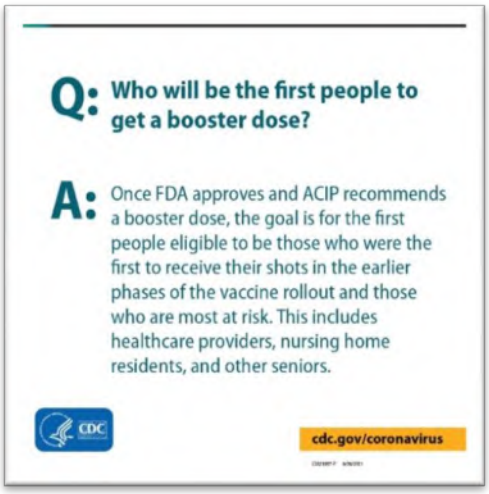
The science of COVID-19 constantly evolves. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are looking at all available data on how well vaccines are working. The goal is for people to start receiving booster doses this fall.

After FDA approves and ACIP recommends a COVID-19 booster dose, the goal is for those who received their shots in the earlier phases of vaccine rollout to get their booster dose first.

This includes:
- Healthcare providers
- Nursing home residents
- Other seniors

More: https://bit.ly/3sA6rg7.





Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

LaSalle County Continues to Experience High Community Transmission

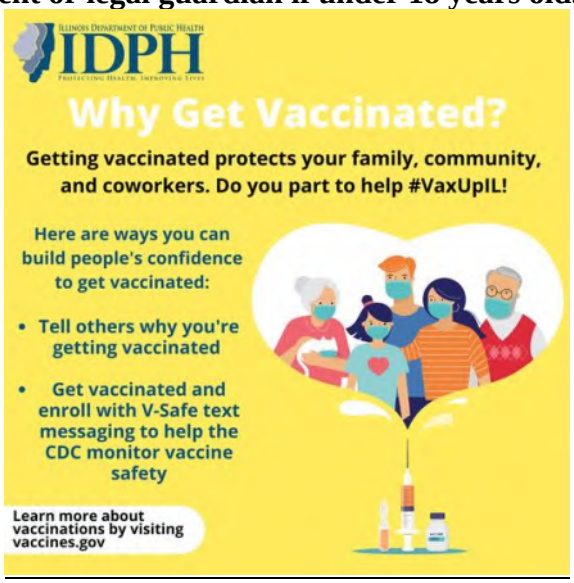
According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), LaSalle County is currently experiencing high community transmission based on the 7-day moving average of new cases per 100,000 (178.52 per 100,000) of COVID-19 (Data as of Thursday August 26). In accordance with the CDC and IDPH, the LaSalle County Health Department continues to recommend that all County residents, including fully vaccinated people, should wear a mask while in public indoor settings to help control the spread of the virus.

CDC's Level of Community Transmission Alert Level looks at one value – the County case rate. Case rates are calculated based on the number of new cases per 100,000 population over a rolling 7-day period. CDC data is updated daily. Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Still in Need of a COVID -19 Vaccine? Call the Health Department to Schedule an Appointment

The LaSalle County Health Department has COVID -19 vaccine available at the Health Department by appointment only, Monday through Friday. The Health Department has Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer vaccine available.
Residents who still need to be vaccinated should call the Health Department at 815-433-3366 to make an appointment.
Pfizer is available to anyone 12 years of age and older. **Please Note – Must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**



Get the facts, then get the vax! Learn more about the COVID-19 vaccines: https://www.cdc.gov/.../vaccines/different-vaccines.html

Vaccine Brand Name	Safe?	Effective?	Reduces your risk of severe illness?	Age group who can get this vaccine	How many shots you will need?	When you are fully vaccinated
BioNTech Pfizer	✓	✓	✓	12 years and older	2 shots given 3 weeks (21 days) apart*	2 weeks after your second shot
moderna	✓	✓	✓	18 years and older	2 shots given 4 weeks (28 days) apart*	2 weeks after your second shot
janssen	✓	✓	✓	18 years and older	1 Shot	2 weeks after your shot

*You should get your second shot as close to the recommended 3-week or 4-week interval as possible. However, your second shot may be given up to 6 weeks (42 days) after the first dose, if necessary.

CDC

cdc.gov/coronavirus

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Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

St. Margaret's Health - Peru (LaSalle Medical Clinic)

The Hygienic Institute will begin weekly Wednesday clinics for the COVID-19 Vaccine 1st or 2nd dose starting Wednesday, June 23rd. The Hygienic Institute will have both Moderna and Pfizer available. Pfizer can be given to the 12 – 18-year-olds.

If you would like to schedule an appointment for the COVID Vaccine, please call the Vaccine Hotline Number: **779-201-5272** and leave a detailed message with your name and the best contact number. You will be called back to schedule an appointment.

Get the Vaccine to Save Lives!

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

Locate the nearest location of the Pfizer vaccine for your 12–17-year-old in Illinois at www.vaccines.gov



Governor Pritzker Announces COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement for Healthcare Workers, Pre-K-12 Teachers and Staff, Higher Education Personnel and Students to Slow Spread of Delta Variant

All Illinois Residents Required to Wear Masks Indoors, Regardless of Vaccination Status

August 26, 2021 – As COVID-19 infection and hospitalization rates across the state continue to increase, particularly in downstate communities with the lowest vaccination rates, Governor JB Pritzker and IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike announced vaccination requirements for individuals in high risk settings. All healthcare workers, including nursing home employees, all pre-k-12 teachers and staff, as well as higher education personnel and students will now be required to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Employees in all of these settings and higher education students who are unable or unwilling to receive the vaccine will be required to get tested for COVID-19 at least once per week, and DPH and ISBE may require increased testing in certain situations.

The Governor and Dr. Ezike also announced a statewide indoor mask mandate for all Illinois residents, regardless of vaccination status, as COVID-19 cases and hospitalization rates continue to increase. The masking requirements are effective Monday, August 30th. The public health requirements come as regions with low vaccination rates continue to see a surge of COVID-19 hospitalizations. In IDPH region 5, Southern Illinois, with the lowest vaccination rate in the state at 44 percent, only 3% of ICU beds are available as the region experiences the highest case rate in the state. Since August 1st, local health departments across the state have reported 27 COVID-19 outbreaks at schools and currently hundreds of schools are being monitored for potential COVID-19 exposures.

"The quick spread of this disease in Illinois and across the country is holding us all back from the post-pandemic life we so desperately want to embrace, and it's harming the most vulnerable among us," **said Governor JB Pritzker.** "We are running out of time as our hospitals run out of beds. Vaccination remains our strongest tool to protect ourselves and our loved ones, to restore post-pandemic life to our communities, and most crucially, to maintain our healthcare system's ability to care for anyone who walks through their doors in need of help – and Illinois is taking action to keep our communities safe."

"Unlike the wave of COVID-19 we saw earlier this Spring, we're now seeing our hospital resources stretched thin with some areas of Illinois reduced to only a handful of available ICU beds," **said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike.** "The vast majority of hospitalizations, as well as cases and deaths, are among those who are unvaccinated. This has become a pandemic of the unvaccinated. We have safe, proven, and effective tools to turn the tide and end this pandemic. But until more people are vaccinated, masks are the order of the day and will help us slow the spread of the virus."

COVID-19 Vaccination

From the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Pritzker administration has implemented policies and guidelines in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to slow the spread of the virus and protect the health and safety of residents. With the Delta variant causing a rapid increase in infection rates across the state and nation and downstate hospitals in Illinois approaching capacity for hospital and ICU beds, employees in high risk settings will now be required to receive the vaccine or be subject to routine testing. Earlier this month, the administration announced that employees at all State-run congregate facilities would be required to be vaccinated.

To lower the number of breakthrough cases that require hospital admission, the majority of whom are 65 and over or immunocompromised, all healthcare workers, including workers at public and private nursing homes, must get vaccinated. Teachers and staff at pre-k-12 schools as well as personnel and students at higher education institutions are required to receive the vaccine. Workers and students in applicable settings must receive the first dose of a two-dose vaccination series or a single-dose vaccination by September 5, 2021. Second doses of the vaccine must be received by 30 days after the first dose.

Workers who do not receive the vaccine or those who opt out for medical reasons or based on a sincerely held religious belief must follow a routine testing schedule to detect cases early and prevent further spread. Testing will be required a minimum of once per week in schools and healthcare facilities. The frequency of testing may be required to increase in the event of positive cases.

Healthcare, school workers, and higher education personnel and students attending in-person classes who do not provide proof of vaccination will be prevented from entering healthcare and educational facilities unless they follow the required testing protocol.
The COVID-19 vaccine has been available for healthcare and nursing home workers since December 15, 2020, and open to teachers since January 25, 2021. To increase ease of access for all residents, the Pritzker administration established 25 mass vaccination sites across the state that were run by members of the Illinois National Guard (ILNG) who administered 1,869,755 shots to residents across the state. Additionally, teams of ILNG members supported over 800 mobile vaccination clinics across the state on top of an additional 1,705 state-supported mobile sites that focused on communities hardest hit by the pandemic, young residents, and rural communities.

The administration also launched vaccination clinics in communities experiencing high case rates. Clinics were set up in central locations within communities including schools and houses of worship and were also present at community events and, most recently, the Illinois State Fair and upcoming Du Quoin Fair.

Building on these efforts to make access to the COVID-19 vaccine equitable and easy, the administration has offered support to every school district in the State in the form of free mobile vaccination events. So far, the administration has hosted 138 school-focused event with another 163 scheduled for the coming days and weeks.

Mask Requirement

To slow the spread of the highly transmissible COVID-19 Delta variant, all Illinois residents over the age of two will be required to wear a mask in all indoor settings, effective Monday, August 30th. The requirement is applicable to both vaccinated and unvaccinated residents statewide. Countless studies have demonstrated the efficacy of masks at preventing the spread of COVID-19, with the CDC identifying at least 10 that confirm the benefit of universal masking via community level analyses – including two U.S. states – in addition to observational, economic, epidemiological, and cross-sectional survey studies. A small sampling can be found below:

- "Community Use of Face Masks And COVID-19: Evidence From A Natural Experiment of State Mandates In The US" found an estimated overall initial daily decline in new diagnoses of 0.9% grew to 2.0% at 21 days following mandates.
- "Trends in County-Level COVID-19 Incidence in Counties With and Without a Mask Mandate — Kansas, June 1–August 23, 2020" studied a Kansas executive order requiring mask wearing in public spaces from which county authorities could opt out. The estimated case rate per 100,000 decreased by 0.08 in counties with mask mandates but increased by .11 in those without.
- "Association of Country-wide Coronavirus Mortality with Demographics, Testing, Lockdowns, and Public Wearing of Masks" evaluated 169 countries on per-capita mortality on potential predictors including age, gender, obesity prevalence, temperature, urbanization, smoking, duration of the outbreak, lockdowns, viral testing, contact-tracing policies, and public mask-wearing norms and policies. **Duration of mask wearing by the public was negatively associated with per-capita mortality from COVID-19.**

While face coverings are not required outdoors, masks are strongly encouraged in crowded outdoor settings like festivals and concerts as well as for activities that require close contact with people who are not vaccinated.

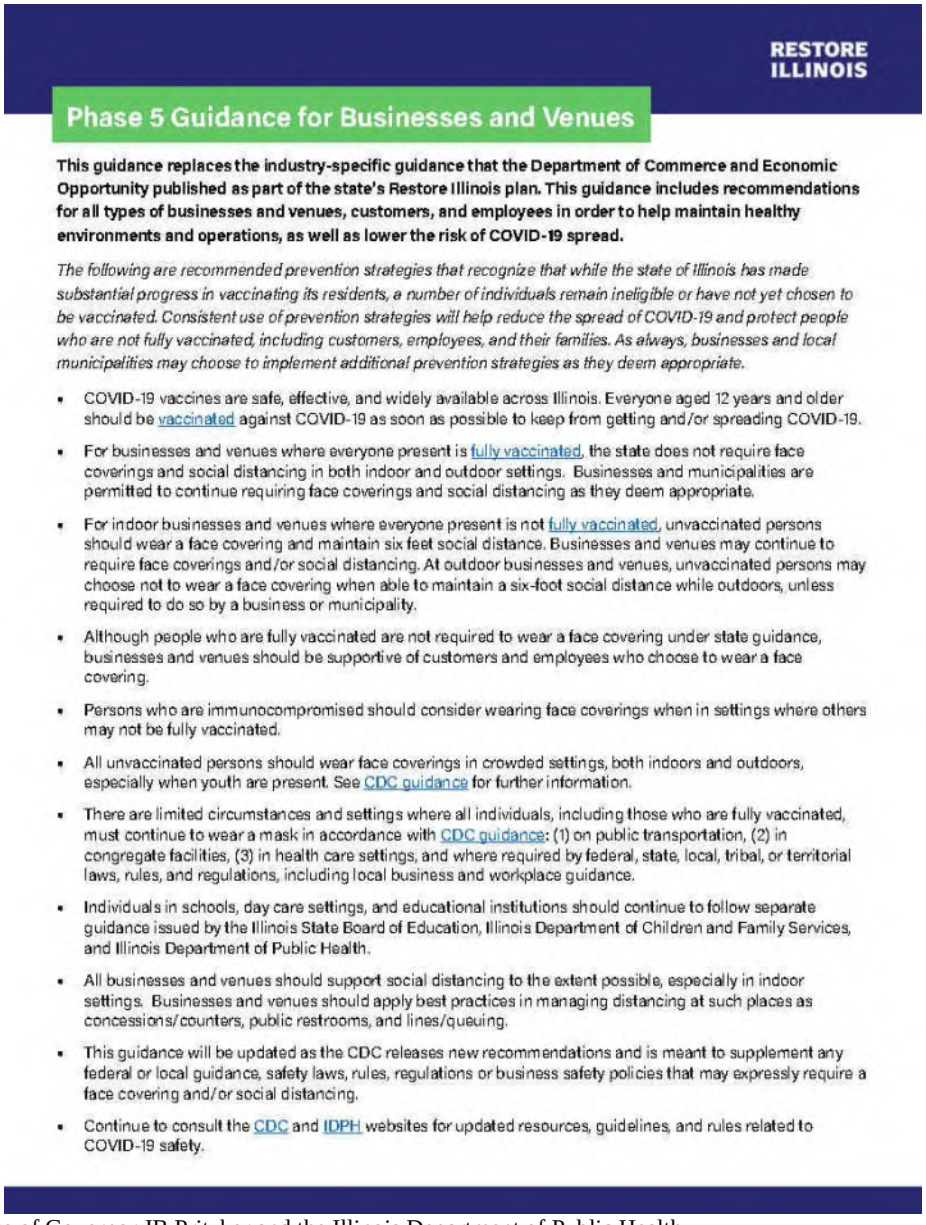
These latest vaccine, testing, and mask requirements are a floor in the state's efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Employers, schools, and other organizations can take additional health and safety steps to help bring an end to the ongoing pandemic. Governor Pritzker previously announced more stringent requirements regarding vaccination and testing for state employees at state run 24-7 congregate living facilities to protect the state's most vulnerable residents. Leaders in the private sector are encouraged to follow suit.

Vaccination is the key to ending the COVID-19 pandemic and returning to normal life. All Illinois residents over the age of 12 are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost and proof of immigration status is not required to receive the vaccine. To find a vaccination center near you, go to vaccines.gov.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

RESTORE ILLINOIS

On Friday, June 11, 2021, Illinois moved to a full reopening, also known as Phase 5, the final phase of the Restore Illinois plan. The state has eliminated all capacity limits on businesses, large-scale events, conventions, amusement parks, and all other venues. All Illinois Residents Required to Wear Masks Indoors, Regardless of Vaccination Status, effective Monday, August 30th. Learn more about Phase 5 http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19/Illinois%20Phase%205%20Guidelines.pdf



RESTORE ILLINOIS

Phase 5 Guidance for Businesses and Venues

This guidance replaces the industry-specific guidance that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity published as part of the state's Restore Illinois plan. This guidance includes recommendations for all types of businesses and venues, customers, and employees in order to help maintain healthy environments and operations, as well as lower the risk of COVID-19 spread.

The following are recommended prevention strategies that recognize that while the state of Illinois has made substantial progress in vaccinating its residents, a number of individuals remain ineligible or have not yet chosen to be vaccinated. Consistent use of prevention strategies will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect people who are not fully vaccinated, including customers, employees, and their families. As always, businesses and local municipalities may choose to implement additional prevention strategies as they deem appropriate.

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and widely available across Illinois. Everyone aged 12 years and older should be vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible to keep from getting and/or spreading COVID-19.
- For businesses and venues where everyone present is fully vaccinated, the state does not require face coverings and social distancing in both indoor and outdoor settings. Businesses and municipalities are permitted to continue requiring face coverings and social distancing as they deem appropriate.
- For indoor businesses and venues where everyone present is not fully vaccinated, unvaccinated persons should wear a face covering and maintain six feet social distance. Businesses and venues may continue to require face coverings and/or social distancing. At outdoor businesses and venues, unvaccinated persons may choose not to wear a face covering when able to maintain a six-foot social distance while outdoors, unless required to do so by a business or municipality.
- Although people who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a face covering under state guidance, businesses and venues should be supportive of customers and employees who choose to wear a face covering.
- Persons who are immunocompromised should consider wearing face coverings when in settings where others may not be fully vaccinated.
- All unvaccinated persons should wear face coverings in crowded settings, both indoors and outdoors, especially when youth are present. See CDC guidance for further information.
- There are limited circumstances and settings where all individuals, including those who are fully vaccinated, must continue to wear a mask in accordance with CDC guidance: (1) on public transportation, (2) in congregate facilities, (3) in health care settings, and where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- Individuals in schools, day care settings, and educational institutions should continue to follow separate guidance issued by the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and Illinois Department of Public Health.
- All businesses and venues should support social distancing to the extent possible, especially in indoor settings. Businesses and venues should apply best practices in managing distancing at such places as concessions/counters, public restrooms, and lines/queuing.
- This guidance will be updated as the CDC releases new recommendations and is meant to supplement any federal or local guidance, safety laws, rules, regulations or business safety policies that may expressly require a face covering and/or social distancing.
- Continue to consult the CDC and IDPH websites for updated resources, guidelines, and rules related to COVID-19 safety.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

You may still be able to get a COVID-19 vaccine if you're sick with another illness. Talk with your healthcare provider and see if they recommend delaying vaccination.

If you get sick between doses of a 2-dose vaccine, your doctor may recommend you delay your second shot. If you have to put off the second shot, get it as close to the recommended time frame as possible.

You should not get vaccinated if you are sick with COVID-19. Wait until you feel better and can stop isolating.
More: https://bit.ly/3ahFeaZ.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

FDA Approves First COVID-19 Vaccine

On August 23, 2021, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 disease in individuals 16 years of age and older. The vaccine was previously administered under emergency use authorization.

The vaccine also continues to be available under emergency use authorization (EUA), including for individuals 12 through 15 years of age and for the administration of a third dose in certain immunocompromised individuals.

"The FDA's approval of this vaccine is a milestone as we continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic," said Acting FDA Commissioner Dr. Janet Woodcock.

“Our scientific & medical experts conducted an incredibly thorough and thoughtful evaluation of this vaccine,” said Dr. Peter Marks, Director of the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research. “Although we approved this vaccine expeditiously, it was fully in keeping with our existing high standards for vaccines in the U.S.”

Link to the FDA Press Release https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-approves-first-covid-19-vaccine



Source: U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

SARS-CoV-2 Infections and Hospitalizations Among Persons Aged ≥16 Years, by Vaccination Status — Los Angeles County, California, May 1–July 25, 2021

A new CDC study finds that while the Delta variant surged in Los Angeles, CA the COVID-19 vaccines continued to prevent COVID-19 related infections, hospitalizations, ICU stays, or deaths. Get a COVID-19 vaccine to help protect yourself and others. Learn more: https://bit.ly/3B2PDRU



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Did You Know that Hand Hygiene is the #1 Way to Stop the Spread of Germs and Viruses like COVID-19?

Regular handwashing is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of germs to others. Whether you are at home, at work, traveling, or out in the community, find out how handwashing with soap and water can protect you and your family. Learn about it here: https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/



Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

September 3, 2021

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COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 09/03/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given*	Positivity Rate
13,984	12,899	329	756	106,447*	4.3 %

Week ending 8/27/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
13,742	12,789	327	626	107,379	4.3 %

Week of 08/20/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
13,545	12,711	325	509	106,079	5.0%

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

VACCINATIONS

As of September 3, 2021, The LaSalle County Health Department has vaccinated 25,659 individuals with 12,866 of those individuals being fully vaccinated since our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics began in January.

Below is the overall County and State data as of September 3, 2021:

LaSalle County*	Illinois
106,447 Administered Vaccine Doses	14,000,857 Administered Vaccine Doses
52,087 # Population Fully Vaccinated	6,775,400 # Population Fully Vaccinated
47.60 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	53.18 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated

- COVID-19 Vaccine Phase Updates in LaSalle County
- County Level Risk Metrics – LaSalle County Moves Back to an Orange Warning Level
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***NOTE: This week's data for LaSalle County reports fewer vaccinations than reported in previous weeks. At the time of publishing IDPH was unable to provide explanation for the discrepancy.**

Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

08/27/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	214,805,349	4,477,443
US	38,390,467	633,609
Illinois	1,508,005	23,889
LaSalle County	13,742	327

09/03/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	219,273,783	4,543,104
US	39,562,893	643,776
Illinois	1,538,324	24,067
LaSalle County	13,984	329

BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Total Breakthrough Cases
131

Total Breakthrough Deaths
6

Note: Breakthrough cases are defined as someone who tests positive for Covid-19 more than 14 days after completing vaccination.

COUNTY TRANSMISSION LEVELS

LaSalle County CDC Transmission Rate Level
HIGH

LaSalle County IDPH County Level Metric
ORANGE

Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those communities with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

VARIANTS

(* Total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.)

Variant Name	Variant Designation	Variant Country of Origin	Total Number Reported*
Alpha	B.1.1.7	U.K	57
Gamma	P.1/P.1.1	Brazil	40*
Iota	B.1.526.1	US	<5
Delta	B.1.617.2/AY.2 /AY.3	India	28

*A review of data resulted in updated numbers.

CASE BREAKDOWN

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	286	302	4.20	0.00
10-19	697	816	10.82	0.00
20s	1133	1222	16.84	0.00
30s	1096	1085	15.60	0.00
40s	996	1028	14.47	1.52
50s	1001	1096	15.00	2.13
60s	779	757	10.98	8.51
70s	418	454	6.24	23.10
80s	229	320	3.93	35.26
90s	91	162	1.81	26.44
100s	1	15	0.11	3.04
UNK				
Total	6727	7257		
%	48.10	51.90		
TOTAL CASES		13984		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	537
June	67	104
July	261	185
August	778	**738**
September	504	**134**
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**5542**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	10*
May	12	10
June	4	5
July	1	3
August	30	**13**
September	9	**1**
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**98**

Deaths by Age	**329**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	5
50's	7
60's	28
70's	76
80's	116
90's	87
100s	10
Males	164
Females	165

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported deaths in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Cases by City/Village

08.27.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	33	0.24%
Dana	40	0.29%
Earlville	273	1.99%
Grand Ridge	115	0.84%
LaSalle	1275	9.28%
Leland	178	1.30%
Leonore	5	0.04%
Lostant	93	0.68%
Marseilles	932	6.78%
Mendota	1366	9.94%
Millington	45	0.33%
Oglesby	544	3.96%
Ottawa	2791	20.31%
Peru	1384	10.07%
Ransom	53	0.39%
Rutland	35	0.25%
Sandwich	473	3.44%
Serena	66	0.48%
Seneca	352	2.56%
Sheridan	817	5.95%
Somonauk	258	1.88%
Streator	2202	16.02%
Tonica	125	0.91%
Troy Grove	24	0.17%
Utica	217	1.58%
Wedron	9	0.07%
Wenona	28	0.20%
Other**	9	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	**13,742**	

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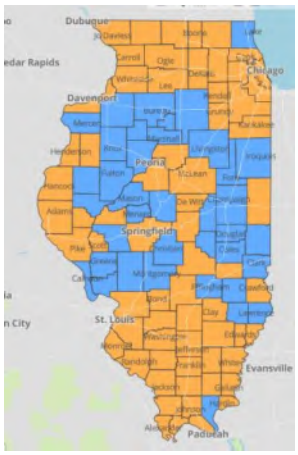
Town	Current Total	Increase since last report	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	33	0	0.24%
Dana	42	2	0.30%
Earlville	286	13	2.05%
Grand Ridge	118	3	0.84%
LaSalle	1297	22	9.27%
Leland	186	8	1.33%
Leonore	5	0	0.04%
Lostant	93	0	0.67%
Marseilles	949	17	6.79%
Mendota	1383	17	9.89%
Millington	45	0	0.32%
Oglesby	549	5	3.93%
Ottawa	2828	37	20.22%
Peru	1404	20	10.04%
Ransom	53	0	0.38%
Rutland	35	0	0.25%
Sandwich	484	11	3.46%
Serena	73	7	0.52%
Seneca	371	19	2.65%
Sheridan	828	11	5.92%
Somonauk	260	2	1.86%
Streator	2243	41	16.04%
Tonica	131	6	0.94%
Troy Grove	24	0	0.17%
Utica	218	1	1.56%
Wedron	9	0	0.06%
Wenona (LC Cases)	28	0	0.20%
Other**	9	0	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**13,984**	**242**	

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.

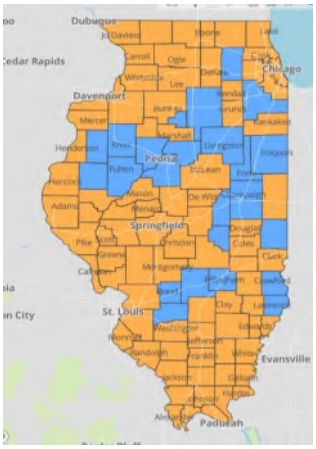
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

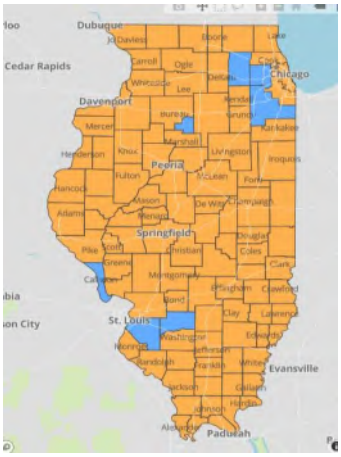
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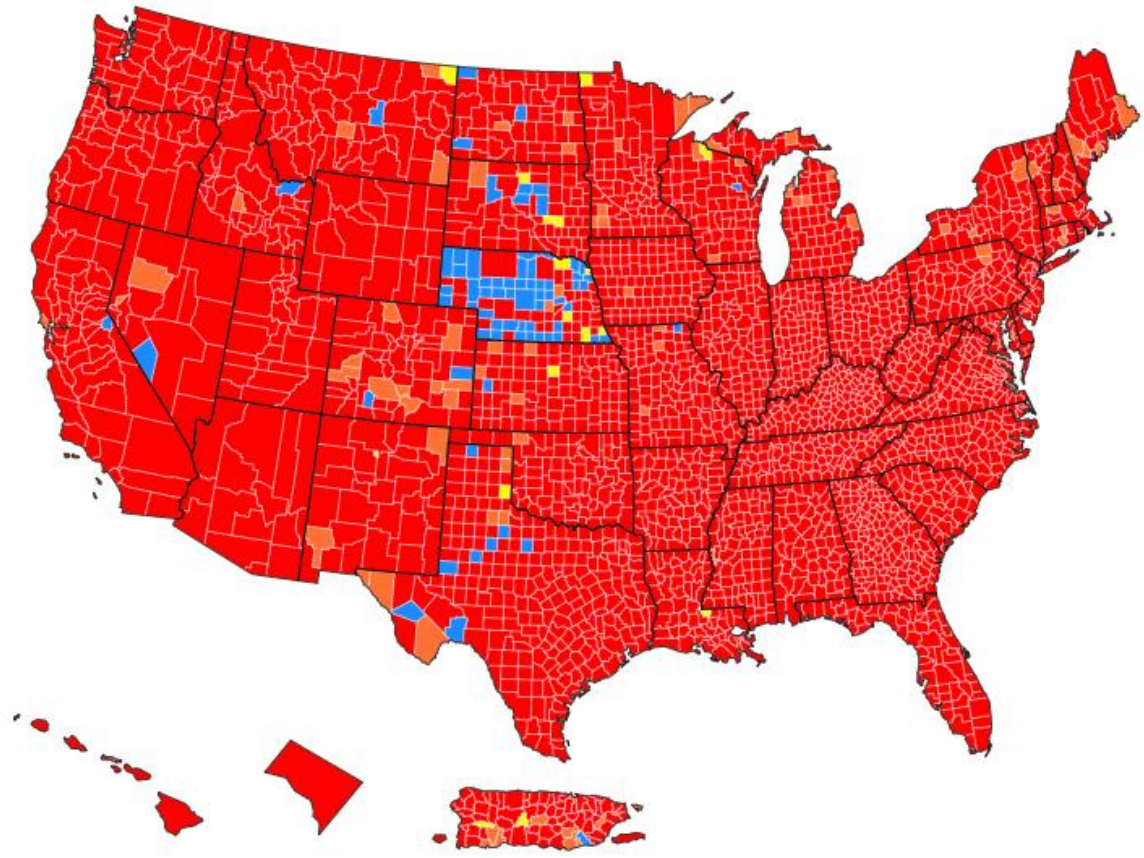


County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics –08/22/21 – 08/28/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **183 per 100K** *Increase from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1** * Decrease from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **4.3 %** *No change from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **4,222** *more tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **4.2 %** *Decrease in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **10** * No change from previous week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **0.7 %** *Decrease in reported clusters from previous week	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **19.9 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	

COVID Transmission Rates Across the US



Community Transmission in US by County

	Total	Percent	% Change
High	3029	94.07%	1.71%
Substantial	87	2.7%	-1.46%
Moderate	25	0.78%	0.06%
Low	78	2.42%	-0.31%

Source: CDC web site

Variant Circulation in United States

United States: 8/22/2021 – 8/28/2021 NOWCAST

USA

WHO label	Lineage #	Type	%Total	95%PI
Alpha	B.1.1.7	VOC	0.1%	0.0-0.4%
Beta	B.1.351	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Gamma	P.1	VOC	0.1%	0.0-0.4%
Delta	B.1.617.2	VOC	99.1%	98.1-99.8%
	AY.2	VOC	0.2%	0.0-0.6%
	AY.1	VOC	0.1%	0.0-0.4%
Eta	B.1.525	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Iota	B.1.526	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Kappa	B.1.617.1	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
N/A	B.1.621		0.2%	0.0-0.6%
	B.1.617.3	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Other	Other*		0.3%	0.0-0.8%

* Enumerated lineages are VOI/VOC or are circulating >1% in at least one HHS region during at least one two week period; remaining lineages are aggregated as "Other".
** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates

Source: CDC web site

LaSalle County Health Department Testing Information

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid antigen tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

State of Illinois Community Based Testing

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 823 Wilke Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Fairview Heights	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria Civic Center	698 Fulton	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State Street	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.



Is it possible for you to catch the virus that causes COVID-19 from someone else between your 1st and 2nd COVID-19 vaccine doses in a two-dose series?

Yes, it's possible for you to catch the virus that causes COVID-19 from someone else between your 1st and 2nd COVID-19 vaccine doses in a two-dose series. You should still receive your second shot if you get a vaccine that requires two doses.

Before getting your second shot, make sure:
• You have recovered from your illness and no longer have symptoms of COVID-19.
• At least 10 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.
• You've had no fever for at least 24 hours without using fever-reducing medication.

It's OK if you have to wait past the date when you were scheduled to get your second shot. Get it as close as possible to the scheduled date.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Still in Need of a COVID -19 Vaccine? Call the Health Department to Schedule an Appointment

The LaSalle County Health Department has COVID -19 vaccine available at the Health Department by appointment only, Monday through Friday. The Health Department has Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer vaccine available.
Residents who still need to be vaccinated should call the Health Department at 815-433-3366 to make an appointment.
Pfizer is available to anyone 12 years of age and older. **Please Note – Must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**



Get the facts, then get the vax! Learn more about the COVID-19 vaccines:
https://www.cdc.gov/.../vaccines/different-vaccines.html

Vaccine Brand Name	Safe?	Effective?	Reduces your risk of severe illness?	Age group who can get this vaccine	How many shots you will need?	When you are fully vaccinated
BIONTECH Pfizer	✓	✓	✓	12 years and older	2 shots given 3 weeks (21 days) apart*	2 weeks after your second shot
moderna	✓	✓	✓	18 years and older	2 shots given 4 weeks (28 days) apart*	2 weeks after your second shot
janssen	✓	✓	✓	18 years and older	1 Shot	2 weeks after your shot

*You should get your second shot as close to the recommended 3-week or 4-week interval as possible. However, your second shot may be given up to 6 weeks (42 days) after the first dose, if necessary.

CDC

cdc.gov/coronavirus

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Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

St. Margaret's Health - Peru (LaSalle Medical Clinic)

The Hygienic Institute will begin weekly Wednesday clinics for the COVID-19 Vaccine 1st or 2nd dose starting Wednesday, June 23rd. The Hygienic Institute will have both Moderna and Pfizer available. Pfizer can be given to the 12 – 18-year-olds.

If you would like to schedule an appointment for the COVID Vaccine, please call the Vaccine Hotline Number: **779-201-5272** and leave a detailed message with your name and the best contact number. You will be called back to schedule an appointment.

Get the Vaccine to Save Lives!

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

Locate the nearest location of the Pfizer vaccine for your 12–17-year-old in Illinois at www.vaccines.gov



County Level Risk Metrics – LaSalle County Moves Back to an Orange Warning Level

The LaSalle County Health Department is alerting residents that as of Friday, September 3, 2021, our County-Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics has been moved back to orange. As a reminder, orange status indicates there are warning signs of increased COVID-19 risk in the county. A warning level means that a county saw increases in two or more COVID-19 risk indicators.

LaSalle County continues to experience a rise in our number of cases. In addition, within the North-Central Region (Region 2) there are 19.9% of ICU beds available, which is below the 20% target. Until LaSalle County can get a handle on the number of new cases being identified each week and slow the spread that is occurring, LaSalle County will continue to be at risk for remaining at the orange warning level.

In addition, According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Data Tracker (https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view), LaSalle County is currently experiencing high community transmission based on the 7-day moving average of new cases per 100,000 (212.57 per 100,000) of COVID-19 (Data as of Thursday September 2).

Effective August 30, 2021, all Illinois residents are required to wear masks indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Masks continue to remain a simple way that everyone can reduce transmission and keep themselves and those around them safe and healthy.

Vaccination is one of the most important tools we have available to us. It has never been easier to get vaccinated for COVID-19. There are many options available in our community. To search for vaccine available near you visit https://www.vaccines.gov/.

The LaSalle County Health Department has COVID -19 vaccine available at the Health Department by appointment only, Monday through Friday. The Health Department has Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer available. Residents who still need to be vaccinated should call the Health Department at 815-433-3366 to make an appointment.

State of Illinois Mask Mandate

As of Aug. 30, 2021, the state of Illinois has reinstated a mask mandate requiring residents 2 years and older to wear face coverings in indoor settings. While face coverings are not required outdoors, masks are encouraged in crowded outdoor settings like festivals and concerts, as well as for activities that require close contact with people who are not vaccinated.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health



Correct and Consistent Mask Use

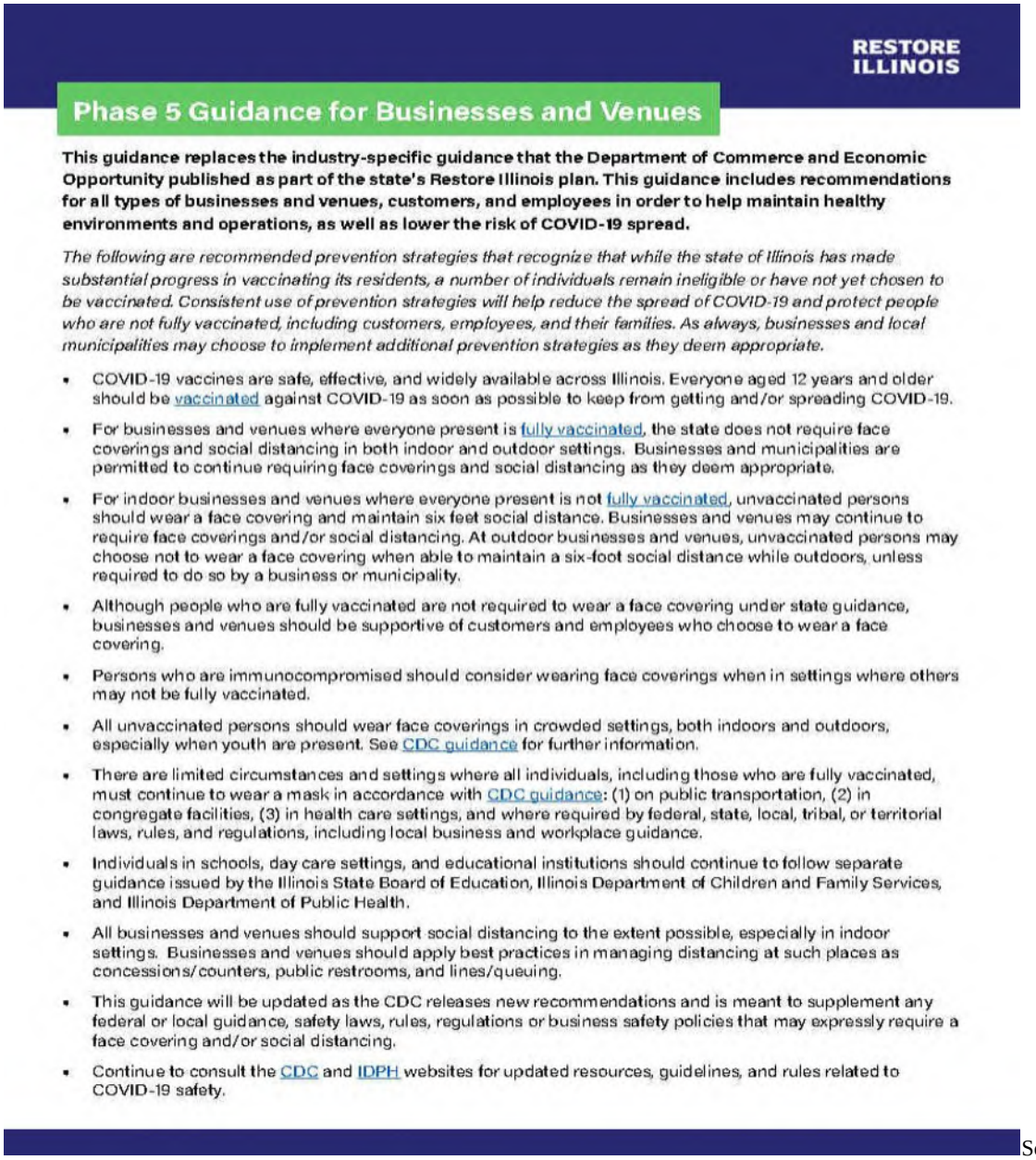
Correct and consistent mask use is a critical step everyone can take to prevent getting and spreading COVID-19. If you are fully vaccinated, to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission.



Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

RESTORE ILLINOIS

On Friday, June 11, 2021, Illinois moved to a full reopening, also known as Phase 5, the final phase of the Restore Illinois plan. The state has eliminated all capacity limits on businesses, large-scale events, conventions, amusement parks, and all other venues. All Illinois Residents are Required to Wear Masks Indoors, Regardless of Vaccination Status, effective Monday, August 30th. Learn more about Phase 5 http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19/Illinois%20Phase%205%20Guidelines.pdf



RESTORE ILLINOIS

Phase 5 Guidance for Businesses and Venues

This guidance replaces the industry-specific guidance that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity published as part of the state's Restore Illinois plan. This guidance includes recommendations for all types of businesses and venues, customers, and employees in order to help maintain healthy environments and operations, as well as lower the risk of COVID-19 spread.

The following are recommended prevention strategies that recognize that while the state of Illinois has made substantial progress in vaccinating its residents, a number of individuals remain ineligible or have not yet chosen to be vaccinated. Consistent use of prevention strategies will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect people who are not fully vaccinated, including customers, employees, and their families. As always, businesses and local municipalities may choose to implement additional prevention strategies as they deem appropriate.

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and widely available across Illinois. Everyone aged 12 years and older should be vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible to keep from getting and/or spreading COVID-19.
- For businesses and venues where everyone present is fully vaccinated, the state does not require face coverings and social distancing in both indoor and outdoor settings. Businesses and municipalities are permitted to continue requiring face coverings and social distancing as they deem appropriate.
- For indoor businesses and venues where everyone present is not fully vaccinated, unvaccinated persons should wear a face covering and maintain six feet social distance. Businesses and venues may continue to require face coverings and/or social distancing. At outdoor businesses and venues, unvaccinated persons may choose not to wear a face covering when able to maintain a six-foot social distance while outdoors, unless required to do so by a business or municipality.
- Although people who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a face covering under state guidance, businesses and venues should be supportive of customers and employees who choose to wear a face covering.
- Persons who are immunocompromised should consider wearing face coverings when in settings where others may not be fully vaccinated.
- All unvaccinated persons should wear face coverings in crowded settings, both indoors and outdoors, especially when youth are present. See CDC guidance for further information.
- There are limited circumstances and settings where all individuals, including those who are fully vaccinated, must continue to wear a mask in accordance with CDC guidance: (1) on public transportation, (2) in congregate facilities, (3) in health care settings, and where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- Individuals in schools, day care settings, and educational institutions should continue to follow separate guidance issued by the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and Illinois Department of Public Health.
- All businesses and venues should support social distancing to the extent possible, especially in indoor settings. Businesses and venues should apply best practices in managing distancing at such places as concessions/counters, public restrooms, and lines/queuing.
- This guidance will be updated as the CDC releases new recommendations and is meant to supplement any federal or local guidance, safety laws, rules, regulations or business safety policies that may expressly require a face covering and/or social distancing.
- Continue to consult the CDC and IDPH websites for updated resources, guidelines, and rules related to COVID-19 safety.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting you from severe illness. A study published by CDC found that the Pfizer-BioNTech (COMIRNATY) and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines decreased adults' likelihood of being hospitalized from COVID-19 by over 90% during the Delta variant increase.

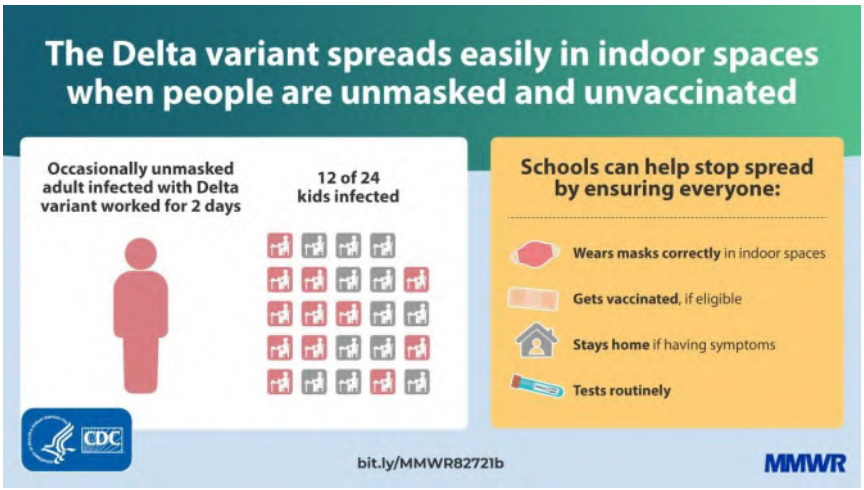
Vaccination is more urgent than ever. Get your COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you can: www.vaccines.gov.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Outbreak Associated with SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617.2 (Delta) Variant in an Elementary School — Marin County, California, May–June 2021

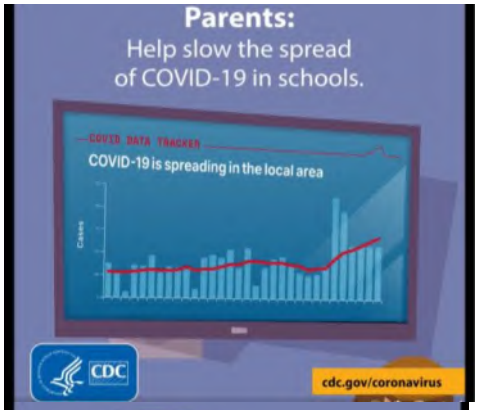
A new MMWR shows that Delta, a variant of the virus that causes COVID-19, can spread rapidly in schools when unvaccinated teachers and staff have close indoor contact with unvaccinated children. Prevention strategies, including vaccination of school staff and eligible students, ensuring all teachers, students, and staff wear masks correctly while indoors at all times, staying home when sick, and routine testing, are critical to schools reopening and operating more safely. Learn more: bit.ly/MMWR82721b



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Parents: Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 this School Year

• All children should wear a mask when indoors at school.
• Remind kids to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
• Remind kids to tell an adult if they feel sick. Keep children home if they are feeling sick.
• If your kids are 12+, get them fully vaccinated as soon as you can.
Learn more: https://bit.ly/3httJQZ.















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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

September 10, 2021

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COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 09/10/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
14,210	13,051	331	828	107,553	4.8 %

Week ending 09/03/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given*	Positivity Rate
13,984	12,899	329	756	106,447*	4.3 %

Week of 08/27/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
13,742	12,789	327	626	107,379	4.3 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

VACCINATIONS

Below is the overall County and State data as of September 10, 2021:

LaSalle County	Illinois
107,553 Administered Vaccine Doses	14,149,453 Administered Vaccine Doses
52,605 # Population Fully Vaccinated	6,838,340 # Population Fully Vaccinated
48.07 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	53.67 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated

- COVID-19 Vaccine Phase Updates in LaSalle County
- Restore Illinois
- Get the Facts about COVID-19 Vaccine
- Hospitalizations Associated with COVID-19 Among Children and Adolescents
- Trends in COVID-19 Cases, Emergency Department Visits, and Hospital Admissions Among Children and Adolescents Aged 0–17 Years

***NOTE: The 9/3/21 data for LaSalle County reports fewer vaccinations than reported in previous weeks. At the time of publishing IDPH was unable to provide explanation for the discrepancy.**

Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

09/03/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	219,273,783	4,543,104
US	39,562,893	643,776
Illinois	1,538,324	24,067
LaSalle County	13,984	329

09/10/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	223,369,412	4,608,983
US	40,625,721	654,806
Illinois	1,564,386	24,261
LaSalle County	14,210	331

BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Total Breakthrough Cases
143

Total Breakthrough Deaths
8

Note: Breakthrough cases are defined as someone who tests positive for Covid-19 more than 14 days after completing vaccination.

COUNTY TRANSMISSION LEVELS

LaSalle County CDC Transmission Rate Level
HIGH

LaSalle County IDPH County Level Metric
ORANGE

Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those communities with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

VARIANTS

(* Total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.)

Variant Name	Variant Designation	Variant Country of Origin	Total Number Reported*
Alpha	B.1.1.7	U.K	57
Gamma	P.1/P.1.1	Brazil	40*
Iota	B.1.526.1	US	<5
Delta	B.1.617.2/AY.2 /AY.3	India	37

*A review of data resulted in updated numbers.

CASE BREAKDOWN

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	305	316	4.37	0.00
10-19	718	838	10.95	0.00
20s	1154	1234	16.81	0.00
30s	1107	1098	15.52	0.00
40s	1011	1041	14.44	1.51
50s	1015	1113	14.98	2.11
60s	787	769	10.95	8.76
70s	421	463	6.22	22.96
80s	230	321	3.88	35.35
90s	91	162	1.78	26.28
100s	1	15	0.11	3.02
UNK				
Total	6840	7370		
%	48.14	51.86		
TOTAL CASES		14210		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	537
June	67	104
July	261	185
August	778	738
September	504	**360**
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**5768**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	10*
May	12	10
June	4	5
July	1	3
August	30	13
September	9	**3**
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**100**

Deaths by Age	**331**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	5
50's	7
60's	29
70's	76
80's	117
90's	87
100s	10
Males	166
Females	165

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported deaths in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Cases by City/Village

09.03.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	33	0.24%
Dana	42	0.30%
Earlville	286	2.05%
Grand Ridge	118	0.84%
LaSalle	1297	9.27%
Leland	186	1.33%
Leonore	5	0.04%
Lostant	93	0.67%
Marseilles	949	6.79%
Mendota	1383	9.89%
Millington	45	0.32%
Oglesby	549	3.93%
Ottawa	2828	20.22%
Peru	1404	10.04%
Ransom	53	0.38%
Rutland	35	0.25%
Sandwich	484	3.46%
Serena	73	0.52%
Seneca	371	2.65%
Sheridan	828	5.92%
Somonauk	260	1.86%
Streator	2243	16.04%
Tonica	131	0.94%
Troy Grove	24	0.17%
Utica	218	1.56%
Wedron	9	0.06%
Wenona	28	0.20%
Other**	9	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**13,984**	

09.10.21

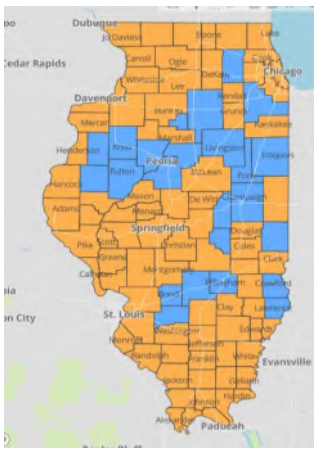
Town	Current Total	Increase since last report	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	34	1	0.24%
Dana	43	1	0.30%
Earlville	290	4	2.04%
Grand Ridge	119	1	0.84%
LaSalle	1330	33	9.36%
Leland	208	22	1.46%
Leonore	5	0	0.04%
Lostant	93	0	0.65%
Marseilles	961	12	6.76%
Mendota	1392	9	9.80%
Millington	46	1	0.32%
Oglesby	552	3	3.88%
Ottawa	2868	40	20.18%
Peru	1424	20	10.02%
Ransom	53	0	0.37%
Rutland	36	1	0.25%
Sandwich	498	14	3.50%
Serena	77	4	0.54%
Seneca	382	11	2.69%
Sheridan	832	4	5.86%
Somonauk	267	7	1.88%
Streator	2279	36	16.04%
Tonica	132	1	0.93%
Troy Grove	24	0	0.17%
Utica	218	0	1.53%
Wedron	10	1	0.07%
Wenona (LC Cases)	28	0	0.20%
Other**	9	0	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**14,210**	**226**	

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.

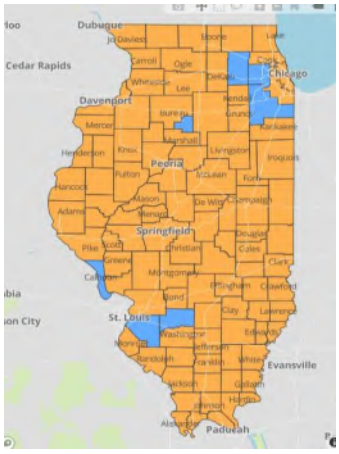
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

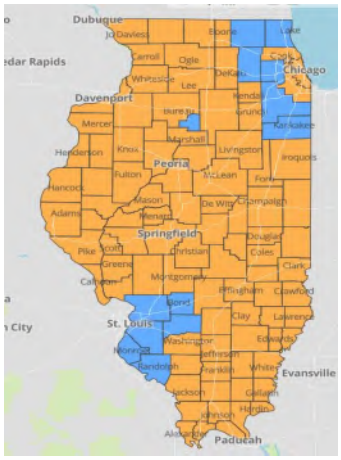
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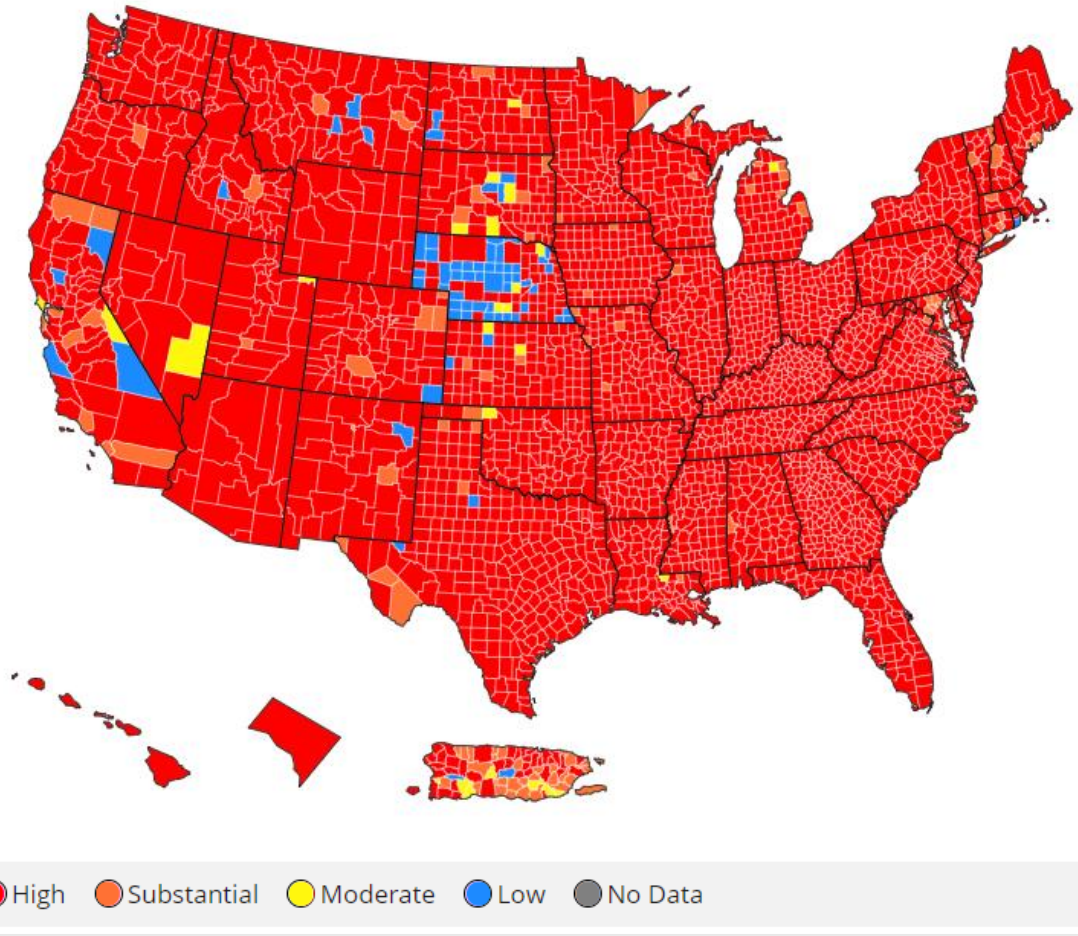


County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics –08/29/21 – 09/04/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **230 per 100K** *Increase from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2** * Increase from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **4.8 %** * Increase from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **5,387** *more tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **3.5 %** *Decrease in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **12** * Increase from previous week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **2.6 %** * Increase in reported clusters from previous week	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **18.3 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	

COVID Transmission Rates Across the US



Community Transmission in US by County

	Total	Percent	% Change
High	3019	93.76%	-0.28%
Substantial	102	3.17%	0.28%
Moderate	32	0.99%	0.34%
Low	66	2.05%	-0.34%

Source: CDC web site

Variant Circulation in United States

United States: 8/29/2021 – 9/4/2021 NOWCAST

USA

WHO label	Lineage #	Type	%Total	95%PI
Alpha	B.1.1.7	VOC	0.1%	0.0-0.2%
Beta	B.1.351	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Gamma	P.1	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Delta	B.1.617.2	VOC	98.9%	97.8-99.8%
	AY.2	VOC	0.1%	0.0-0.5%
	AY.1	VOC	0.1%	0.0-0.5%
Eta	B.1.525	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Iota	B.1.526	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Kappa	B.1.617.1	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Mu	B.1.621		0.1%	0.0-0.5%
N/A	B.1.617.3	VOI	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Other	Other*		0.7%	0.0-1.7%

* Enumerated lineages are VOI/VOC or are circulating >1% in at least one HHS region during at least one two week period; remaining lineages are aggregated as "Other".
** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates
# Sublineages of P.1 and B.1.351 are aggregated with the parent lineage and included in parent lineage's proportion. Q.1-Q.8 are aggregated with B.1.1.7. AY.3-AY.25 are aggregated with B.1.617.2.

Source: CDC web site

LaSalle County Health Department Testing Information

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid antigen tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

State of Illinois Community Based Testing

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 823 Wilke Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Fairview Heights	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria Civic Center	698 Fulton	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State Street	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing.



How Will I Receive My COVID Release Letter to Return to School and/or Work?

Individuals will receive a letter of release from quarantine or isolation provided they have completed their health assessments. Daily participation in contact tracing calls/health assessments is important!

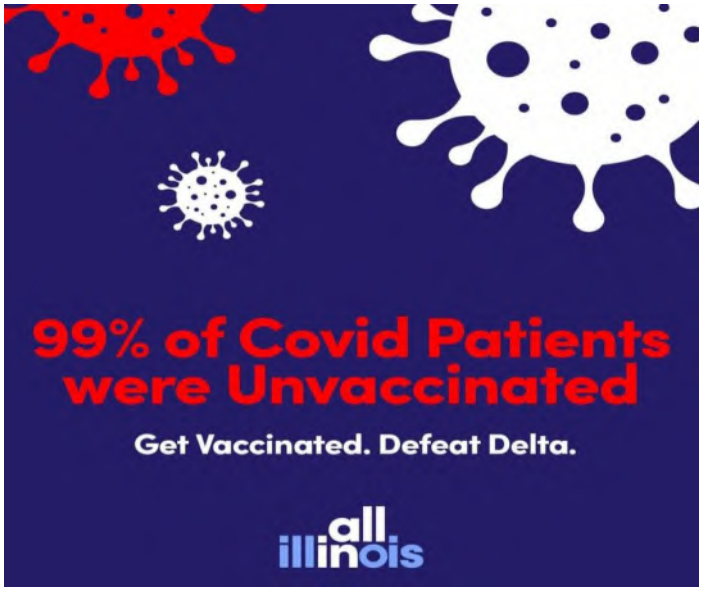
The letter automatically generates between 7:30-9:30am the **DAY AFTER** an individual's release date. If the release letter is not sent or if there is a problem with the automated system, please call the LaSalle County Health Department at (815) 433-3366.

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Still in Need of a COVID -19 Vaccine? Call the Health Department to Schedule an Appointment

The LaSalle County Health Department has COVID -19 vaccine available at the Health Department by appointment only, Monday through Friday. The Health Department has Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer vaccine available.
Residents who still need to be vaccinated should call the Health Department at 815-433-3366 to make an appointment.
Pfizer is available to anyone 12 years of age and older. **Please Note – Must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**

If you haven't gotten the vaccine yet, you're at much greater risk of getting sick with COVID-19 as the Delta variant spreads rapidly. Since the beginning of the pandemic, nearly ALL patients that ended up in the hospital were unvaccinated. Get your life-saving shot today.



Get the facts, then get the vax! Learn more about the COVID-19 vaccines: https://www.cdc.gov/.../vaccines/different-vaccines.html

Vaccine Brand Name	Safe?	Effective?	Reduces your risk of severe illness?	Age group who can get this vaccine	How many shots you will need?	When you are fully vaccinated
BIONTECH Pfizer	✓	✓	✓	12 years and older	2 shots given 3 weeks (21 days) apart*	2 weeks after your second shot
moderna	✓	✓	✓	18 years and older	2 shots given 4 weeks (28 days) apart*	2 weeks after your second shot
janssen	✓	✓	✓	18 years and older	1 Shot	2 weeks after your shot

*You should get your second shot as close to the recommended 3-week or 4-week interval as possible. However, your second shot may be given up to 6 weeks (42 days) after the first dose, if necessary.

CDC

cdc.gov/coronavirus

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Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

St. Margaret's Health - Peru (LaSalle Medical Clinic)

The Hygienic Institute will begin weekly Wednesday clinics for the COVID-19 Vaccine 1st or 2nd dose starting Wednesday, June 23rd. The Hygienic Institute will have both Moderna and Pfizer available. Pfizer can be given to the 12 – 18-year-olds.

If you would like to schedule an appointment for the COVID Vaccine, please call the Vaccine Hotline Number: **779-201-5272** and leave a detailed message with your name and the best contact number. You will be called back to schedule an appointment.

Get the Vaccine to Save Lives!

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

Locate the nearest location of the Pfizer vaccine for your 12–17-year-old in Illinois at www.vaccines.gov



RESTORE ILLINOIS

On Friday, June 11, 2021, Illinois moved to a full reopening, also known as Phase 5, the final phase of the Restore Illinois plan. The state has

eliminated all capacity limits on businesses, large-scale events, conventions, amusement parks, and all other venues. All Illinois Residents Required to Wear Masks Indoors, Regardless of Vaccination Status, effective Monday, August 30th. Learn more about Phase 5 http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19/Illinois%20Phase%205%20Guidelines.pdf

RESTORE ILLINOIS

Phase 5 Guidance for Businesses and Venues

This guidance replaces the industry-specific guidance that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity published as part of the state's Restore Illinois plan. This guidance includes recommendations for all types of businesses and venues, customers, and employees in order to help maintain healthy environments and operations, as well as lower the risk of COVID-19 spread.

The following are recommended prevention strategies that recognize that while the state of Illinois has made substantial progress in vaccinating its residents, a number of individuals remain ineligible or have not yet chosen to be vaccinated. Consistent use of prevention strategies will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect people who are not fully vaccinated, including customers, employees, and their families. As always, businesses and local municipalities may choose to implement additional prevention strategies as they deem appropriate.

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and widely available across Illinois. Everyone aged 12 years and older should be vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible to keep from getting and/or spreading COVID-19.
- For businesses and venues where everyone present is fully vaccinated, the state does not require face coverings and social distancing in both indoor and outdoor settings. Businesses and municipalities are permitted to continue requiring face coverings and social distancing as they deem appropriate.
- For indoor businesses and venues where everyone present is not fully vaccinated, unvaccinated persons should wear a face covering and maintain six feet social distance. Businesses and venues may continue to require face coverings and/or social distancing. At outdoor businesses and venues, unvaccinated persons may choose not to wear a face covering when able to maintain a six-foot social distance while outdoors, unless required to do so by a business or municipality.
- Although people who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a face covering under state guidance, businesses and venues should be supportive of customers and employees who choose to wear a face covering.
- Persons who are immunocompromised should consider wearing face coverings when in settings where others may not be fully vaccinated.
- All unvaccinated persons should wear face coverings in crowded settings, both indoors and outdoors, especially when youth are present. See CDC guidance for further information.
- There are limited circumstances and settings where all individuals, including those who are fully vaccinated, must continue to wear a mask in accordance with CDC guidance: (1) on public transportation, (2) in congregate facilities, (3) in health care settings, and where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- Individuals in schools, day care settings, and educational institutions should continue to follow separate guidance issued by the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and Illinois Department of Public Health.
- All businesses and venues should support social distancing to the extent possible, especially in indoor settings. Businesses and venues should apply best practices in managing distancing at such places as concessions/counters, public restrooms, and lines/queuing.
- This guidance will be updated as the CDC releases new recommendations and is meant to supplement any federal or local guidance, safety laws, rules, regulations or business safety policies that may expressly require a face covering and/or social distancing.
- Continue to consult the CDC and IDPH websites for updated resources, guidelines, and rules related to COVID-19 safety.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

The U.S. federal government gives COVID-19 vaccines free of charge to all people living in the United States, regardless of their immigration or health insurance status.
COVID-19 vaccination providers cannot:
• Charge you for a COVID-19 vaccine.
• Charge you any administration fees, copays, or coinsurance.
• Deny vaccination to anyone who does not have health insurance coverage, is underinsured, or out of network.
• Charge an office visit or other fee if the only service is a COVID-19 vaccination.
• Require more services to receive a COVID-19 vaccine; however, additional healthcare services can be given at the same time and billed appropriately.
Find a vaccine near you: https://www.vaccines.gov/

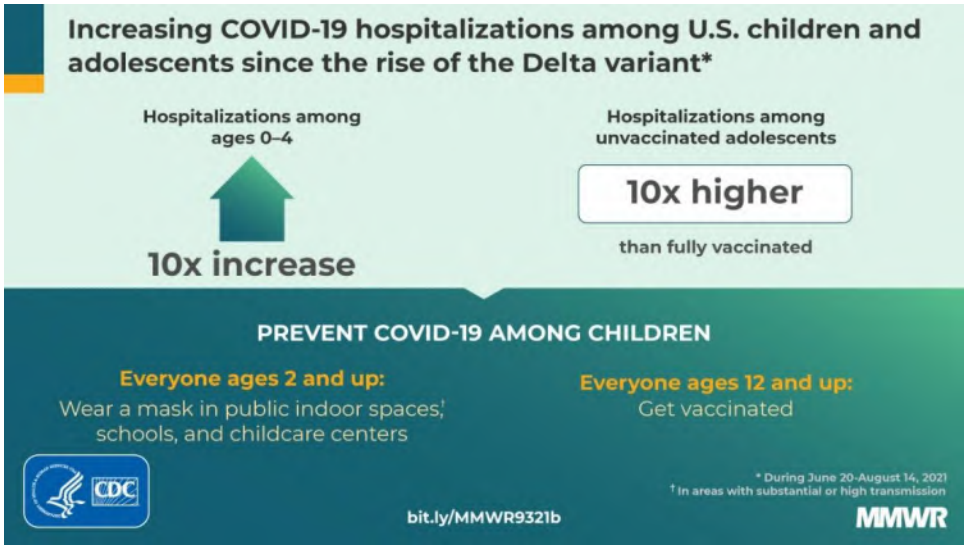


Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



Hospitalizations Associated with COVID-19 Among Children and Adolescents — COVID-NET, 14 States, March 1, 2020–August 14, 2021

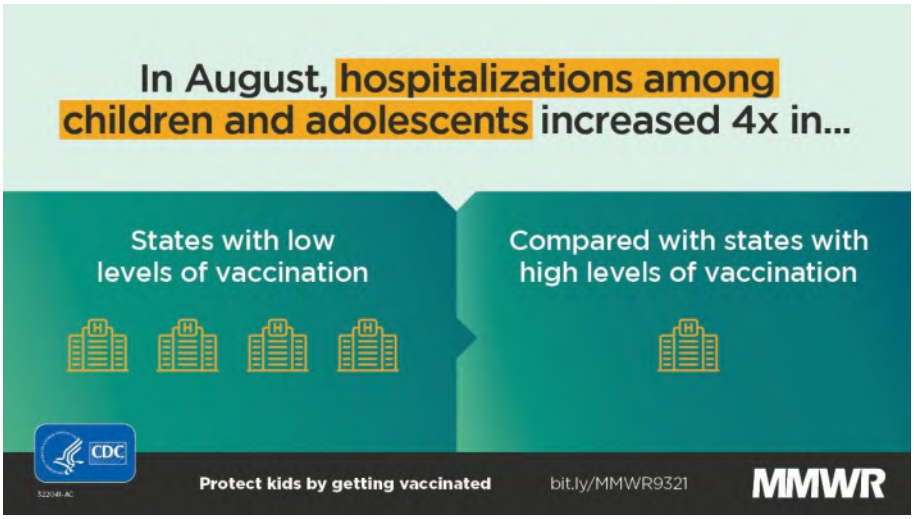
Data from a new CDC MMWR show that the hospitalization rate among unvaccinated adolescents (12-17 year-olds) was 10 times higher than among fully vaccinated adolescents. The report also found that hospitalization rates among children ages 0-4 increased 10x from late June to mid-August. CDC recommends adolescents get vaccinated as soon as they can and everyone ages 2 and older wear a mask in public indoor spaces (in areas of substantial or high transmission), schools, and childcare centers. Learn more: bit.ly/MMWR9321b.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Trends in COVID-19 Cases, Emergency Department Visits, and Hospital Admissions Among Children and Adolescents Aged 0–17 Years — United States, August 2020–August 2021

A new CDC study finds that the number of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations among people age 17 years and younger increased from June to August 2021, but the percentage of hospitalized kids and teens admitted to the ICU remained the same (1 in 5 children). Case rates were lower among children and adolescents in communities with high vaccination rates. To protect kids and teens from COVID-19, all eligible people should get vaccinated. Read more: bit.ly/MMWR9321.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

September 17, 2021

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COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 09/17/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
14,469	13,208	337	924	108,589	4.8 %

Week ending 09/10/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
14,210	13,051	331	828	107,553	4.8 %

Week of 09/03/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given*	Positivity Rate
13,984	12,899	329	756	106,447*	4.3 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

VACCINATIONS

Below is the overall County and State data as of September 17, 2021:

LaSalle County	Illinois
108,589 Administered Vaccine Doses	14,284,288 Administered Vaccine Doses
53,190 # Population Fully Vaccinated	6,917,358 # Population Fully Vaccinated
48.61 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	54.29 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated

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***NOTE: The 9/3/21 data for LaSalle County reports fewer vaccinations than reported in previous weeks. At the time of publishing IDPH was unable to provide explanation for the discrepancy.**

Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

09/10/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	223,369,412	4,608,983
US	40,625,721	654,806
Illinois	1,564,386	24,261
LaSalle County	14,210	331

09/17/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	227,185,960	4,672,629
US	41,795,204	670,128
Illinois	1,590,342	24,546
LaSalle County	14,469	337

BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Total Breakthrough Cases	Total Breakthrough Deaths
156	8

Note: Breakthrough cases are defined as someone who tests positive for Covid-19 more than 14 days after completing vaccination.

COUNTY TRANSMISSION LEVELS

LaSalle County CDC Transmission Rate Level	LaSalle County IDPH County Level Metric
HIGH	ORANGE

Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those communities with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

VARIANTS

(* Total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.)

Variant Name	Variant Designation	Variant Country of Origin	Total Number Reported*
Alpha	B.1.1.7	U.K	57
Gamma	P.1/P.1.1	Brazil	40*
Iota	B.1.526.1	US	<5
Delta	B.1.617.2/AY.2 /AY.3	India	49

*A review of data resulted in updated numbers.

CASE BREAKDOWN

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	323	339	4.58%	0.00
10-19	744	864	11.11%	0.00
20s	1173	1254	16.77%	0.00
30s	1120	1111	15.42%	0.00
40s	1029	1056	14.41%	1.78
50s	1029	1128	14.91%	2.37
60s	799	777	10.89%	9.50
70s	425	469	6.18%	22.55
80s	236	322	3.86%	35.01
90s	91	164	1.76%	25.82
100s	1	15	0.11%	2.97
UNK				
Total	6970	7499		
%	48.17	51.83		
TOTAL CASES		14469		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	537
June	67	104
July	261	185
August	778	738
September	504	**619**
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**6027**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	10*
May	12	10
June	4	5
July	1	3
August	30	13
September	9	**9**
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**106**

Deaths by Age	**337**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	6
50's	8
60's	32
70's	76
80's	118
90's	87
100s	10
Males	168
Females	169

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported deaths in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Cases by City/Village

09.10.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	34	0.24%
Dana	43	0.30%
Earlville	290	2.04%
Grand Ridge	119	0.84%
LaSalle	1330	9.36%
Leland	208	1.46%
Leonore	5	0.04%
Lostant	93	0.65%
Marseilles	961	6.76%
Mendota	1392	9.80%
Millington	46	0.32%
Oglesby	552	3.88%
Ottawa	2868	20.18%
Peru	1424	10.02%
Ransom	53	0.37%
Rutland	36	0.25%
Sandwich	498	3.50%
Serena	77	0.54%
Seneca	382	2.69%
Sheridan	832	5.86%
Somonauk	267	1.88%
Streator	2279	16.04%
Tonica	132	0.93%
Troy Grove	24	0.17%
Utica	218	1.53%
Wedron	10	0.07%
Wenona	28	0.20%
Other**	9	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**14,210**	

09.17.21

Town	Current Total	Increase since last report	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	35	1	0.24%
Dana	43	0	0.30%
Earlville	293	3	2.03%
Grand Ridge	120	1	0.83%
LaSalle	1363	33	9.42%
Leland	214	6	1.48%
Leonore	6	1	0.04%
Lostant	94	1	0.65%
Marseilles	976	15	6.75%
Mendota	1406	14	9.72%
Millington	46	0	0.32%
Oglesby	562	10	3.88%
Ottawa	2907	39	20.09%
Peru	1457	33	10.07%
Ransom	54	1	0.37%
Rutland	37	1	0.26%
Sandwich	511	13	3.53%
Serena	77	0	0.53%
Seneca	393	11	2.72%
Sheridan	842	10	5.82%
Somonauk	272	5	1.88%
Streator	2336	57	16.14%
Tonica	133	1	0.92%
Troy Grove	24	0	0.17%
Utica	220	2	1.52%
Wedron	10	0	0.07%
Wenona (LC Cases)	29	1	0.20%
Other**	9	0	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**14,469**		

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.

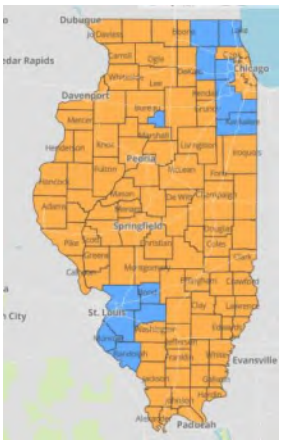
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

Week of 09.03.21



Week of 09.10.21



Week of 9.17.21

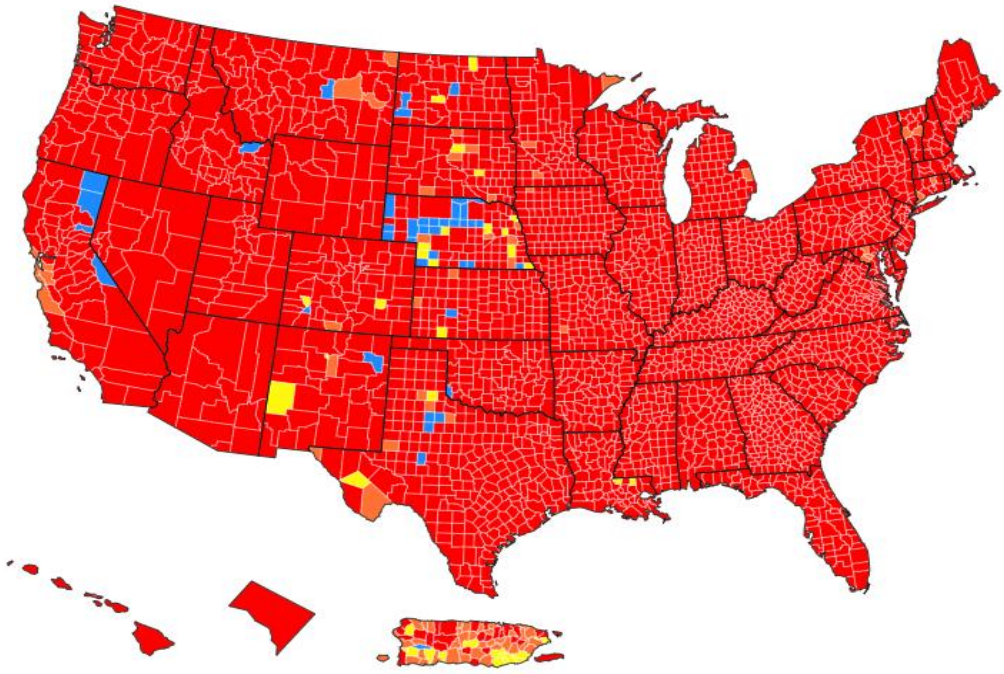


County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics –09/05/21 – 09/11/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **212 per 100K** *Decrease from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **5** * Increase from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **4.8 %** * No change from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **5,112** *less tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **4.3 %** *Increase in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **11** * Decrease from previous week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **3.1 %** * Increase in reported clusters from previous week	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **16.9 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	

COVID Transmission Rates Across the US



High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

Community Transmission in US by County

	Total	Percent	% Change
High	3041	94.44%	0.68%
Substantial	88	2.73%	-0.43%
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Source: CDC web site

Variant Circulation in United States

United States: 9/5/2021 – 9/11/2021 NOWCAST

USA

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Source: CDC web site

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Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing



When Should I get Tested for COVID-19?
You should get tested for COVID-19 if you have symptoms or you've been exposed to someone with COVID-19, even if you're fully vaccinated. If you've had COVID-19 in the past 3 months and you've been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you don't need to get tested if you don't have new symptoms.



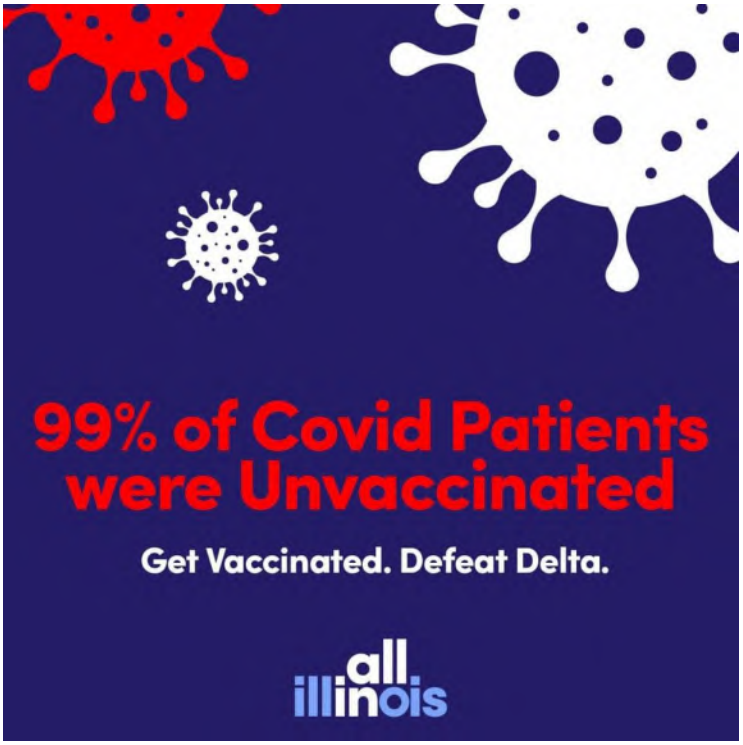
COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Still in Need of a COVID -19 Vaccine? Call the Health Department to Schedule an Appointment

The LaSalle County Health Department has COVID -19 vaccine available at the Health Department by appointment only, Monday through Friday. The Health Department has Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer vaccine available.
Residents who still need to be vaccinated should call the Health Department at 815-433-3366 to make an appointment.

Pfizer is available to anyone 12 years of age and older. **Please Note – Must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**

If you haven't gotten the vaccine yet, you're at much greater risk of getting sick with COVID-19 as the Delta variant spreads rapidly. Since the beginning of the pandemic, nearly ALL patients that ended up in the hospital were unvaccinated. Get your life-saving shot today.



Get the facts, then get the vax! Learn more about the COVID-19 vaccines: https://www.cdc.gov/.../vaccines/different-vaccines.html

Vaccine Brand Name	Safe?	Effective?	Reduces your risk of severe illness?	Age group who can get this vaccine	How many shots you will need?	When you are fully vaccinated
BIONTECH Pfizer	✓	✓	✓	12 years and older	2 shots given 3 weeks (21 days) apart*	2 weeks after your second shot
moderna	✓	✓	✓	18 years and older	2 shots given 4 weeks (28 days) apart*	2 weeks after your second shot
janssen	✓	✓	✓	18 years and older	1 Shot	2 weeks after your shot

*You should get your second shot as close to the recommended 3-week or 4-week interval as possible. However, your second shot may be given up to 6 weeks (42 days) after the first dose, if necessary.

CDC

cdc.gov/coronavirus

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Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

St. Margaret's Health - Peru (LaSalle Medical Clinic)

The Hygienic Institute will begin weekly Wednesday clinics for the COVID-19 Vaccine 1st or 2nd dose starting Wednesday, June 23rd. The Hygienic Institute will have both Moderna and Pfizer available. Pfizer can be given to the 12 – 18-year-olds.

If you would like to schedule an appointment for the COVID Vaccine, please call the Vaccine Hotline Number: **779-201-5272** and leave a detailed message with your name and the best contact number. You will be called back to schedule an appointment.

Get the Vaccine to Save Lives!

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

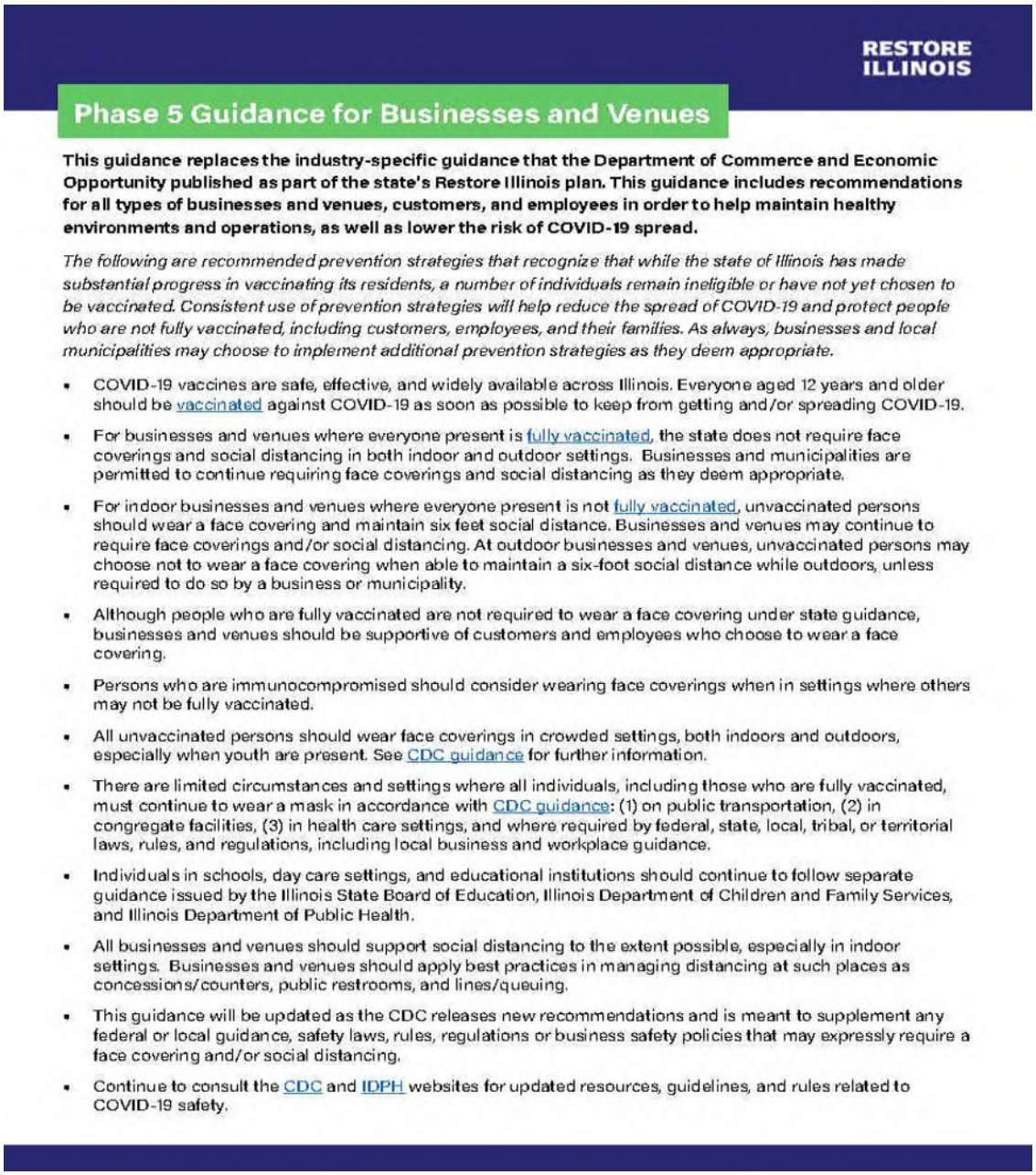
- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

Locate the nearest location of the Pfizer vaccine for your 12–17-year-old in Illinois at www.vaccines.gov



RESTORE ILLINOIS

On Friday, June 11, 2021, Illinois moved to a full reopening, also known as Phase 5, the final phase of the Restore Illinois plan. The state has eliminated all capacity limits on businesses, large-scale events, conventions, amusement parks, and all other venues. All Illinois Residents Required to Wear Masks Indoors, Regardless of Vaccination Status, effective Monday, August 30th. Learn more about Phase 5 http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19/Illinois%20Phase%205%20Guidelines.pdf



RESTORE ILLINOIS

Phase 5 Guidance for Businesses and Venues

This guidance replaces the industry-specific guidance that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity published as part of the state's Restore Illinois plan. This guidance includes recommendations for all types of businesses and venues, customers, and employees in order to help maintain healthy environments and operations, as well as lower the risk of COVID-19 spread.

The following are recommended prevention strategies that recognize that while the state of Illinois has made substantial progress in vaccinating its residents, a number of individuals remain ineligible or have not yet chosen to be vaccinated. Consistent use of prevention strategies will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect people who are not fully vaccinated, including customers, employees, and their families. As always, businesses and local municipalities may choose to implement additional prevention strategies as they deem appropriate.

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and widely available across Illinois. Everyone aged 12 years and older should be vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible to keep from getting and/or spreading COVID-19.
- For businesses and venues where everyone present is fully vaccinated, the state does not require face coverings and social distancing in both indoor and outdoor settings. Businesses and municipalities are permitted to continue requiring face coverings and social distancing as they deem appropriate.
- For indoor businesses and venues where everyone present is not fully vaccinated, unvaccinated persons should wear a face covering and maintain six feet social distance. Businesses and venues may continue to require face coverings and/or social distancing. At outdoor businesses and venues, unvaccinated persons may choose not to wear a face covering when able to maintain a six-foot social distance while outdoors, unless required to do so by a business or municipality.
- Although people who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a face covering under state guidance, businesses and venues should be supportive of customers and employees who choose to wear a face covering.
- Persons who are immunocompromised should consider wearing face coverings when in settings where others may not be fully vaccinated.
- All unvaccinated persons should wear face coverings in crowded settings, both indoors and outdoors, especially when youth are present. See CDC guidance for further information.
- There are limited circumstances and settings where all individuals, including those who are fully vaccinated, must continue to wear a mask in accordance with CDC guidance: (1) on public transportation, (2) in congregate facilities, (3) in health care settings, and where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- Individuals in schools, day care settings, and educational institutions should continue to follow separate guidance issued by the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and Illinois Department of Public Health.
- All businesses and venues should support social distancing to the extent possible, especially in indoor settings. Businesses and venues should apply best practices in managing distancing at such places as concessions/counters, public restrooms, and lines/queuing.
- This guidance will be updated as the CDC releases new recommendations and is meant to supplement any federal or local guidance, safety laws, rules, regulations or business safety policies that may expressly require a face covering and/or social distancing.
- Continue to consult the CDC and IDPH websites for updated resources, guidelines, and rules related to COVID-19 safety.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

VaxFact: mRNA COVID-19 vaccines work differently than other types of vaccines, but they still work to trigger an immune response in your body and help protect you from COVID-19, especially severe illness, hospitalization, and death.

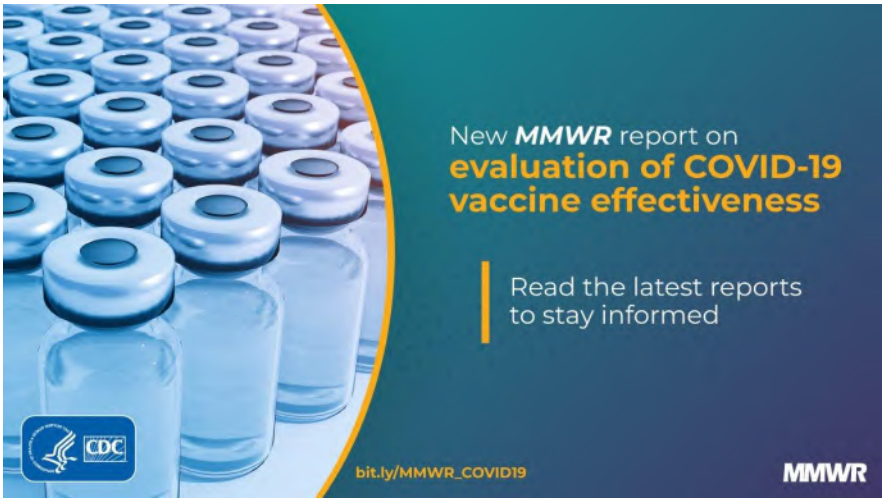
This type of vaccine is new, but it's been researched for decades.
More vaccine facts: https://bit.ly/3hQ9yv9.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Interim Estimates of COVID-19 Vaccine Effectiveness Against COVID-19–Associated Emergency Department or Urgent Care Clinic Encounters and Hospitalizations Among Adults During SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617.2 (Delta) Variant Predominance — Nine States, June–August 2021

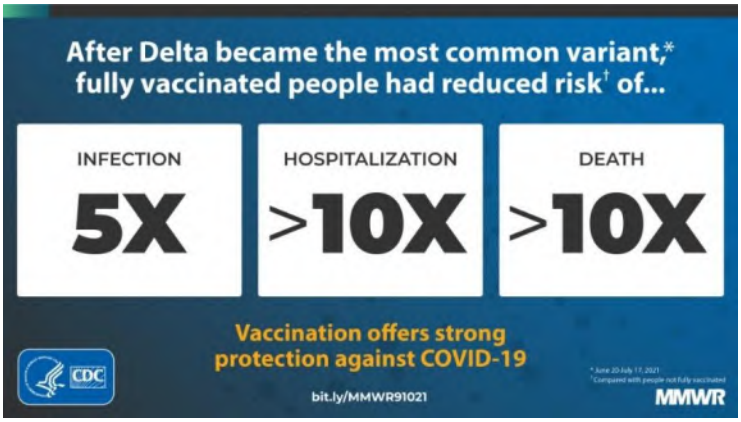
New MMWR report shows that COVID-19 vaccines offer protection against COVID-19-related hospitalization and emergency department/urgent care visits, even with the rise of the Delta variant. While vaccine effectiveness was lower among adults 75 years and older compared with younger adults, vaccination provides strong protection against severe COVID-19 illness. Everyone 12 years and older should get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as they can. bit.ly/MMWR91021b.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Monitoring Incidence of COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths, by Vaccination Status — 13 U.S. Jurisdictions, April 4–July 17, 2021

A new CDC study shows that people who were fully vaccinated had more than 10 times lower risk of being hospitalized or dying with COVID-19 compared with people who were not fully vaccinated. COVID-19 vaccines offer strong protection against serious illness and death even with the Delta variant. The best way to protect yourself and those around you is to get vaccinated. More: bit.ly/MMWR91021.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Long-Term Symptoms Among Adults Tested for SARS-CoV-2 — United States, January 2020–April 2021

New CDC MMWR shows many adults who tested positive for COVID-19 had long-term symptoms such as tiredness, changes in smell or taste, and shortness of breath. Recognize the most common post-COVID conditions and talk to your healthcare provider. Getting a vaccine may prevent COVID-19. Read more: https://bit.ly/mm7036a1.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

September 24, 2021

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COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 09/24/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
14,666	13,402	340	924	109,672	3.6 %

Week ending 09/17/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
14,469	13,208	337	924	108,589	4.8 %

Week of 09/10/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
14,210	13,051	331	828	107,553	4.8 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

VACCINATIONS

Below is the overall County and State data as of September 24, 2021:

LaSalle County	Illinois
109,672 Administered Vaccine Doses	14,419,886 Administered Vaccine Doses
53,820 # Population Fully Vaccinated	6,986,587 # Population Fully Vaccinated
49.18 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	54.84 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated

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- Unvaccinated People are 17x More Likely to Be Hospitalized with COVID-19

Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

09/17/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	227,185,960	4,672,629
US	41,795,204	670,128
Illinois	1,590,342	24,546
LaSalle County	14,469	337

09/24/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	230,768,087	4,731,348
US	42,688,225	684,613
Illinois	1,612,129	24,783
LaSalle County	14,666	340

BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Total Breakthrough Cases
171

Total Breakthrough Deaths
9

Note: Breakthrough cases are defined as someone who tests positive for Covid-19 more than 14 days after completing vaccination.

COUNTY TRANSMISSION LEVELS

LaSalle County CDC Transmission Rate Level
HIGH

LaSalle County IDPH County Level Metric
ORANGE

Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those communities with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

VARIANTS

(* Total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.)

Variant Name	Variant Designation	Variant Country of Origin	Total Number Reported*
Alpha	B.1.1.7	U.K	57
Gamma	P.1/P.1.1	Brazil	40*
Iota	B.1.526.1	US	<5
Delta	B.1.617.2/AY.2 /AY.3	India	63

*A review of data resulted in updated numbers.

CASE BREAKDOWN

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	335	352	4.68%	0.00
10-19	759	877	11.16%	0.00
20s	1184	1268	16.72%	0.00
30s	1140	1122	15.42%	0.00
40s	1039	1073	14.40%	2.06
50s	1042	1137	14.86%	2.35
60s	805	792	10.89%	9.71
70s	427	472	6.13%	22.65
80s	241	327	3.87%	34.71
90s	92	166	1.76%	25.59
100s	1	15	0.11%	2.94
UNK				
Total	7065	7601		
%	48.17	51.83		
TOTAL CASES		14666		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	537
June	67	104
July	261	185
August	778	738
September	504	**816**
October	968	
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**6224**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	10*
May	12	10
June	4	5
July	1	3
August	30	13
September	9	**12**
October	11	
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**109**

Deaths by Age	340
20's	0
30's	0
40's	7
50's	8
60's	33
70's	77
80's	118
90's	87
100s	10
Males	169
Females	171

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported deaths in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Cases by City/Village

09.17.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	35	0.24%
Dana	43	0.30%
Earlville	293	2.03%
Grand Ridge	120	0.83%
LaSalle	1363	9.42%
Leland	214	1.48%
Leonore	6	0.04%
Lostant	94	0.65%
Marseilles	976	6.75%
Mendota	1406	9.72%
Millington	46	0.32%
Oglesby	562	3.88%
Ottawa	2907	20.09%
Peru	1457	10.07%
Ransom	54	0.37%
Rutland	37	0.26%
Sandwich	511	3.53%
Serena	77	0.53%
Seneca	393	2.72%
Sheridan	842	5.82%
Somonauk	272	1.88%
Streator	2336	16.14%
Tonica	133	0.92%
Troy Grove	24	0.17%
Utica	220	1.52%
Wedron	10	0.07%
Wenona	29	0.20%
Other**	9	0.06%
TOTAL CASES	**14,469**	

09.24.21

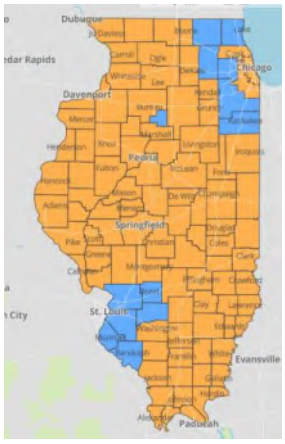
Town	Current Total	Increase since last report	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	37	2	0.25%
Dana	43	0	0.29%
Earlville	296	3	2.02%
Grand Ridge	123	3	0.84%
LaSalle	1382	19	9.42%
Leland	219	5	1.49%
Leonore	6	0	0.04%
Lostant	94	0	0.64%
Marseilles	986	10	6.72%
Mendota	1421	15	9.69%
Millington	50	4	0.34%
Oglesby	570	8	3.89%
Ottawa	2939	32	20.04%
Peru	1471	14	10.03%
Ransom	57	3	0.39%
Rutland	37	0	0.25%
Sandwich	526	15	3.59%
Serena	77	0	0.53%
Seneca	400	7	2.73%
Sheridan	845	3	5.76%
Somonauk	277	5	1.89%
Streator	2374	38	16.19%
Tonica	136	3	0.93%
Troy Grove	24	0	0.16%
Utica	223	3	1.52%
Wedron	10	0	0.07%
Wenona (LC Cases)	33	4	0.23%
Other**	10	1	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	**14,666**	**197**	

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.

** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

Week of 09.10.21



Week of 09.17.21



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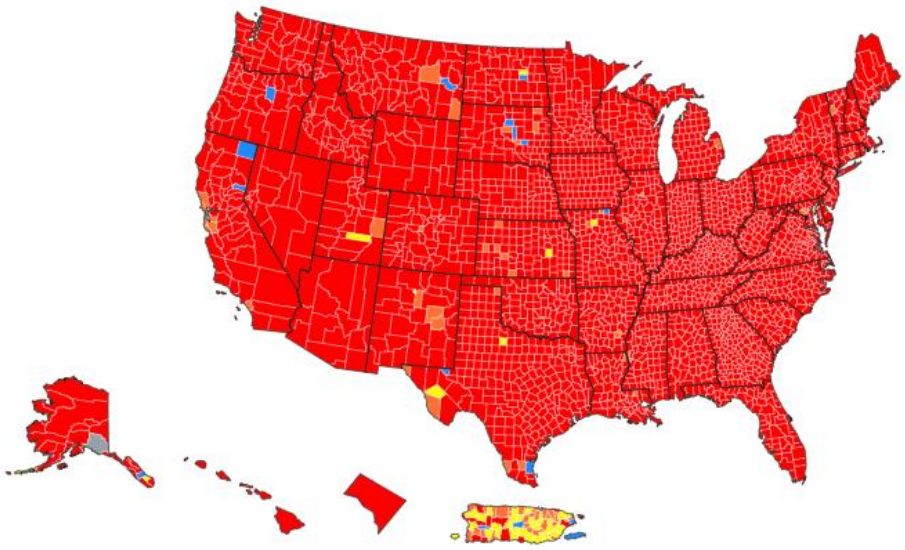


County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics –09/12/21 – 09/18/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **219 per 100K** *Increase from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **3** * Decrease from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **3.6 %** * Decrease from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **7227** *more tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **3.0 %** *Decrease in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **10** * Decrease from previous week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **13.7 %** * Increase in reported clusters from previous week	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **16.4 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

COVID Transmission Rates Across the US



High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

Community Transmission in US by County

	Total	Percent	% Change
High	2125	65.99%	-28.45%
Substantial	355	11.02%	8.29%
Moderate	386	11.99%	10.65%
Low	284	8.82%	7.36%

Source: CDC web site

Variant Circulation in United States

United States: 9/12/2021 – 9/18/2021 NOWCAST

USA

WHO label	Lineage #	US Class	%Total	95%PI
Alpha	B.1.1.7	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
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N/A	B.1.1.194		0.4%	0.0-1.0%
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Can I get tested for variants of the virus that causes COVID-19?



Currently, all COVID-19 diagnostic tests can detect all variants, but they will not tell you which variant you have.

If you test positive for COVID-19, your sample may be sent to CDC or our partners for sequencing. Sequencing is a laboratory technique that analyzes the genetic material of your sample to determine which variant is present. At this time, scientists only perform sequencing on samples to monitor the spread of variants and study their genetic code, not for individual diagnostic purposes.
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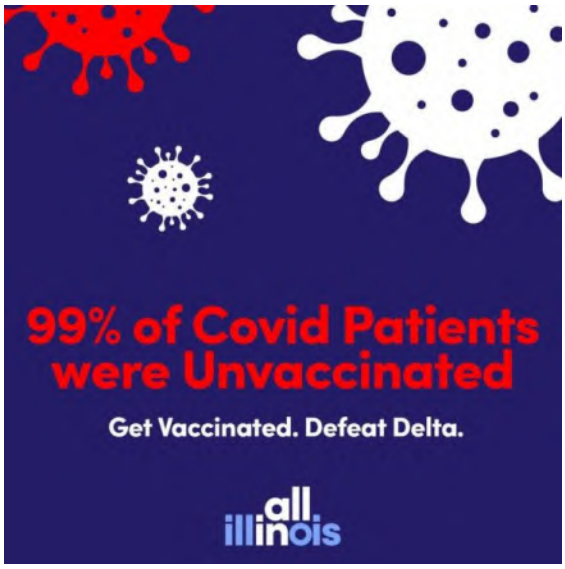
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Get the facts, then get the vax! Learn more about the COVID-19 vaccines: https://www.cdc.gov/.../vaccines/different-vaccines.html

Vaccine Brand Name	Safe?	Effective?	Reduces your risk of severe illness?	Age group who can get this vaccine	How many shots you will need?	When you are fully vaccinated
BIONTECH Pfizer	✓	✓	✓	12 years and older	2 shots given 3 weeks (21 days) apart*	2 weeks after your second shot
moderna	✓	✓	✓	18 years and older	2 shots given 4 weeks (28 days) apart*	2 weeks after your second shot
janssen	✓	✓	✓	18 years and older	1 Shot	2 weeks after your shot

*You should get your second shot as close to the recommended 3-week or 4-week interval as possible. However, your second shot may be given up to 6 weeks (42 days) after the first dose, if necessary.

CDC

cdc.gov/coronavirus

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- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
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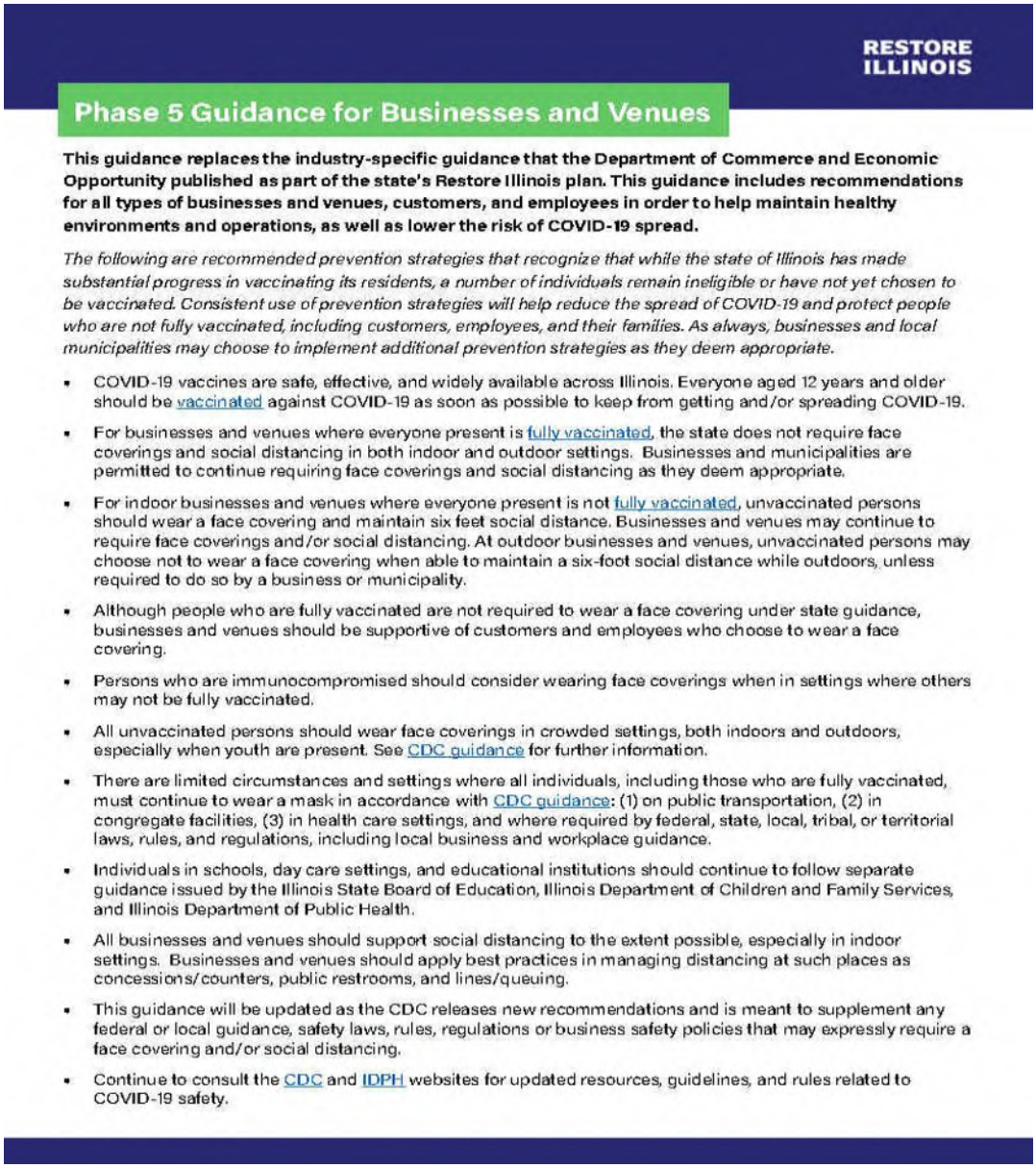
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RESTORE ILLINOIS

On Friday, June 11, 2021**,** Illinois moved to a full reopening, also known as Phase 5, the final phase of the Restore Illinois plan. The state has eliminated all capacity limits on businesses, large-scale events, conventions, amusement parks, and all other venues. All Illinois Residents Required to Wear Masks Indoors, Regardless of Vaccination Status,

effective Monday, August 30th. Learn more about Phase 5 http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19/Illinois%20Phase%205%20Guidelines.pdf



RESTORE ILLINOIS

Phase 5 Guidance for Businesses and Venues

This guidance replaces the industry-specific guidance that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity published as part of the state's Restore Illinois plan. This guidance includes recommendations for all types of businesses and venues, customers, and employees in order to help maintain healthy environments and operations, as well as lower the risk of COVID-19 spread.

The following are recommended prevention strategies that recognize that while the state of Illinois has made substantial progress in vaccinating its residents, a number of individuals remain ineligible or have not yet chosen to be vaccinated. Consistent use of prevention strategies will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect people who are not fully vaccinated, including customers, employees, and their families. As always, businesses and local municipalities may choose to implement additional prevention strategies as they deem appropriate.

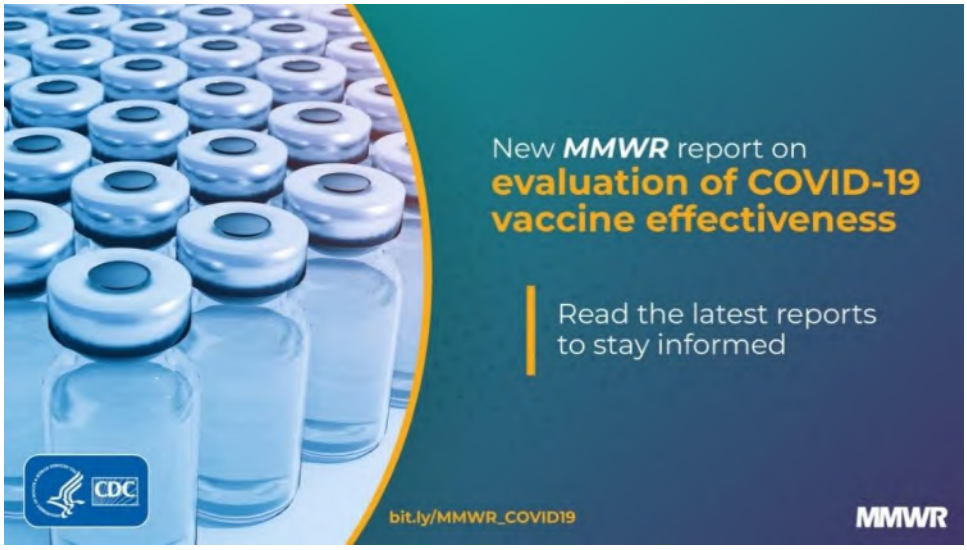
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- Persons who are immunocompromised should consider wearing face coverings when in settings where others may not be fully vaccinated.
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- This guidance will be updated as the CDC releases new recommendations and is meant to supplement any federal or local guidance, safety laws, rules, regulations or business safety policies that may expressly require a face covering and/or social distancing.
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Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health



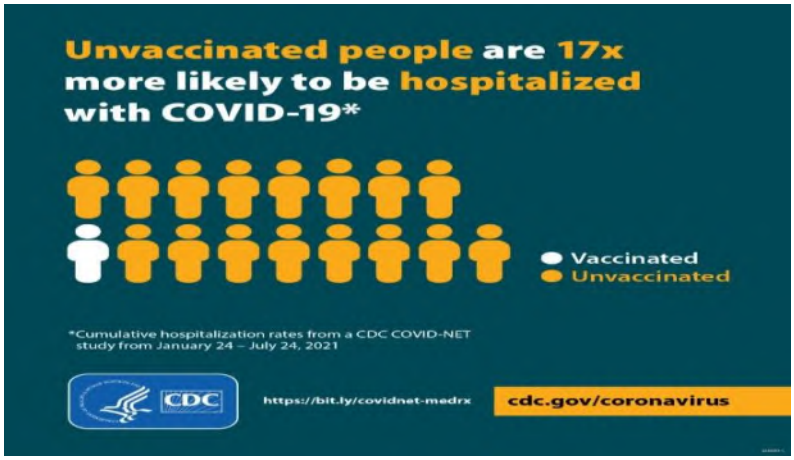
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Unvaccinated People are 17x More Likely to Be Hospitalized with COVID-19

Many hospitals across the United States are overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients. A new study from CDC's COVID-NET shows that unvaccinated people are 17x more likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19 than people who are fully vaccinated. Get vaccinated to protect yourself and others and help reduce the strain on hospitals www.vaccines.gov



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin

Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.

For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
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COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

October 1, 2021

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COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 10/01/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
14,815	13,643	341	831	110,662	3.0 %

Week ending 09/24/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
14,666	13,402	340	924	109,672	3.6 %

Week of 09/17/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
14,469	13,208	337	924	108,589	4.8 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

VACCINATIONS

Below is the overall County and State data as of October 1, 2021:

LaSalle County	Illinois
110,662 Administered Vaccine Doses	14,571,537 Administered Vaccine Doses
54,329 # Population Fully Vaccinated	7,042,615 # Population Fully Vaccinated
49.65 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	55.27 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated

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Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

09/24/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	230,768,087	4,731,348
US	42,688,225	684,613
Illinois	1,612,129	24,783
LaSalle County	14,666	340

10/01/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	233,908,734	4,786,203
US	43,463,260	697,920
Illinois	1,630,864	25,017
LaSalle County	14,815	341

BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Total Breakthrough Cases
189

Total Breakthrough Deaths
10

Note: Breakthrough cases are defined as someone who tests positive for Covid-19 more than 14 days after completing vaccination.

COUNTY TRANSMISSION LEVELS

LaSalle County CDC Transmission Rate Level
HIGH

LaSalle County IDPH County Level Metric
ORANGE

Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those communities with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

VARIANTS

(* Total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.)

Variant Name	Variant Designation	Variant Country of Origin	Total Number Reported*
Alpha	B.1.1.7	U.K	57
Gamma	P.1/P.1.1	Brazil	40*
Iota	B.1.526.1	US	<5
Delta	B.1.617.2/AY.2 /AY.3	India	78

*A review of data resulted in updated numbers.

CASE BREAKDOWN

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	343	356	4.72%	0.00
10-19	766	895	11.21%	0.00
20s	1196	1278	16.70%	0.00
30s	1148	1134	15.40%	0.00
40s	1048	1087	14.41%	2.05
50s	1049	1150	14.84%	2.35
60s	811	798	10.86%	9.97
70s	429	476	6.11%	22.58
80s	243	331	3.87%	34.60
90s	93	168	1.76%	25.51
100s	1	15	0.11%	2.93
UNK				
Total	7127	7688		
%	48.11	51.89		
TOTAL CASES		14815		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	537
June	67	104
July	261	185
August	778	738
September	504	**934**
October	968	**31**
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**6342**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	10*
May	12	10
June	4	5
July	1	3
August	30	13
September	9	**13**
October	11	**0**
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**110**

Deaths by Age	**341**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	7
50's	8
60's	34
70's	77
80's	118
90's	87
100s	10
Males	169
Females	172

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported deaths in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Cases by City/Village

09.24.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	37	0.25%
Dana	43	0.29%
Earlville	296	2.02%
Grand Ridge	123	0.84%
LaSalle	1382	9.42%
Leland	219	1.49%
Leonore	6	0.04%
Lostant	94	0.64%
Marseilles	986	6.72%
Mendota	1421	9.69%
Millington	50	0.34%
Oglesby	570	3.89%
Ottawa	2939	20.04%
Peru	1471	10.03%
Ransom	57	0.39%
Rutland	37	0.25%
Sandwich	526	3.59%
Serena	77	0.53%
Seneca	400	2.73%
Sheridan	845	5.76%
Somonauk	277	1.89%
Streator	2374	16.19%
Tonica	136	0.93%
Troy Grove	24	0.16%
Utica	223	1.52%
Wedron	10	0.07%
Wenona	33	0.23%
Other**	10	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	**14,666**	

10.01.21

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Cedar Point	37	0	0.25%
Dana	43	0	0.29%
Earlville	298	2	2.01%
Grand Ridge	124	1	0.84%
LaSalle	1401	19	9.46%
Leland	223	4	1.51%
Leonore	6	0	0.04%
Lostant	94	0	0.63%
Marseilles	1002	16	6.76%
Mendota	1425	4	9.62%
Millington	50	0	0.34%
Oglesby	575	5	3.88%
Ottawa	2969	30	20.04%
Peru	1488	17	10.04%
Ransom	57	0	0.38%
Rutland	37	0	0.25%
Sandwich	540	14	3.64%
Serena	80	3	0.54%
Seneca	402	2	2.71%
Sheridan	849	4	5.73%
Somonauk	279	2	1.88%
Streator	2396	22	16.17%
Tonica	139	3	0.94%
Troy Grove	24	0	0.16%
Utica	224	1	1.51%
Wedron	10	0	0.07%
Wenona (LC Cases)	33	0	0.22%
Other**	10	0	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	**14,815**	**149**	

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.

** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

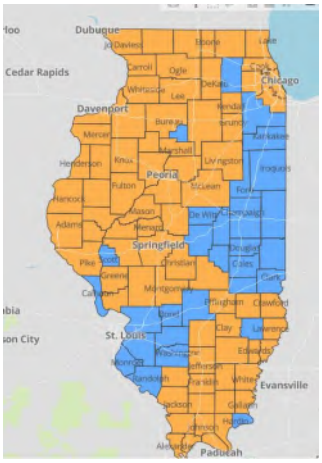
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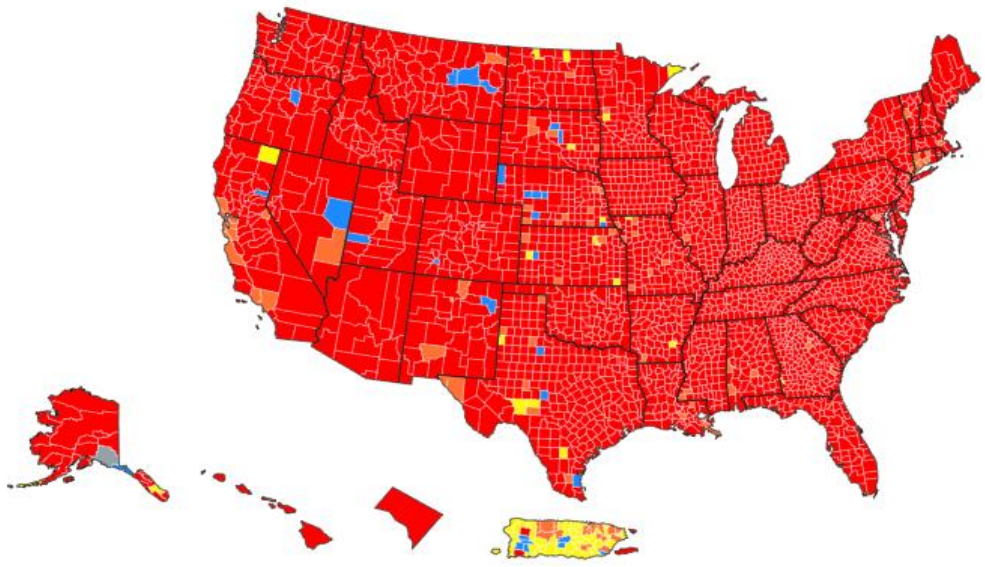


County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics –09/19/21 – 09/25/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **164 per 100K** *Decrease from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **4** * Increase from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **3.0 %** * Decrease from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **6,828** *less tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **3.5 %** *Increase in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **10** * No change from previous week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **2.5 %** * Decrease in reported clusters from previous week	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **19.2 %** *Increase in availability from previous week	More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

COVID Transmission Rates Across the US



High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

Community Transmission in US by County

	Total	Percent	% Change
High	3021	93.82%	27.83%
Substantial	95	2.95%	-8.07%
Moderate	72	2.24%	-9.75%
Low	31	0.96%	-7.86%

Source: CDC web site

Variant Circulation in United States

United States: 9/19/2021 – 9/25/2021 NOWCAST

USA

WHO label	Lineage #	US Class	%Total	95%PI
Alpha	B.1.1.7	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Beta	B.1.351	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Gamma	P.1	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
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Kappa	B.1.617.1	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Mu	B.1.621	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.2%
N/A	B.1.628		0.0%	0.0-0.2%
	B.1.637		0.0%	0.0-0.2%
Other	Other*		0.9%	0.0-1.9%

* Enumerated lineages are VOI/VOC or are circulating >1% in at least one HHS region during at least one two week period. "Other" represents the aggregation of lineages which are circulating <1% nationally during all weeks displayed.
** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates
# Sublineages of P.1, B.1.351 and B.1.621 are aggregated with the parent lineage and included in parent lineage's proportion. Q.1-Q.8 are aggregated with B.1.1.7. AY.3-AY.32 and their sublineages are aggregated with B.1.617.2.

Source: CDC web site

LaSalle County Health Department Testing Information

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid antigen tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

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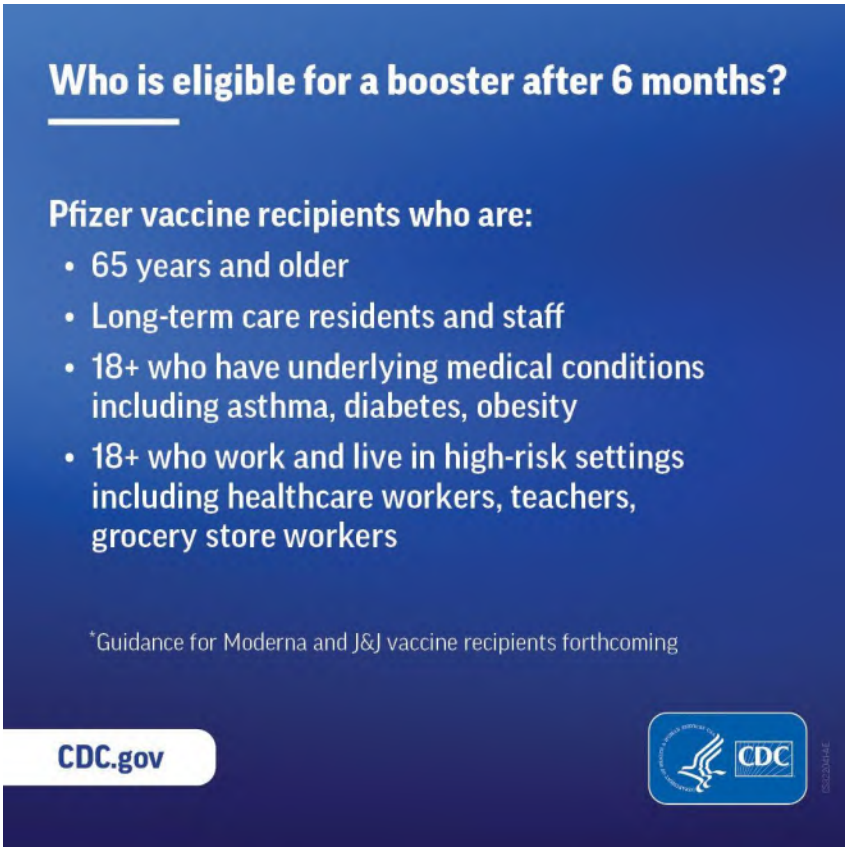
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Who is Eligible for a COVID-19 Booster after 6 months?

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- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

Locate the nearest location of the Pfizer vaccine for your 12–17-year-old in Illinois at www.vaccines.gov

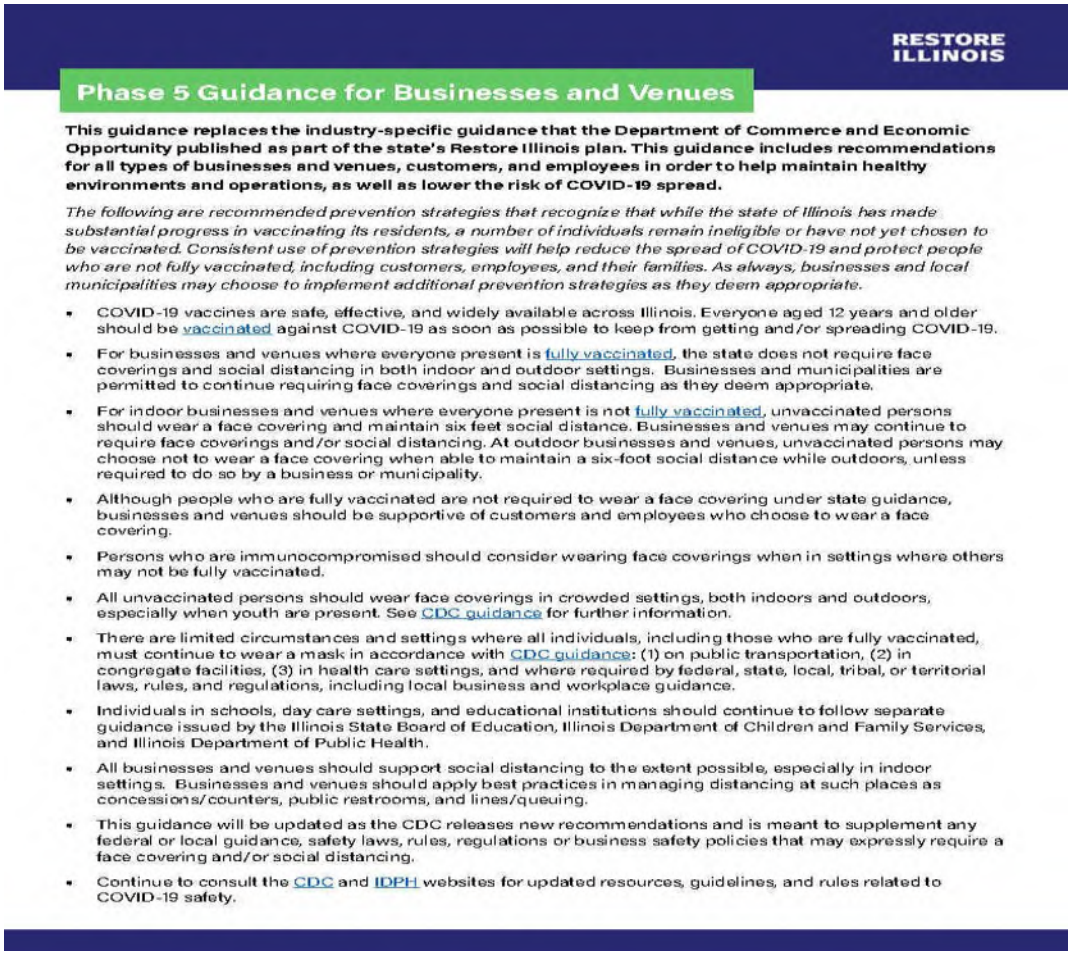




RESTORE ILLINOIS

On Friday, June 11, 2021, Illinois moved to a full reopening, also known as Phase 5, the final phase of the Restore Illinois plan. The state has eliminated all capacity limits on businesses, large-scale events, conventions, amusement parks, and all other venues. All

Illinois Residents Required to Wear Masks Indoors, Regardless of Vaccination Status, effective Monday, August 30th. Learn more about Phase 5 http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19/Illinois%20Phase%205%20Guidelines.pdf



RESTORE ILLINOIS

Phase 5 Guidance for Businesses and Venues

This guidance replaces the industry-specific guidance that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity published as part of the state's Restore Illinois plan. This guidance includes recommendations for all types of businesses and venues, customers, and employees in order to help maintain healthy environments and operations, as well as lower the risk of COVID-19 spread.

The following are recommended prevention strategies that recognize that while the state of Illinois has made substantial progress in vaccinating its residents, a number of individuals remain ineligible or have not yet chosen to be vaccinated. Consistent use of prevention strategies will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and protect people who are not fully vaccinated, including customers, employees, and their families. As always, businesses and local municipalities may choose to implement additional prevention strategies as they deem appropriate.

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and widely available across Illinois. Everyone aged 12 years and older should be vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible to keep from getting and/or spreading COVID-19.
- For businesses and venues where everyone present is fully vaccinated, the state does not require face coverings and social distancing in both indoor and outdoor settings. Businesses and municipalities are permitted to continue requiring face coverings and social distancing as they deem appropriate.
- For indoor businesses and venues where everyone present is not fully vaccinated, unvaccinated persons should wear a face covering and maintain six feet social distance. Businesses and venues may continue to require face coverings and/or social distancing. At outdoor businesses and venues, unvaccinated persons may choose not to wear a face covering when able to maintain a six-foot social distance while outdoors, unless required to do so by a business or municipality.
- Although people who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a face covering under state guidance, businesses and venues should be supportive of customers and employees who choose to wear a face covering.
- Persons who are immunocompromised should consider wearing face coverings when in settings where others may not be fully vaccinated.
- All unvaccinated persons should wear face coverings in crowded settings, both indoors and outdoors, especially when youth are present. See CDC guidance for further information.
- There are limited circumstances and settings where all individuals, including those who are fully vaccinated, must continue to wear a mask in accordance with CDC guidance: (1) on public transportation, (2) in congregate facilities, (3) in health care settings, and where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- Individuals in schools, day care settings, and educational institutions should continue to follow separate guidance issued by the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and Illinois Department of Public Health.
- All businesses and venues should support social distancing to the extent possible, especially in indoor settings. Businesses and venues should apply best practices in managing distancing at such places as concessions/counters, public restrooms, and lines/queuing.
- This guidance will be updated as the CDC releases new recommendations and is meant to supplement any federal or local guidance, safety laws, rules, regulations or business safety policies that may expressly require a face covering and/or social distancing.
- Continue to consult the CDC and IDPH websites for updated resources, guidelines, and rules related to COVID-19 safety.

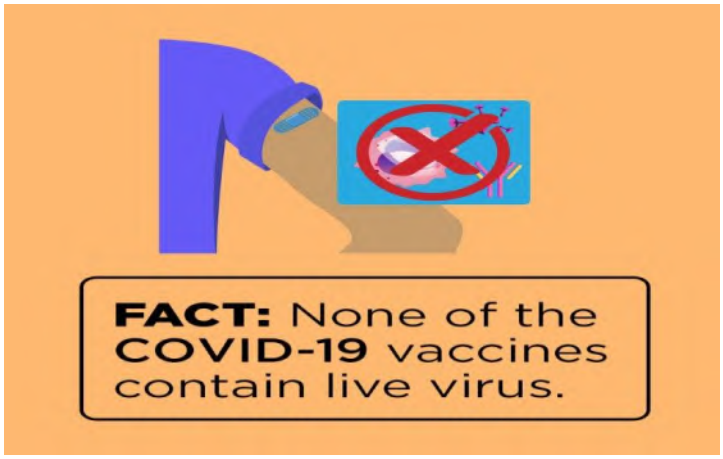
Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

VaxFact: None of the COVID-19 vaccines authorized or approved for use in the United States shed or release their parts.

Vaccine shedding can only occur when a vaccine contains a piece of weakened virus. The mRNA and viral vector COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States do not contain live virus.

Learn more and get your COVID-19 vaccine today: https://bit.ly/3hQ9yv9.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Studies Show More COVID-19 Cases in Areas Without School Masking Policies

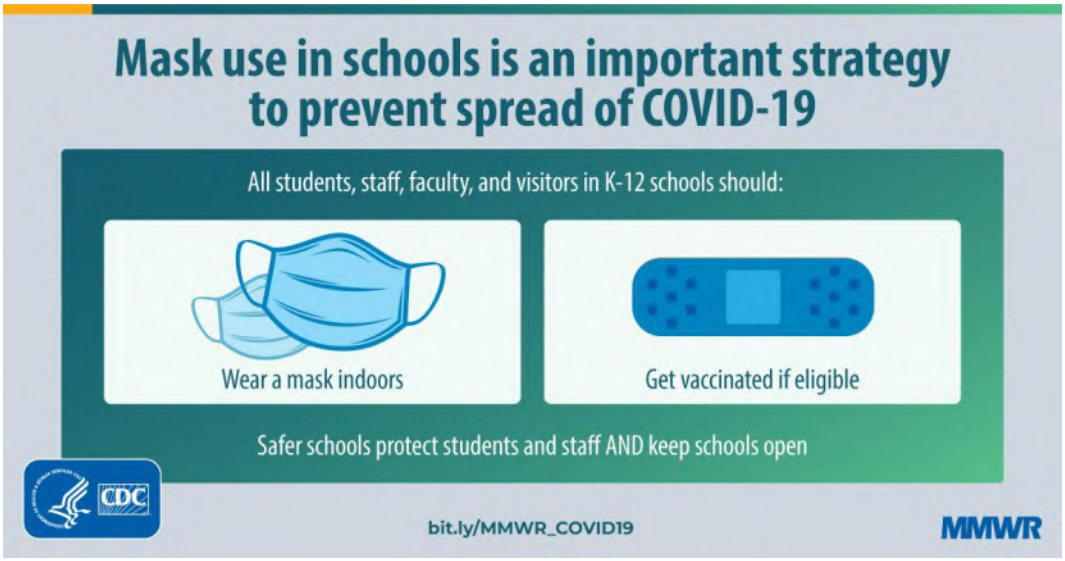
On September 24, 2021, CDC released three studies in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)* that highlight the importance of using layered prevention strategies including universal masking to stop the spread and minimize disruptions to school operations for safe in-person education. These studies found that school districts without a universal masking policy in place were more likely to have COVID-19 outbreaks. Nationwide, counties without masking requirements saw the number of pediatric COVID-19 cases increase nearly twice as quickly during this same period.

One report from Arizona revealed that schools in two of the state's most populous counties were 3.5 times more likely to have COVID-19 outbreaks if they did not have a mask requirement at the start of school compared with schools that required universal masking on day one. Universal masking is an important component in the recommended layered prevention strategy for schools, and this study continues to demonstrate that facemasks when used as part of the larger strategy can reduce spread of COVID-19 and prevent outbreaks in schools.

Another report found that during the two weeks following the start of school, the average change in pediatric COVID-19 case rates was lower among counties with school mask requirements (16.32 per 100,000/day) compared with counties without school mask requirements (34.85 cases per 100,000/day). This highlights the impact that universal masking policies can have on the communities that surround these school districts, as the impact of the policies can reduce the burden on the health care systems that support these school districts.

A third report studied COVID-19-related school closures and found that despite an estimated 1,801 school closures so far this school year, 96% of public schools have been able to remain open for full in-person learning. The continued focus on providing students with a safe environment for in-person learning is one of the main priorities for CDC's guidance, and can be best achieved by following a layered prevention strategy.

These studies continue to demonstrate the importance and effectiveness of CDC's Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools to help districts ensure safer in-person learning and stop the spread of COVID-19. Promoting vaccination of eligible persons, mask wearing, and screening testing are all proven methods to continue to work towards the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Illinois Department of Public Health Adopts CDC Recommendations for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters

September 24, 2021 – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is adopting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recommendation for a booster shot of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in certain populations and a booster dose for those in high risk occupational and institutional settings.

CDC recommends the following groups should receive boosters:

- people 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings **should** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series.
- people aged 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions **should** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series.

Additionally, CDC recommends the following groups *may* be considered for boosters.

- people aged 18–49 years with underlying medical conditions **may** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks, and

- people aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting **may** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.

"While the vaccines continue to be highly effective at preventing severe illnesses, hospitalization, death, as we learn more about COVID-19 and the science evolves, so too must our recommendations," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Scientists and medical experts continue to monitor vaccines for waning immunity and how well the vaccines protect against new variants, and across which age groups and risk factors. The information reviewed by the FDA shows that there is clear evidence of the benefit of booster doses at this time."

IDPH recommends vaccine providers prioritize those at highest risk of severe illness among the eligible booster population.

Many of the people who are now eligible to receive a booster shot received their initial vaccine early in the rollout and will benefit from additional protection. The Delta variant continues to be the predominate virus circulating and with cases of COVID-19 increasing significantly across the United States, a booster shot will help strengthen protection against severe disease in those populations who are at high-risk for exposure to COVID-19 or the complications from severe disease.

Individuals may contact their health care provider or visit www.vaccines.gov to find a nearby location to receive a booster dose.

Right now, only the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is authorized for booster doses in recommended populations. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has given full approval for Pfizer-BioNTech, marketed as Comirnaty, for those ages 16 years and older. The Pfizer-BioNTech and Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccines are the same vaccine.

Data is expected to be submitted soon to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on the safety and efficacy of booster doses for Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines for further recommendations on booster doses.

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

CDC Statement on Pregnancy Health Advisory

Today (9/29/30), CDC issued an urgent health advisory to increase COVID-19 vaccination among people who are pregnant, recently pregnant (including those who are lactating), who are trying to become pregnant now, or who might become pregnant in the future to prevent serious illness, deaths, and adverse pregnancy outcomes.

The CDC health advisory strongly recommends COVID-19 vaccination either before or during pregnancy because the benefits of vaccination for both pregnant persons and their fetus or infant outweigh known or potential risks. Additionally, the advisory calls on health

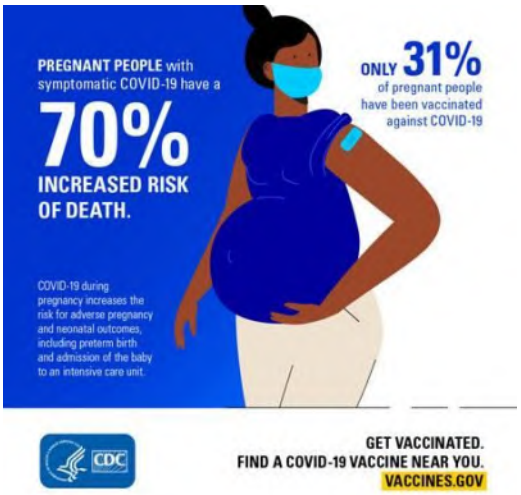
departments and clinicians to educate pregnant people on the benefits of vaccination and the safety of recommended vaccines.

According to CDC data, only 31 percent of pregnant people have been vaccinated against COVID-19 and vaccination rates vary markedly by race and ethnicity. Vaccination coverage is highest among Asian people who are pregnant (45.7 percent), but lower among Hispanic or Latino pregnant people (25 percent), and lowest among Black pregnant people (15.6 percent).

Through September 27th, there were more than 125,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in pregnant people including more than 22,000 hospitalized and 161 deaths; of which, 22 deaths occurred in the month of August alone. Cases of COVID-19 in symptomatic, pregnant people have a two-fold risk of admission into intensive care and a 70 percent increased risk of death. Pregnant people with COVID-19 are at increased risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes that could include preterm birth, stillbirth, and admission into the ICU of a newborn also infected with COVID-19.

"Pregnancy can be both a special time and also a stressful time – and pregnancy during a pandemic is an added concern for families. I strongly encourage those who are pregnant or considering pregnancy to talk with their healthcare provider about the protective benefits of the COVID-19 vaccine to keep their babies and themselves safe," said CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D., M.P.H.

The advisory can be found at https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2021/han00453.asp.



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www.lasallecounty.org

Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

October 8, 2021

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COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 10/08/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
14,961	13,866	344	751	112,325	1.8 %

Week ending 10/01/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
14,815	13,643	341	831	110,662	3.0 %

Week of 09/24/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
14,666	13,402	340	924	109,672	3.6 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

VACCINATIONS

Below is the overall County and State data as of October 8, 2021:

LaSalle County	Illinois
112,325 Administered Vaccine Doses	14,822,824 Administered Vaccine Doses
54,997 # Population Fully Vaccinated	7,109,230 # Population Fully Vaccinated
50.26 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	55.80 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated

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Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

10/01/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	233,908,734	4,786,203
US	43,463,260	697,920
Illinois	1,630,864	25,017
LaSalle County	14,815	341

10/08/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	236,940,594	4,837,772
US	44,175,158	710,530
Illinois	1,650,108	25,224
LaSalle County	14,961	344

BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Total Breakthrough Cases
220

Total Breakthrough Deaths
11

Note: Breakthrough cases are defined as someone who tests positive for Covid-19 more than 14 days after completing vaccination.

COUNTY TRANSMISSION LEVELS

LaSalle County CDC Transmission Rate Level
HIGH

LaSalle County IDPH County Level Metric
ORANGE

Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those communities with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

VARIANTS

(* Total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.)

Variant Name	Variant Designation	Variant Country of Origin	Total Number Reported*
Alpha	B.1.1.7	U.K	57
Gamma	P.1/P.1.1	Brazil	40*
Iota	B.1.526.1	US	<5
Delta	B.1.617.2/AY.2 /AY.3	India	122

*A review of data resulted in updated numbers.

CASE BREAKDOWN

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	349	368	4.79%	0.00
10-19	775	903	11.22%	0.00
20s	1203	1293	16.68%	0.00
30s	1162	1147	15.43%	0.00
40s	1054	1099	14.39%	2.03
50s	1059	1160	14.83%	2.62
60s	814	806	10.83%	10.17
70s	434	479	6.10%	22.38
80s	245	334	3.87%	34.30
90s	93	168	1.74%	25.58
100s	1	15	0.11%	2.91
UNK				
Total	7189	7772		
%	48.05	51.95		
TOTAL CASES		14961		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	537
June	67	104
July	261	185
August	778	738
September	504	934
October	968	**177**
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**6519**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	10*
May	12	10
June	4	5
July	1	3
August	30	13
September	9	13
October	11	**3**
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**113**

Deaths by Age	**344**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	7
50's	9
60's	35
70's	77
80's	118
90's	88
100s	10
Males	171
Females	173

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported deaths in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Cases by City/Village

10.01.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	37	0.25%
Dana	43	0.29%
Earlville	298	2.01%
Grand Ridge	124	0.84%
LaSalle	1401	9.46%
Leland	223	1.51%
Leonore	6	0.04%
Lostant	94	0.63%
Marseilles	1002	6.76%
Mendota	1425	9.62%
Millington	50	0.34%
Oglesby	575	3.88%
Ottawa	2969	20.04%
Peru	1488	10.04%
Ransom	57	0.38%
Rutland	37	0.25%
Sandwich	540	3.64%
Serena	80	0.54%
Seneca	402	2.71%
Sheridan	849	5.73%
Somonauk	279	1.88%
Streator	2396	16.17%
Tonica	139	0.94%
Troy Grove	24	0.16%
Utica	224	1.51%
Wedron	10	0.07%
Wenona	33	0.22%
Other**	10	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	**14,815**	

10.08.21

Town	Current Total	Increase since last report	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	37	0	0.25%
Dana	43	0	0.29%
Earlville	302	4	2.02%
Grand Ridge	125	1	0.84%
LaSalle	1413	12	9.44%
Leland	227	4	1.52%
Leonore	7	1	0.05%
Lostant	94	0	0.63%
Marseilles	1017	15	6.80%
Mendota	1430	5	9.56%
Millington	52	2	0.35%
Oglesby	582	7	3.89%
Ottawa	2998	29	20.04%
Peru	1504	16	10.05%
Ransom	57	0	0.38%
Rutland	38	1	0.25%
Sandwich	547	7	3.66%
Serena	80	0	0.53%
Seneca	407	5	2.72%
Sheridan	853	4	5.70%
Somonauk	281	2	1.88%
Streator	2422	26	16.19%
Tonica	142	3	0.95%
Troy Grove	24	0	0.16%
Utica	226	2	1.51%
Wedron	10	0	0.07%
Wenona (LC Cases)	33	0	0.22%
Other**	10	0	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	**14,961**	**146**	

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.

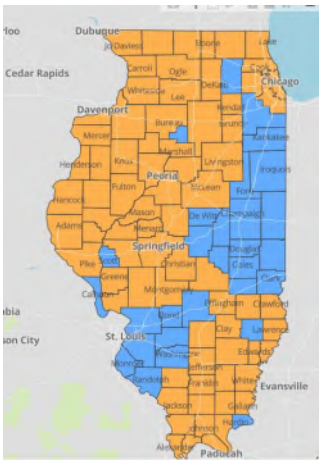
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

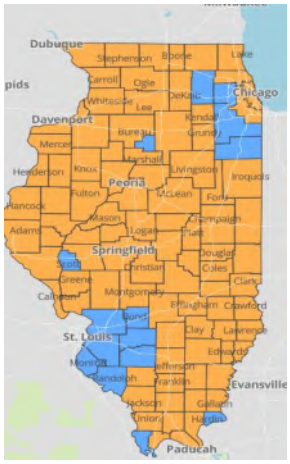
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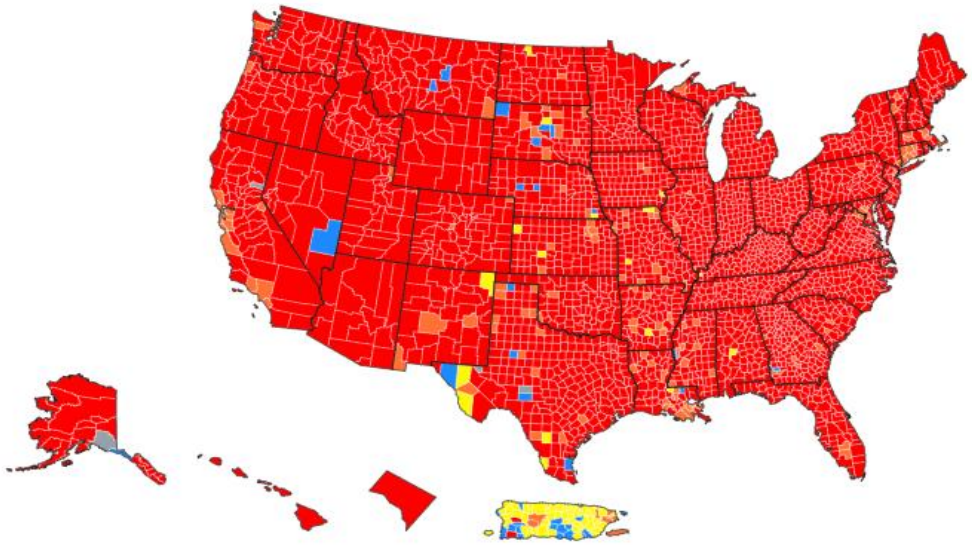


County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics –09/26/21 – 10/02/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **146 per 100K** *Decrease from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2** * Decrease from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **1.8 %** * Decrease from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **9,035** *more tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2.9 %** *Decrease in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **8** * Decrease from previous week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **0.90 %** * Decrease in reported clusters from previous week	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **18.5 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

COVID Transmission Rates Across the US



High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

Community Transmission in US by County

	Total	Percent	% Change
High	2948	91.55%	-2.27%
Substantial	153	4.75%	1.8%
Moderate	76	2.36%	0.12%
Low	38	1.18%	0.22%

Source: CDC web site

Variant Circulation in United States

United States: 9/26/2021 – 10/2/2021 NOWCAST

USA

WHO label	Lineage #	US Class	%Total	95%PI
Alpha	B.1.1.7	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Gamma	P.1	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Delta	B.1.617.2	VOC	99.8%	99.7-99.9%
	AY.1	VOC	0.1%	0.0-0.1%
	AY.2	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Iota	B.1.526	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Mu	B.1.621	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
N/A	B.1.628		0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Other	Other*		0.1%	0.0-0.2%

* Enumerated lineages are US VOC and lineages circulating above 1% nationally in at least one week period. "Other" represents the aggregation of lineages which are circulating <1% nationally during all weeks displayed.
** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates
# Sublineages of P.1 and B.1.621 are aggregated with the parent lineage and included in parent lineage's proportion. Q.1-Q.8 are aggregated with B.1.1.7. AY.3-AY.32 and their sublineages are aggregated with B.1.617.2.

Source: CDC web site

LaSalle County Health Department Testing Information

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid antigen tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

Local Hospital Testing Information

Please visit our local hospital's websites for information regarding COVID-19 testing:

OSF Healthcare (Ottawa, Mendota, Streator)
https://www.osfhealthcare.org/covid19/about/testing/

St Margaret's Health Peru/Spring Valley
https://aboutsmh.org/clinics/testingcenter/

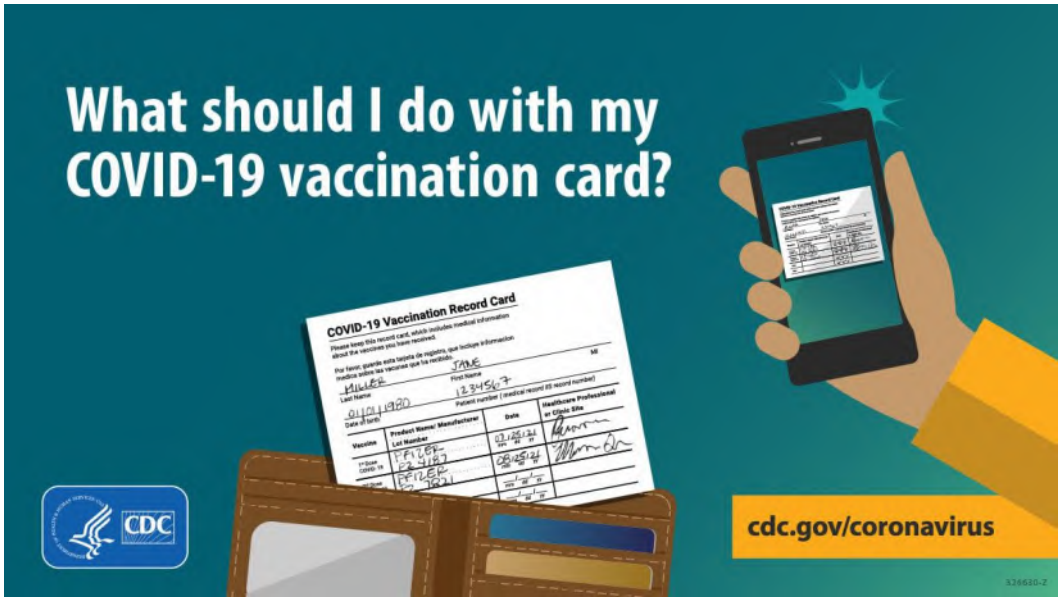
State of Illinois Community Based Testing

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 823 Wilke Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Fairview Heights	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria Civic Center	698 Fulton	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State Street	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing



What Should I Do with My COVID-19 Vaccination Card?
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Locate the nearest location of the Pfizer vaccine for your 12–17-year-old in Illinois at www.vaccines.gov



RESTORE ILLINOIS

On Friday, June 11, 2021, Illinois moved to a full reopening, also known as Phase 5, the final phase of the Restore Illinois plan. The state has eliminated all capacity limits on businesses, large-scale events, conventions, amusement parks, and all other venues. All Illinois Residents Required to Wear Masks Indoors, Regardless of Vaccination Status, effective Monday, August 30th. Learn more about Phase 5 http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19/Illinois%20Phase%205%20Guidelines.pdf

RESTORE ILLINOIS

Phase 5 Guidance for Businesses and Venues

This guidance replaces the industry-specific guidance that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity published as part of the state's Restore Illinois plan. This guidance includes recommendations for all types of businesses and venues, customers, and employees in order to help maintain healthy environments and operations, as well as lower the risk of COVID-19 spread.

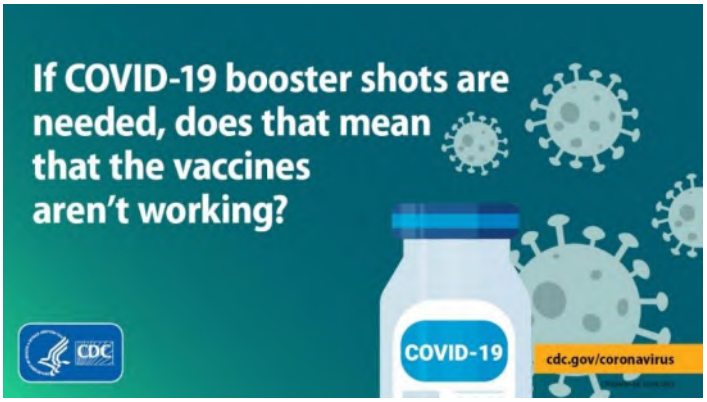
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- Continue to consult the CDC and IDPH websites for updated resources, guidelines, and rules related to COVID-19 safety.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID-19 vaccines are working well to help prevent severe illness, hospitalization, & death. However, public health experts are starting to see reduced protection, especially in certain populations, against mild & moderate COVID-19 illness. Learn more: https://bit.ly/booster-vax.



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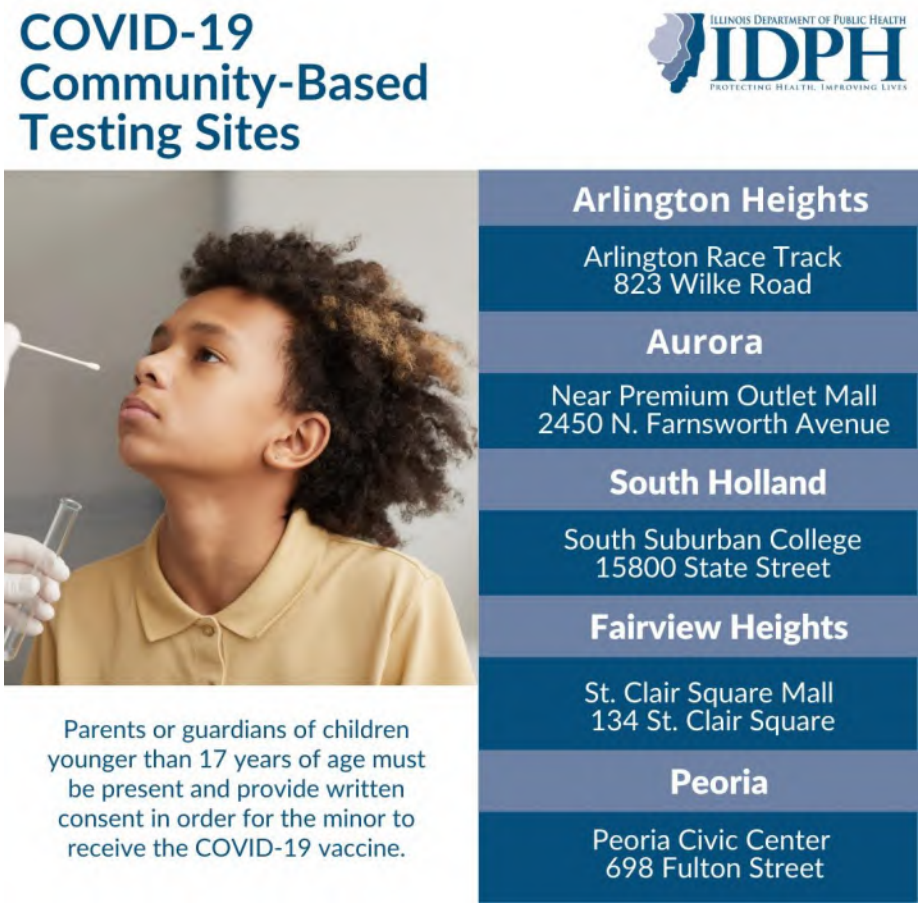
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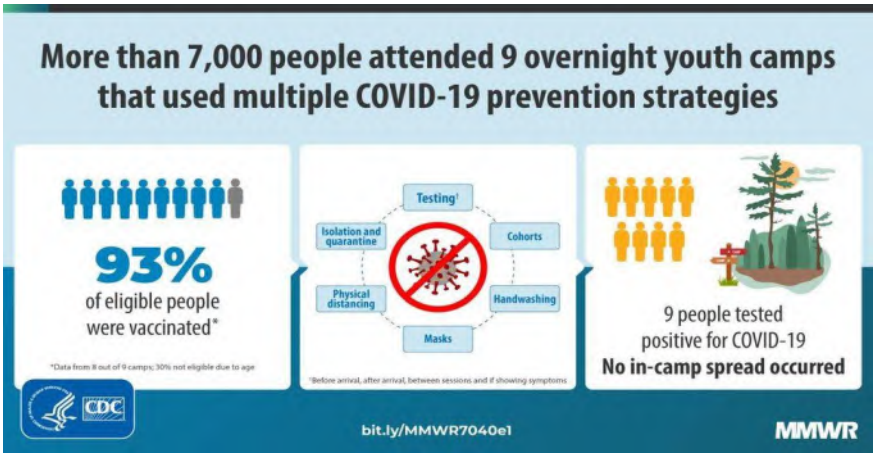
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Multicomponent Strategies to Prevent SARS-CoV-2 Transmission — Nine Overnight Youth Summer Camps, United States, June–August 2021

Nine summer camps kept cases of COVID-19 among campers and staff low – 9 cases out of more than 7,000 attendees – by using multiple prevention strategies, including COVID-19 vaccination and testing, physical distancing, and hand hygiene, a new CDC report finds. Learn more: bit.ly/MMWR7040e1.



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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
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For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

October 15, 2021

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COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 10/15/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
15,072	14,123	346	603	113,092	2.0 %

Week ending 10/08/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
14,961	13,866	344	751	112,325	1.8 %

Week of 10/01/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
14,815	13,643	341	831	110,662	3.0 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

VACCINATIONS

Below is the overall County and State data as of October 14, 2021:

LaSalle County	Illinois
113,092 Administered Vaccine Doses	14,964,603 Administered Vaccine Doses
55,233 # Population Fully Vaccinated	7,144,033 # Population Fully Vaccinated
50.47 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	56.07 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated

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Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

10/08/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	236,940,594	4,837,772
US	44,175,158	710,530
Illinois	1,650,108	25,224
LaSalle County	14,961	344

10/15/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	239,724,010	4,884,145
US	44,770,874	721,578
Illinois	1,665,777	25,407
LaSalle County	15,072	346

BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Total Breakthrough Cases
235

Total Breakthrough Deaths
11

Note: Breakthrough cases are defined as someone who tests positive for Covid-19 more than 14 days after completing vaccination.

COUNTY TRANSMISSION LEVELS

LaSalle County CDC Transmission Rate Level
HIGH

LaSalle County IDPH County Level Metric
ORANGE

Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those communities with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

VARIANTS

(* Total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.)

Variant Name	Variant Designation	Variant Country of Origin	Total Number Reported*
Alpha	B.1.1.7	U.K	57
Gamma	P.1/P.1.1	Brazil	40*
Iota	B.1.526.1	US	<5
Delta	B.1.617.2/AY.2 /AY.3	India	133

*A review of data resulted in updated numbers.

CASE BREAKDOWN

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	357	375	4.86%	0.00
10-19	785	911	11.25%	0.00
20s	1208	1300	16.64%	0.00
30s	1169	1157	15.43%	0.00
40s	1063	1106	14.39%	2.02
50s	1067	1171	14.85%	2.60
60s	818	807	10.78%	10.12
70s	434	484	6.09%	22.54
80s	247	336	3.87%	34.39
90s	93	168	1.73%	25.43
100s	1	15	0.11%	2.89
UNK				
Total	7242	7830		
%	48.05	51.95		
TOTAL CASES		15072		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	537
June	67	104
July	261	185
August	778	738
September	504	934
October	968	**288**
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**6630**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	10*
May	12	10
June	4	5
July	1	3
August	30	13
September	9	13
October	11	**5**
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**115**

Deaths by Age	**346**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	7
50's	9
60's	35
70's	78
80's	119
90's	88
100s	10
Males	171
Females	175

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported deaths in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Cases by City/Village

10.08.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	37	0.25%
Dana	43	0.29%
Earlville	302	2.02%
Grand Ridge	125	0.84%
LaSalle	1413	9.44%
Leland	227	1.52%
Leonore	7	0.05%
Lostant	94	0.63%
Marseilles	1017	6.80%
Mendota	1430	9.56%
Millington	52	0.35%
Oglesby	582	3.89%
Ottawa	2998	20.04%
Peru	1504	10.05%
Ransom	57	0.38%
Rutland	38	0.25%
Sandwich	547	3.66%
Serena	80	0.53%
Seneca	407	2.72%
Sheridan	853	5.70%
Somonauk	281	1.88%
Streator	2422	16.19%
Tonica	142	0.95%
Troy Grove	24	0.16%
Utica	226	1.51%
Wedron	10	0.07%
Wenona	33	0.22%
Other**	10	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	**14,815**	

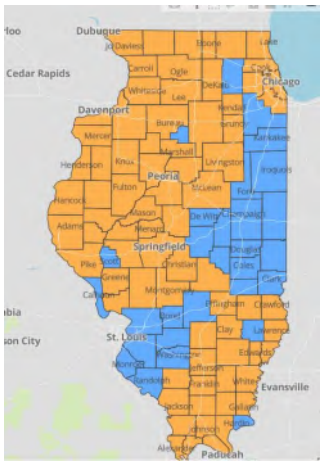
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Leland	229	1.52%	2
Leonore	9	0.06%	2
Lostant	94	0.62%	0
Marseilles	1021	6.77%	4
Mendota	1431	9.49%	1
Millington	53	0.35%	1
Oglesby	585	3.88%	3
Ottawa	3023	20.06%	25
Peru	1513	10.04%	9
Ransom	57	0.38%	0
Rutland	38	0.25%	0
Sandwich	556	3.69%	9
Serena	80	0.53%	0
Seneca	409	2.71%	2
Sheridan	858	5.69%	5
Somonauk	284	1.88%	3
Streator	2442	16.20%	20
Tonica	142	0.94%	0
Troy Grove	24	0.16%	0
Utica	228	1.51%	2
Wedron	10	0.07%	0
Wenona (LC Cases)	33	0.22%	0
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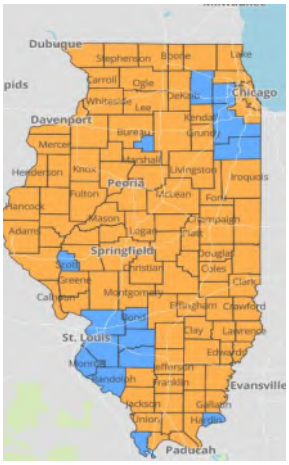
*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

Week of 10.01.21



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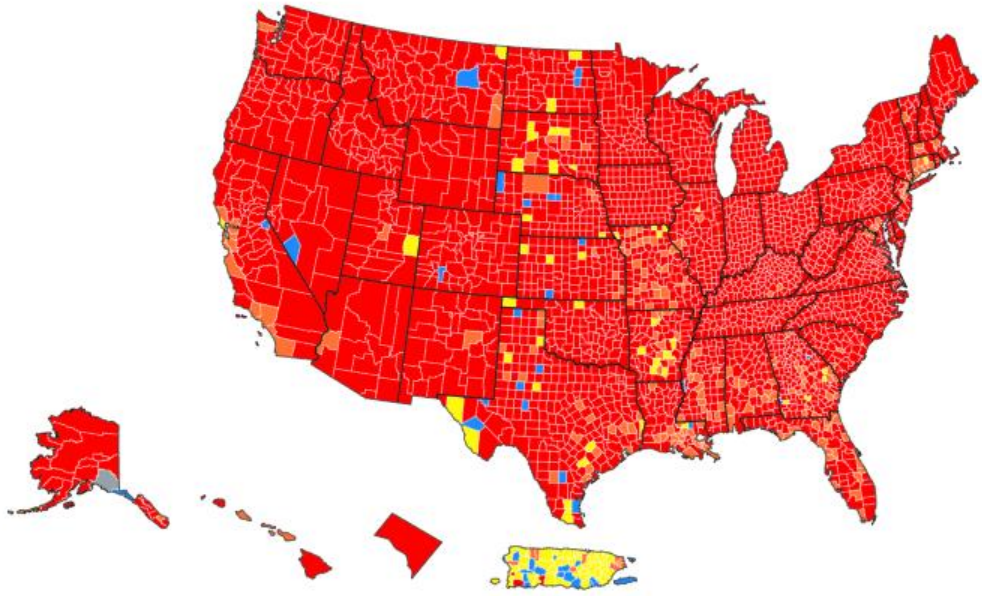


County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics –10/03/21 – 10/09/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **122 per 100K** *Decrease from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2** * No change from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **2.0%** * Increase from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **7,491** *less tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **4.0 %** *Increase in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **7** * Decrease from previous week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **1.1 %** * Increase in reported clusters from previous week	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **17.1 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	

COVID Transmission Rates Across the US



High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

Community Transmission in US by County

	Total	Percent	% Change
High	2772	86.09%	-5.81%
Substantial	282	8.76%	4.35%
Moderate	117	3.63%	1.02%
Low	47	1.46%	0.5%

Source: CDC web site

Variant Circulation in United States

United States: 10/3/2021 – 10/9/2021 NOWCAST

USA

WHO label	Lineage #	US Class	%Total	95%PI
Alpha	B.1.1.7	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Gamma	P.1	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Delta	B.1.617.2	VOC	99.9%	99.8-99.9%
	AY.1	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.1%
	AY.2	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Mu	B.1.621	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Other	Other*		0.0%	0.0-0.1%

* Enumerated lineages are US VOC and lineages circulating above 1% nationally in at least one week period. "Other" represents the aggregation of lineages which are circulating <1% nationally during all weeks displayed.
** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates
# Sublineages of P.1 and B.1.621 are aggregated with the parent lineage and included in parent lineage's proportion. Q.1-Q.8 are aggregated with B.1.1.7. AY.3-AY.38 and their sublineages are aggregated with B.1.617.2.

Source: CDC web site

LaSalle County Health Department Testing Information

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid antigen tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be

given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

Local Hospital Testing Information

Please visit our local hospital's websites for information regarding COVID-19 testing:

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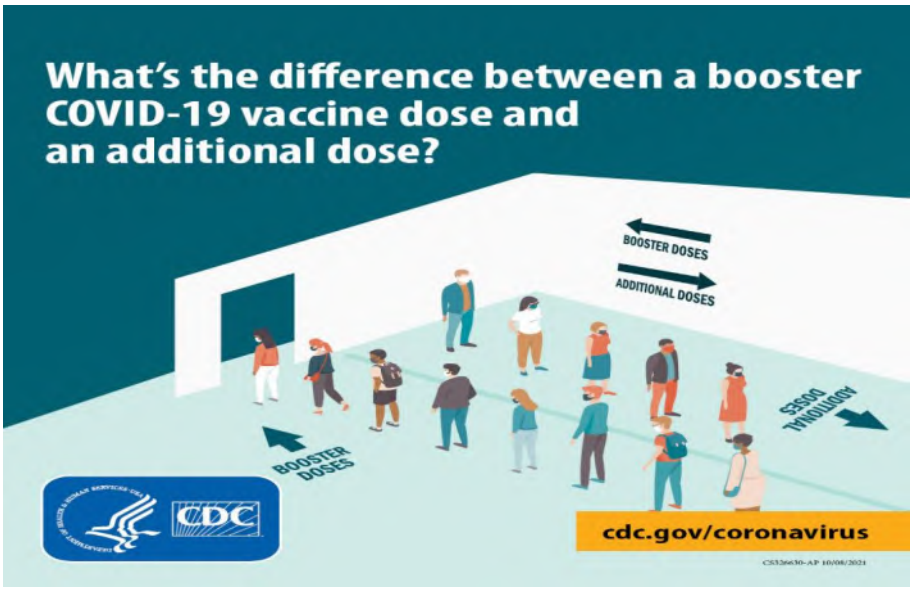
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Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
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What's the Difference Between a Booster COVID-19 Vaccine Dose and an Additional Dose?

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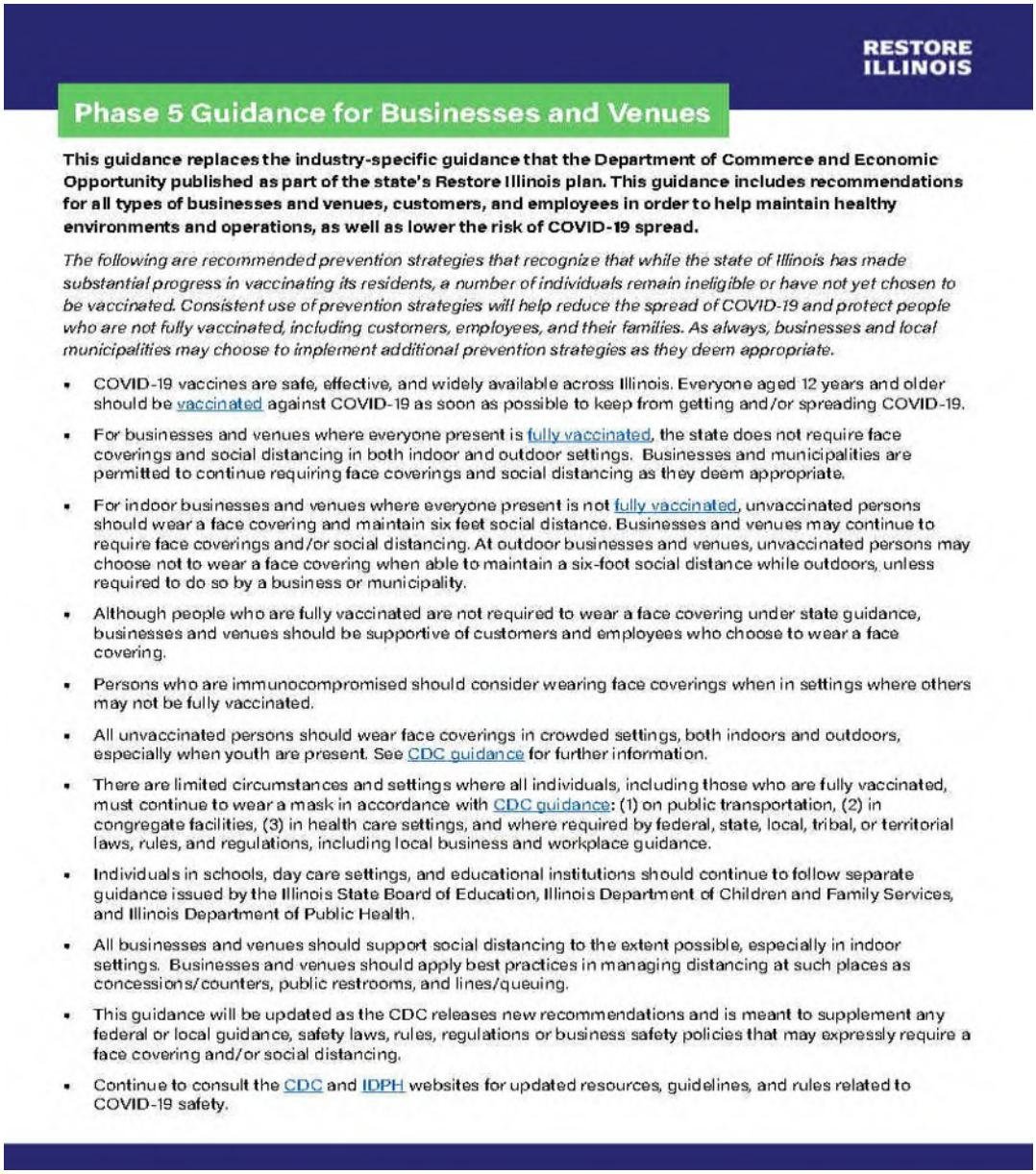
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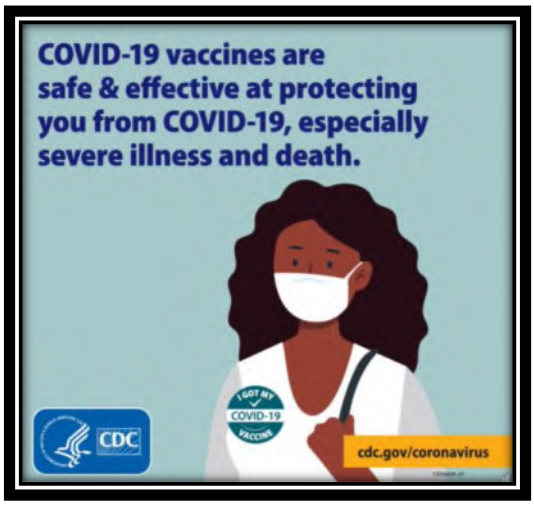
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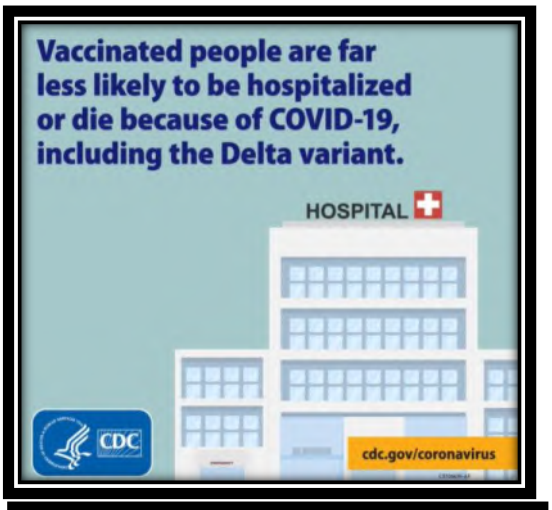
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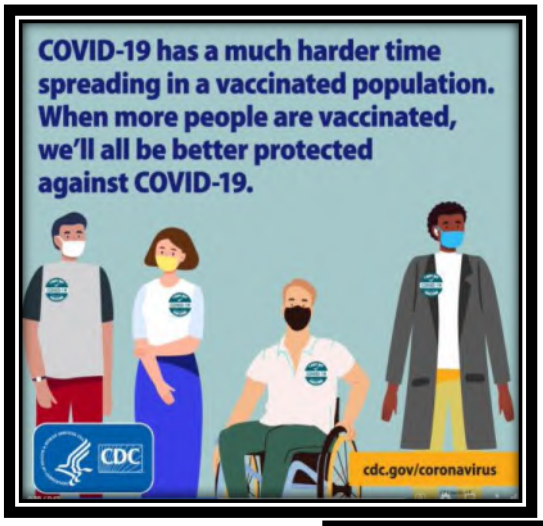
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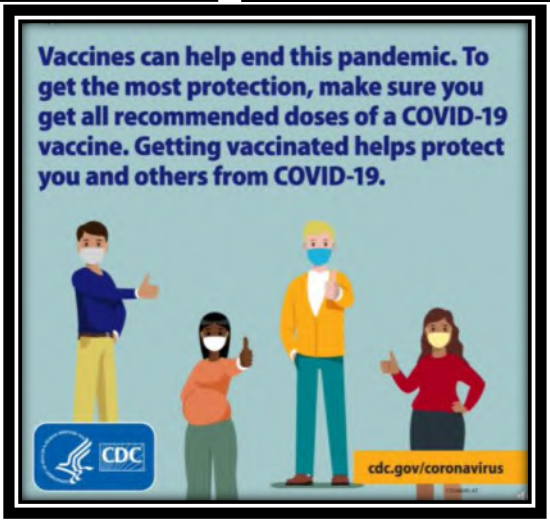
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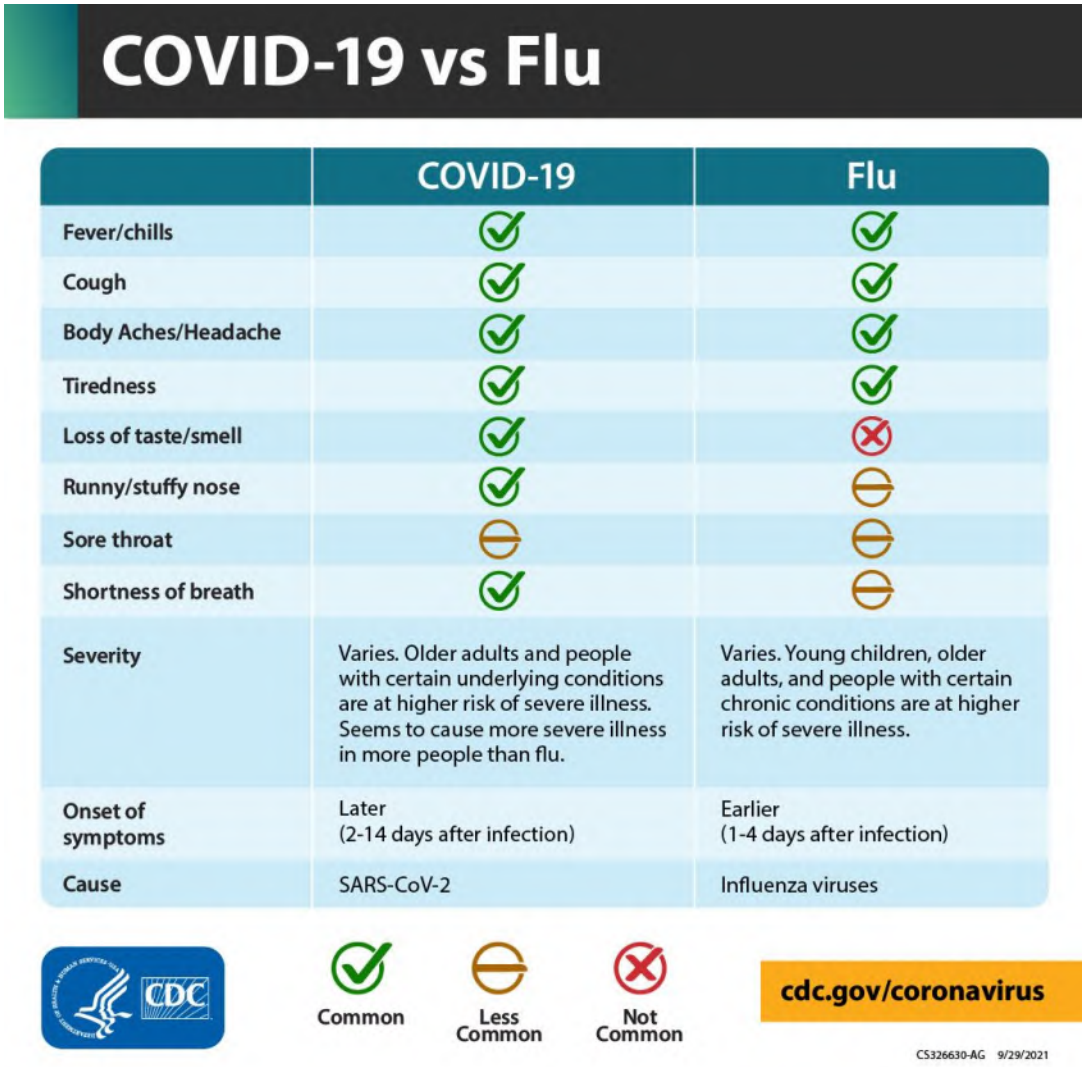


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COVID-19 and the Flu

COVID-19 and flu can both cause fever, cough, and body aches. However, shortness of breath and loss of taste or smell are more common with COVID-19 than with flu. Use this

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COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

October 22, 2021

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COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 10/22/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
15,193	14,318	348	527	114,430	1.7 %

Week ending 10/15/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
15,072	14,123	346	603	113,092	2.0 %

Week of 10/08/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
14,961	13,866	344	751	112,325	1.8 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

VACCINATIONS

Below is the overall County and State data as of October 22, 2021:

LaSalle County	Illinois
114,430 Administered Vaccine Doses	15,203,716 Administered Vaccine Doses
55,756 # Population Fully Vaccinated	7,198,320 # Population Fully Vaccinated
50.95 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	56.50 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated

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Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

10/15/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	239,724,010	4,884,145
US	44,770,874	721,578
Illinois	1,665,777	25,407
LaSalle County	15,072	346

10/22/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	242,648,151	4,932,452
US	45,302,711	733,228
Illinois	1,680,908	25,590
LaSalle County	15,193	348

BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Total Breakthrough Cases
255

Total Breakthrough Deaths
11

Note: Breakthrough cases are defined as someone who tests positive for Covid-19 more than 14 days after completing vaccination.

COUNTY TRANSMISSION LEVELS

LaSalle County CDC Transmission Rate Level
HIGH

LaSalle County IDPH County Level Metric
ORANGE

Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those communities with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

VARIANTS

(* Total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.)

Variant Name	Variant Designation	Variant Country of Origin	Total Number Reported*
Alpha	B.1.1.7	U.K	57
Gamma	P.1/P.1.1	Brazil	40*
Iota	B.1.526.1	US	<5
Delta	B.1.617.2/AY.2 /AY.3	India	154

*A review of data resulted in updated numbers.

CASE BREAKDOWN

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	359	379	4.86%	0.00
10-19	798	919	11.30%	0.00
20s	1214	1305	16.58%	0.00
30s	1181	1168	15.46%	0.00
40s	1070	1118	14.40%	2.30
50s	1075	1177	14.82%	2.59
60s	826	814	10.79%	10.06
70s	435	486	6.06%	22.70
80s	248	342	3.88%	34.20
90s	95	168	1.73%	25.29
100s	1	15	0.11%	2.87
UNK				
Total	7302	7891		
%	48.06	51.94		
TOTAL CASES		15193		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	537
June	67	104
July	261	185
August	778	738
September	504	934
October	968	**409**
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**6751**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	10*
May	12	10
June	4	5
July	1	3
August	30	13
September	9	13
October	11	**7**
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**117**

Deaths by Age	**348**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	8
50's	9
60's	35
70's	79
80's	119
90's	88
100s	10
Males	171
Females	177

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported deaths in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Cases by City/Village

10.15.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	37	0.25%
Dana	43	0.29%
Earlville	307	2.04%
Grand Ridge	125	0.83%
LaSalle	1431	9.49%
Leland	229	1.52%
Leonore	9	0.06%
Lostant	94	0.62%
Marseilles	1021	6.77%
Mendota	1431	9.49%
Millington	53	0.35%
Oglesby	585	3.88%
Ottawa	3023	20.06%
Peru	1513	10.04%
Ransom	57	0.38%
Rutland	38	0.25%
Sandwich	556	3.69%
Serena	80	0.53%
Seneca	409	2.71%
Sheridan	858	5.69%
Somonauk	284	1.88%
Streator	2442	16.20%
Tonica	142	0.94%
Troy Grove	24	0.16%
Utica	228	1.51%
Wedron	10	0.07%
Wenona	33	0.22%
Other**	10	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	**15,072**	

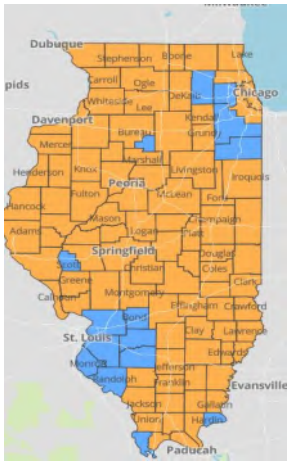
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Town	Current Total	Increase since last report	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	37	0	0.24%
Dana	43	0	0.28%
Earlville	311	4	2.05%
Grand Ridge	131	6	0.86%
LaSalle	1436	5	9.45%
Leland	234	5	1.54%
Leonore	9	0	0.06%
Lostant	95	1	0.63%
Marseilles	1028	7	6.77%
Mendota	1439	8	9.47%
Millington	56	3	0.37%
Oglesby	591	6	3.89%
Ottawa	3049	26	20.07%
Peru	1519	6	10.00%
Ransom	58	1	0.38%
Rutland	38	0	0.25%
Sandwich	565	9	3.72%
Serena	81	1	0.53%
Seneca	414	5	2.72%
Sheridan	862	4	5.67%
Somonauk	286	2	1.88%
Streator	2455	13	16.16%
Tonica	144	2	0.95%
Troy Grove	26	2	0.17%
Utica	230	2	1.51%
Wedron	10	0	0.07%
Wenona (LC Cases)	36	3	0.24%
Other**	10	0	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	**15,193**	**121**	

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

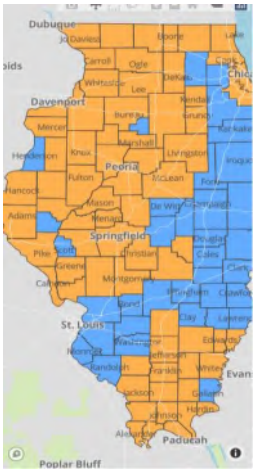
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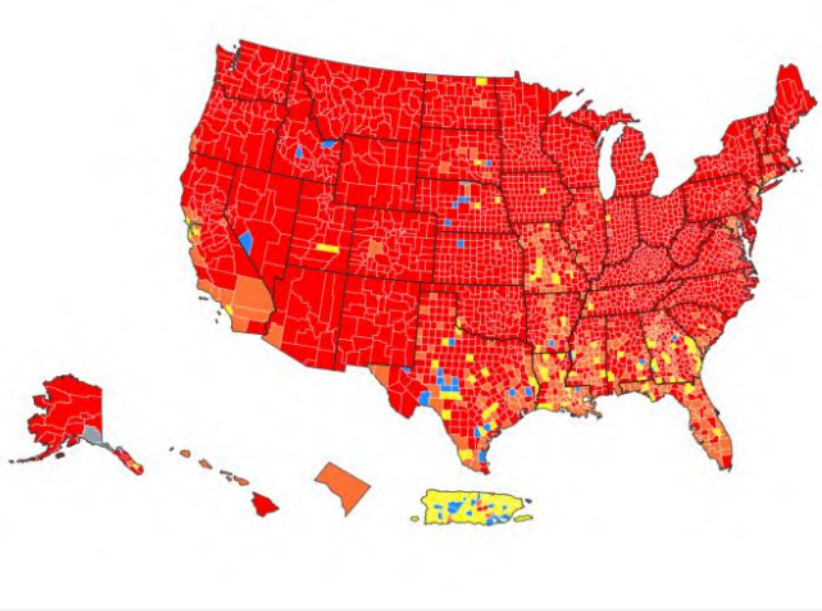


County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics –10/10/21 – 10/16/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **98 per 100K** *Decrease from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2** * No change from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **1.7%** * Decrease from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **7,354** *less tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2.4 %** *Decrease in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **5** * Decrease from previous week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **1.4 %** * Increase in reported clusters from previous week	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **13.7 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	

COVID Transmission Rates Across the US



High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

Community Transmission in US by County

	Total	Percent	% Change
High	2656	82.43%	-6.02%
Substantial	361	11.2%	4.13%
Moderate	148	4.59%	1.55%
Low	52	1.61%	0.31%

Source: CDC web site

Variant Circulation in United States

United States: 10/10/2021 – 10/16/2021 NOWCAST

USA

WHO label	Lineage #	US Class	%Total	95%PI
Alpha	B.1.1.7	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Gamma	P.1	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Delta	B.1.617.2	VOC	99.6%	99.3-99.7%
	AY.1	VOC	0.1%	0.0-0.1%
	AY.2	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
N/A	B.1.621	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Other	Other*		0.3%	0.2-0.6%

* Enumerated lineages are US VOC and lineages circulating above 1% nationally in at least one week period. "Other" represents the aggregation of lineages which are circulating <1% nationally during all weeks displayed.
** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates
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LaSalle County Health Department Testing Information

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid antigen tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be

given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

Local Hospital Testing Information

Please visit our local hospital's websites for information regarding COVID-19 testing:

OSF Healthcare (Ottawa, Mendota, Streator)
https://www.osfhealthcare.org/covid19/about/testing/

St Margaret's Health Peru/Spring Valley
https://aboutsmh.org/clinics/testingcenter/

State of Illinois Community Based Testing

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 823 Wilke Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Fairview Heights	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria Civic Center	698 Fulton	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State Street	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing



If I Missed My Second Dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine, Do I Need to Restart My Vaccine Series?

If you receive an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine, you need 2 shots to get the most protection against COVID-19.
If you miss the date to get your second shot, you can still get your second shot and complete your vaccination series without having to restart. You should get the same product for your first and second shot.





Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Still in Need of a COVID -19 Vaccine? Call the Health Department to Schedule an Appointment

The LaSalle County Health Department has COVID -19 vaccine available at the Health Department by appointment only, Monday through Friday. The Health Department has Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer vaccine available.

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Pfizer is available to anyone 12 years of age and older. **Please Note – Must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**

Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

St. Margaret's Health - Peru (LaSalle Medical Clinic)

The Hygienic Institute will begin weekly Wednesday clinics for the COVID-19 Vaccine 1st or 2nd dose starting Wednesday, June 23rd. The Hygienic Institute will have both Moderna and Pfizer available. Pfizer can be given to the 12 – 18-year-olds.

If you would like to schedule an appointment for the COVID Vaccine, please call the Vaccine Hotline Number: **779-201-5272** and leave a detailed message with your name and the best contact number. You will be called back to schedule an appointment.

Get the Vaccine to Save Lives!

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

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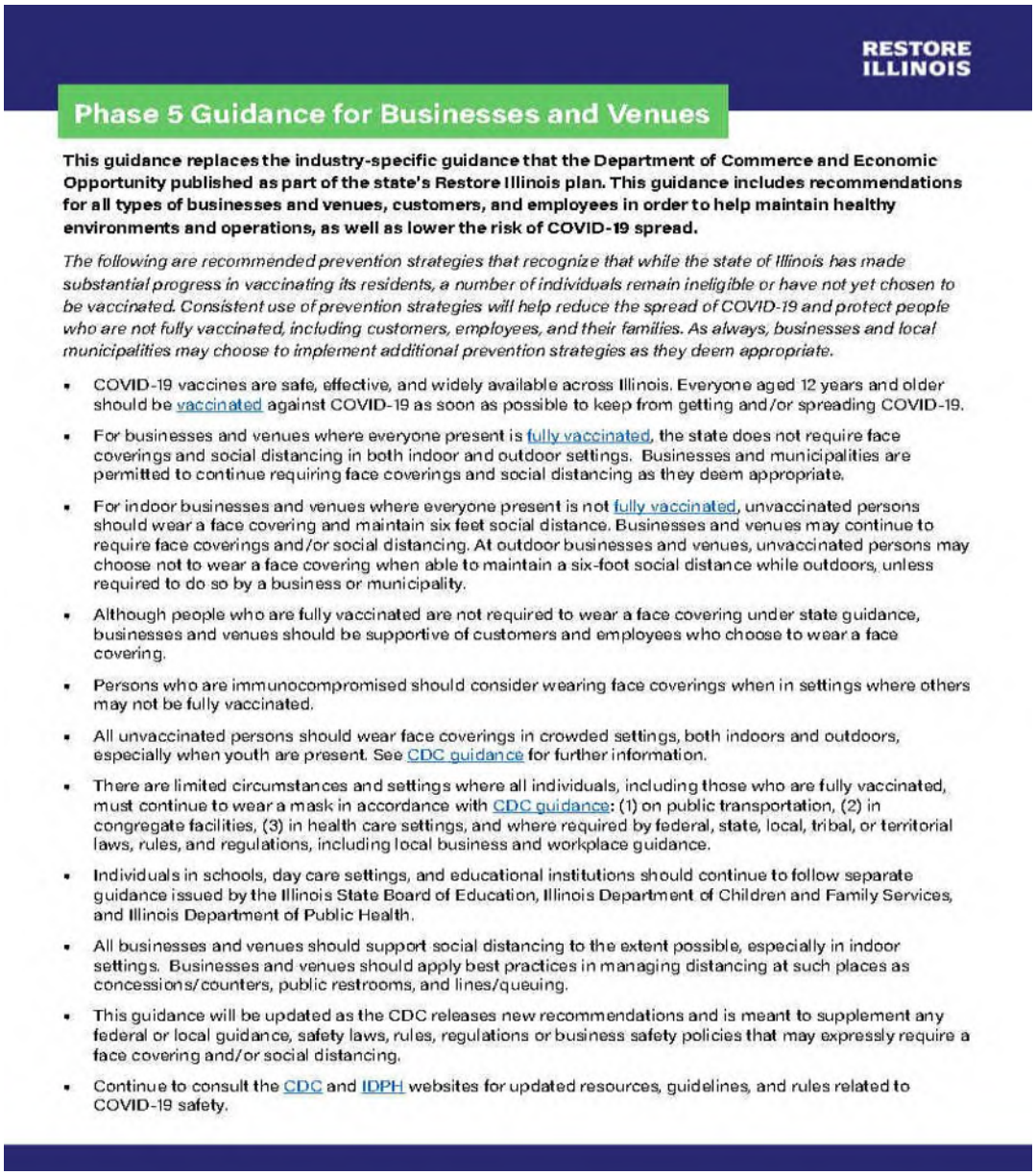
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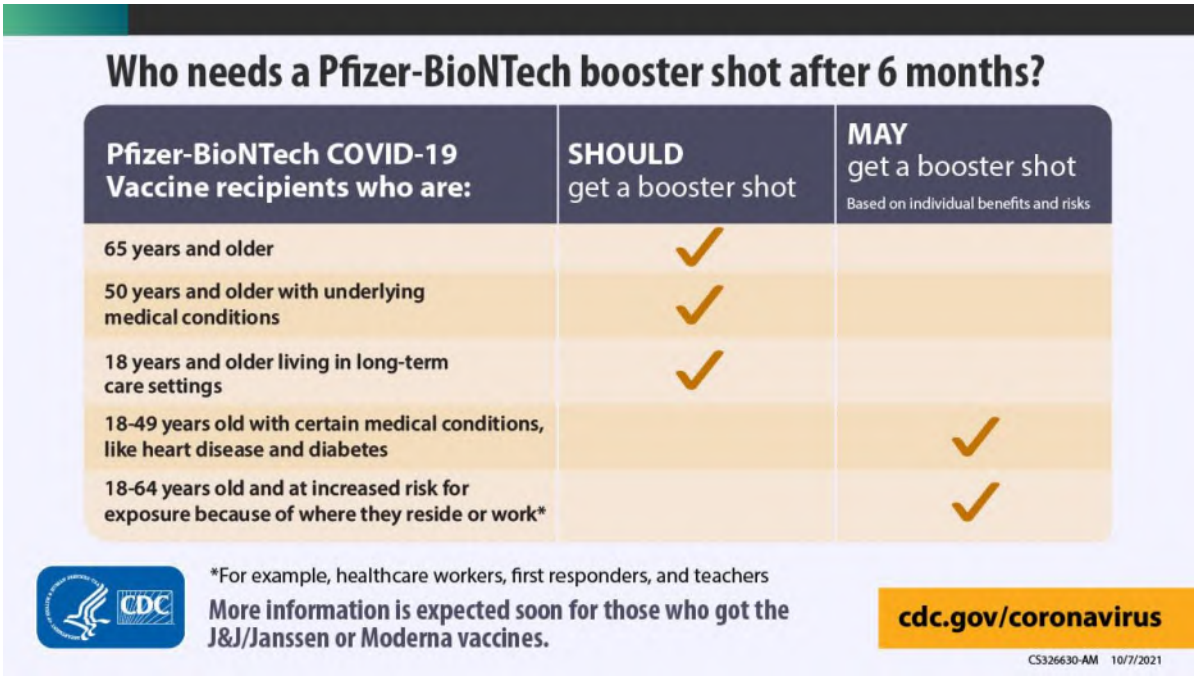
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- Continue to consult the CDC and IDPH websites for updated resources, guidelines, and rules related to COVID-19 safety.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

Some adults who received their second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech #COVID19 Vaccine at least 6 months ago are now eligible for a booster shot. Use this chart to determine if you should or may get a booster shot. Learn more here: https://www.cdc.gov/.../2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

CDC Expands Eligibility for COVID-19 Booster Shots

On October 21, 2021, CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D., M.P.H., endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation for a booster shot of COVID-19 vaccines in certain populations. The Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) authorization and CDC's recommendation for use are important steps forward as we work to stay ahead of the virus and keep Americans safe.

For individuals who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at 6 months or more after their initial series:

- 65 years and older
- Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
- Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings

For the nearly 15 million people who got the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, booster shots are also recommended for those who are 18 and older and who were vaccinated two or more months ago.

There are now booster recommendations for all three available COVID-19 vaccines in the United States. Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received and others, may prefer to get a different booster. CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.

Millions of people are newly eligible to receive a booster shot and will benefit from additional protection. However, today's action should not distract from the critical work of ensuring that unvaccinated people take the first step and get an initial COVID-19 vaccine. More than 65 million Americans remain unvaccinated, leaving themselves – and their children, families, loved ones, and communities– vulnerable.

Available data right now show that all three of the COVID-19 vaccines approved or authorized in the United States continue to be highly effective in reducing risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death, even against the widely circulating Delta variant. Vaccination remains the best way to protect yourself and reduce the spread of the virus and help prevent new variants from emerging.

CDC Director Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky said, "These recommendations are another example of our fundamental commitment to protect as many people as possible from COVID-19. The evidence shows that all three COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the United States are safe – as demonstrated by the over 400 million vaccine doses already given. And, they are all highly effective in reducing the risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death, even in the midst of the widely circulating Delta variant."

Illinois Department of Public Health Issues Updated COVID-19 Halloween and Fall Festivities Guidance

As we continue through Fall and head into the holiday season, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is issuing updated guidance to help people celebrate more safely as we continue to battle COVID-19. "Although we're still in the pandemic, this Halloween and Fall festivities season will look a little different than last year thanks to the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines that are readily available," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "However, we must still take precautions as not everyone is vaccinated and a vaccine for children younger than 12 year is not yet available. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself, your friends and family, and your community, but it's also important to use a layered approach by wearing a mask indoors and limiting/avoiding settings where physical distancing is not possible to help stop the spread of the virus."

MASKS

Masks are currently required, per Executive Order, in all indoor public locations in Illinois. A costume mask is *NOT* a substitute for a well-fitting mask to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Wearing a costume mask over a face covering to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is not recommended because it could make breathing more difficult. Safer options include choosing a costume that does not come with a costume mask, or find a costume that incorporates a face covering.

TRICK-OR-TREAT

Trick-or-treating outdoors in small groups is best, but if outdoors is not an option, there are steps people can take to make indoor trick-or-treating safer. Those handing out tricks or treats indoors should open doors and windows as much as possible to promote increased ventilation and wear a mask. It is also important for everyone handing out or receiving treats to wash their hands. Alternatives to door-to-door trick-or-treating can include setting up tables in a parking lot or other safe outdoor area where individually wrapped treats can be set out or holding an outdoor costume parade for kids along with a parent/guardian.

HAUNTED HOUSES, WOODS, WALKS

Open-air haunted houses are safer than an enclosed haunted house. Masks are required to be worn in indoor haunted houses and the number of people should be limited to reduce crowding. Other options include visiting outdoor haunted woods or going on a haunted walk.

PUMPKIN PATCHES, ORCHARD VISITS, FALL FESTIVALS

Try to visit pumpkin patches, orchards, and festivals at times that aren't as busy. You can also limit your exposure by moving away from crowded areas and wearing a mask.

HALLOWEEN PARTIES AND SOCIAL GATHERINGS

Large gatherings with more people increase the risk of COVID-19 transmission compared to small gatherings, and outdoor parties are safer than indoor parties. If indoors, mask must be worn in public places, but can also be worn in private settings where physical distancing is difficult. For indoor gatherings, try to increase air flow by opening doors and windows.

DÍA LOS MUERTOS

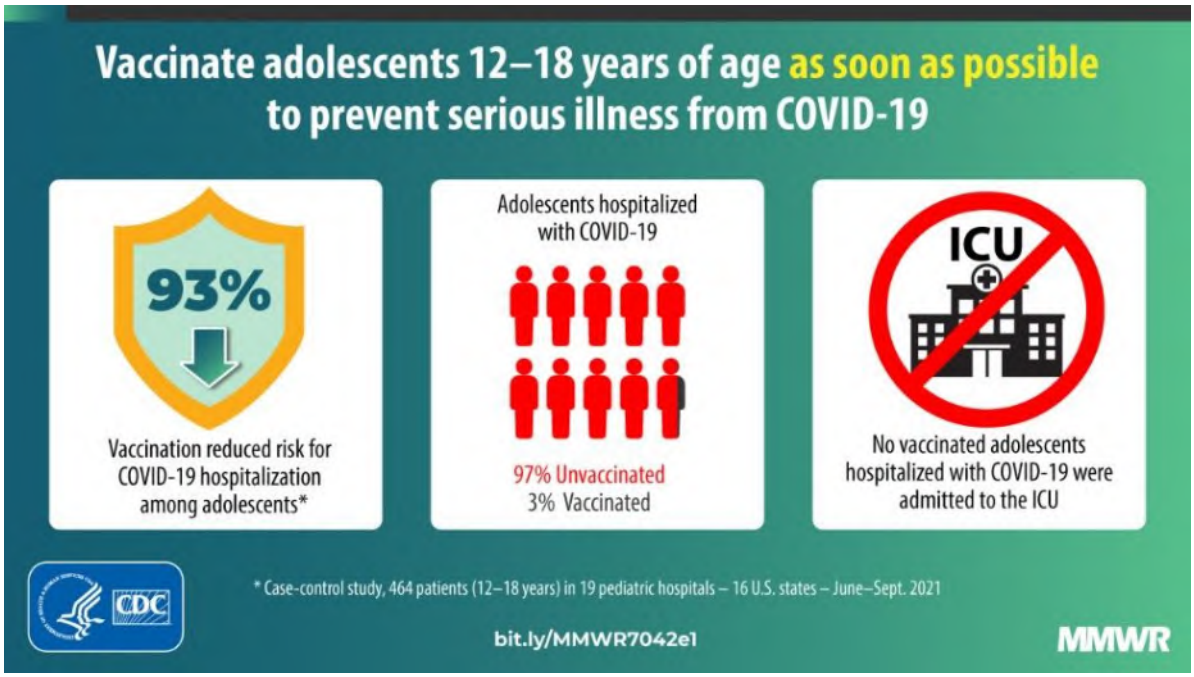
Holding events and activities outdoors to honor deceased loved ones for Día de los Muertos is safer than indoors. If gathering indoor, increase air flow by opening windows and try to physically distance as much as possible. Another option to celebrate and remember deceased loved ones is to exchange traditional family recipes with family or neighbors that they can make at home.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19, do not participate in any Halloween or Fall events. More information on Halloween and Fall Guidance is on the IDPH website at https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/Halloween

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

Effectiveness of Pfizer-BioNTech mRNA Vaccination Against COVID-19 Hospitalization Among Persons Aged 12–18 Years — United States, June–September 2021

A new MMWR report finds that for adolescents ages 12–18, two doses of Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine is 93% effective at preventing COVID-19 hospitalization. These findings show how important vaccination is to protect U.S. adolescents against severe COVID-19. Learn more: bit.ly/MMWR7042e1.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

October 29, 2021

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COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 10/29/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
15,294	14,464	351	479	117,570	2.3 %

Week ending 10/22/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
15,193	14,318	348	527	114,430	1.7 %

Week of 10/15/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
15,072	14,123	346	603	113,092	2.0 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

VACCINATIONS

Below is the overall County and State data as of October 29, 2021:

LaSalle County	Illinois
117,570 Administered Vaccine Doses	15,542,790 Administered Vaccine Doses
56,353 # Population Fully Vaccinated	7,254,009 # Population Fully Vaccinated
51.50 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	56.93 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated

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Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

10/22/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	242,648,151	4,932,452
US	45,302,711	733,228
Illinois	1,680,908	25,590
LaSalle County	15,193	348

10/29/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	245,733,785	4,984,842
US	45,831,492	743,448
Illinois	1,695,524	25,771
LaSalle County	15,294	351

BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Total Breakthrough Cases
279

Total Breakthrough Deaths
11

Note: Breakthrough cases are defined as someone who tests positive for Covid-19 more than 14 days after completing vaccination.

COUNTY TRANSMISSION LEVELS

LaSalle County CDC Transmission Rate Level
HIGH

LaSalle County IDPH County Level Metric
ORANGE

Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those communities with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

VARIANTS

(* Total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.)

Variant Name	Variant Designation	Variant Country of Origin	Total Number Reported*
Alpha	B.1.1.7	U.K	57
Gamma	P.1/P.1.1	Brazil	40*
Iota	B.1.526.1	US	<5
Delta	B.1.617.2/AY.2 /AY.3	India	159

*A review of data resulted in updated numbers.

CASE BREAKDOWN

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	364	386	4.90%	0.00
10-19	805	928	11.33%	0.00
20s	1221	1308	16.54%	0.00
30s	1190	1173	15.45%	0.00
40s	1075	1124	14.38%	2.28
50s	1082	1180	14.79%	2.56
60s	833	820	10.81%	10.83
70s	441	492	6.10%	22.51
80s	250	343	3.88%	33.90
90s	95	168	1.72%	25.07
100s	1	15	0.10%	2.85
UNK				
Total	7357	7937		
%	48.10	51.90		
TOTAL CASES		15294		

Cases Reported by Month Summary	2020	2021
January	0	1682
February	0	745
March	6	520
April	50	897
May	98	537
June	67	104
July	261	185
August	778	738
September	504	934
October	968	**510**
November	3433	
December	2277	
Total	8442	**6852**

Deaths Reported by Month Summary		
Month	2020	2021
January	0	26
February	0	21
March	1	9
April	0	10*
May	12	10
June	4	5
July	1	3
August	30	13
September	9	13
October	11	**10**
November	61*	
December	102	
Total	231	**121**

Deaths by Age	**351**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	8
50's	9
60's	38
70's	79
80's	119
90's	88
100s	10
Males	171
Females	180

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported deaths in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Cases by City/Village

10.22.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	37	0.24%
Dana	43	0.28%
Earlville	311	2.05%
Grand Ridge	131	0.86%
LaSalle	1436	9.45%
Leland	234	1.54%
Leonore	9	0.06%
Lostant	95	0.63%
Marseilles	1028	6.77%
Mendota	1439	9.47%
Millington	56	0.37%
Oglesby	591	3.89%
Ottawa	3049	20.07%
Peru	1519	10.00%
Ransom	58	0.38%
Rutland	38	0.25%
Sandwich	565	3.72%
Serena	81	0.53%
Seneca	414	2.72%
Sheridan	862	5.67%
Somonauk	286	1.88%
Streator	2455	16.16%
Tonica	144	0.95%
Troy Grove	26	0.17%
Utica	230	1.51%
Wedron	10	0.07%
Wenona	36	0.24%
Other**	10	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	15,193	

10.29.21

Town	Current Total	Increase since last report	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	37	0	0.24%
Dana	43	0	0.28%
Earlville	316	5	2.07%
Grand Ridge	131	0	0.86%
LaSalle	1441	5	9.42%
Leland	235	1	1.54%
Leonore	9	0	0.06%
Lostant	98	3	0.64%
Marseilles	1032	4	6.75%
Mendota	1448	9	9.47%
Millington	57	1	0.37%
Oglesby	591	0	3.86%
Ottawa	3061	12	20.01%
Peru	1533	14	10.02%
Ransom	62	4	0.41%
Rutland	38	0	0.25%
Sandwich	572	7	3.74%
Serena	84	3	0.55%
Seneca	422	8	2.76%
Sheridan	871	9	5.70%
Somonauk	288	2	1.88%
Streator	2467	12	16.13%
Tonica	145	1	0.95%
Troy Grove	27	1	0.18%
Utica	230	0	1.50%
Wedron	10	0	0.07%
Wenona (LC Cases)	36	0	0.24%
Other**	10	0	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	15,294	101	

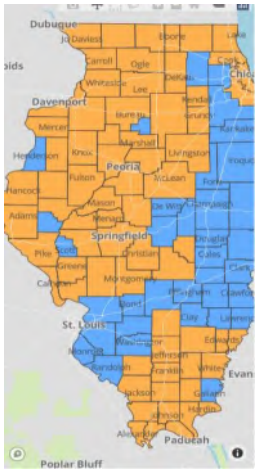
*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

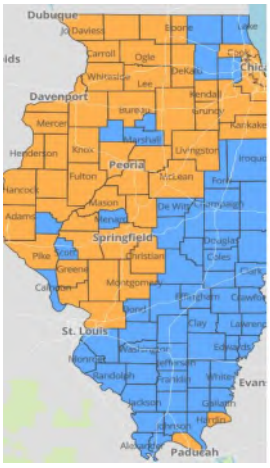
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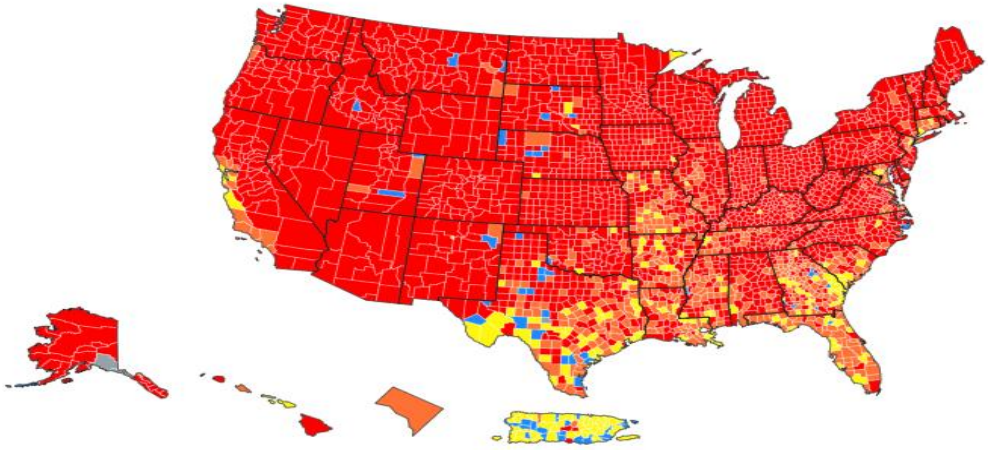


County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics –10/17/21 – 10/23/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **115 per 100K** *Increase from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2** * No change from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **2.3%** * Increase from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **6,259** *less tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1.7 %** *Decrease in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **8** * Increase from previous week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **1.2 %** * Decrease in reported clusters from previous week	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **17.4 %** *Increase in availability from previous week	

COVID Transmission Rates Across the US



High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

Community Transmission in US by County

	Total	Percent	% Change
High	2436	75.61%	-6.83%
Substantial	517	16.05%	4.84%
Moderate	198	6.15%	1.55%
Low	65	2.02%	0.4%

Source: CDC web site

Variant Circulation in United States

United States: 10/17/2021 – 10/23/2021 NOWCAST

USA

WHO label	Lineage #	US Class	%Total	95%PI
Alpha	B.1.1.7	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Delta	B.1.617.2	VOC	99.5%	99.2-99.7%
	AY.1	VOC	0.1%	0.0-0.1%
	AY.2	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Other	Other*		0.4%	0.3-0.8%

* Enumerated lineages are US VOC and lineages circulating above 1% nationally in at least one week period. "Other" represents the aggregation of lineages which are circulating <1% nationally during all weeks displayed.
** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates
# Q.1-Q.8 are aggregated with B.1.1.7. AY.3-AY.38 and their sublineages are aggregated with B.1.617.2.

Source: CDC web site

LaSalle County Health Department Testing Information

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid antigen tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

Local Hospital Testing Information

Please visit our local hospital's websites for information regarding COVID-19 testing:

OSF Healthcare (Ottawa, Mendota, Streator)
https://www.osfhealthcare.org/covid19/about/testing/

St Margaret's Health Peru/Spring Valley
https://aboutsmh.org/clinics/testingcenter/

State of Illinois Community Based Testing

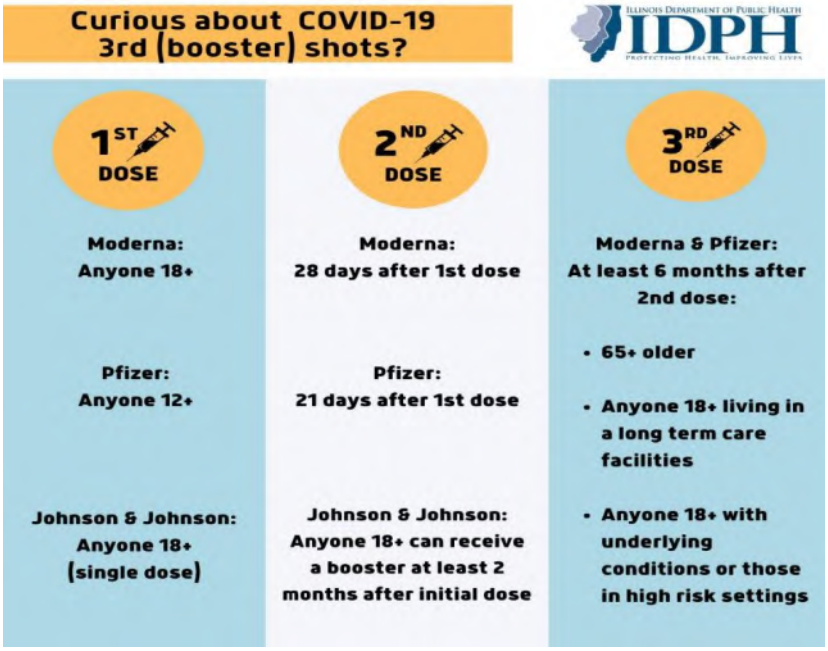
Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 823 Wilke Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Fairview Heights	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria Civic Center	698 Fulton	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State Street	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing



What Are the Booster Recommendations for All Three COVID-19 Vaccines?

There are now booster recommendations for all three available COVID-19 vaccines in the United States. However, more than 65 million Americans remain unvaccinated, leaving themselves – and their children, families, loved ones, and communities– vulnerable. Learn more about booster shots at: https://www.fda.gov/.../coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda...



Source: Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Still in Need of a COVID -19 Vaccine? Call the Health Department to Schedule an Appointment

The LaSalle County Health Department has COVID -19 vaccine available at the Health

Department by appointment only, Monday through Friday. The Health Department has Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer vaccine available.
Residents who still need to be vaccinated should call the Health Department at 815-433-3366 to make an appointment.
Pfizer is available to anyone 12 years of age and older. **Please Note – Must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**

Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

St. Margaret's Health - Peru (LaSalle Medical Clinic)

The Hygienic Institute will begin weekly Wednesday clinics for the COVID-19 Vaccine 1st or 2nd dose starting Wednesday, June 23rd. The Hygienic Institute will have both Moderna and Pfizer available. Pfizer can be given to the 12 – 18-year-olds.

If you would like to schedule an appointment for the COVID Vaccine, please call the Vaccine Hotline Number: **779-201-5272** and leave a detailed message with your name and the best contact number. You will be called back to schedule an appointment.

Get the Vaccine to Save Lives!

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

LaSalle County Health Department Offers Booster Doses of Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson

On October 21, 2021, the CDC expanded eligibility for COVID-19 booster shots in certain populations. LaSalle County Health Department will begin offering booster doses on a weekly basis, **by appointment only**.

To schedule an appointment for a booster dose vaccination please visit our website www.lasallecounty.org and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment for a booster dose of Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson.

For individuals who received a **Pfizer** or **Moderna** vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at ***six months or more*** after their initial series:

- 65 years and older
- Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
- Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings

For individuals who received the **Johnson & Johnson** vaccine, booster shots are recommended for those who are 18 and older and who were vaccinated ***two or more months ago***.

Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received and others may prefer to get a different booster. CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.

In addition, we will continue to give additional doses (3rd doses) to individuals who are considered severely immunocompromised. If you are still in need of this 3rd dose, you should call the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 to schedule an appointment.

Important Things to Remember:

- **You MUST have your vaccination record card for your appointment.**
- **If you do not have it, please visit IDPH Vax Verify at: https://idphportal.illinois.gov/s/?language=en_US to get a copy of your vaccination record.**

Day of Appointment Instructions:

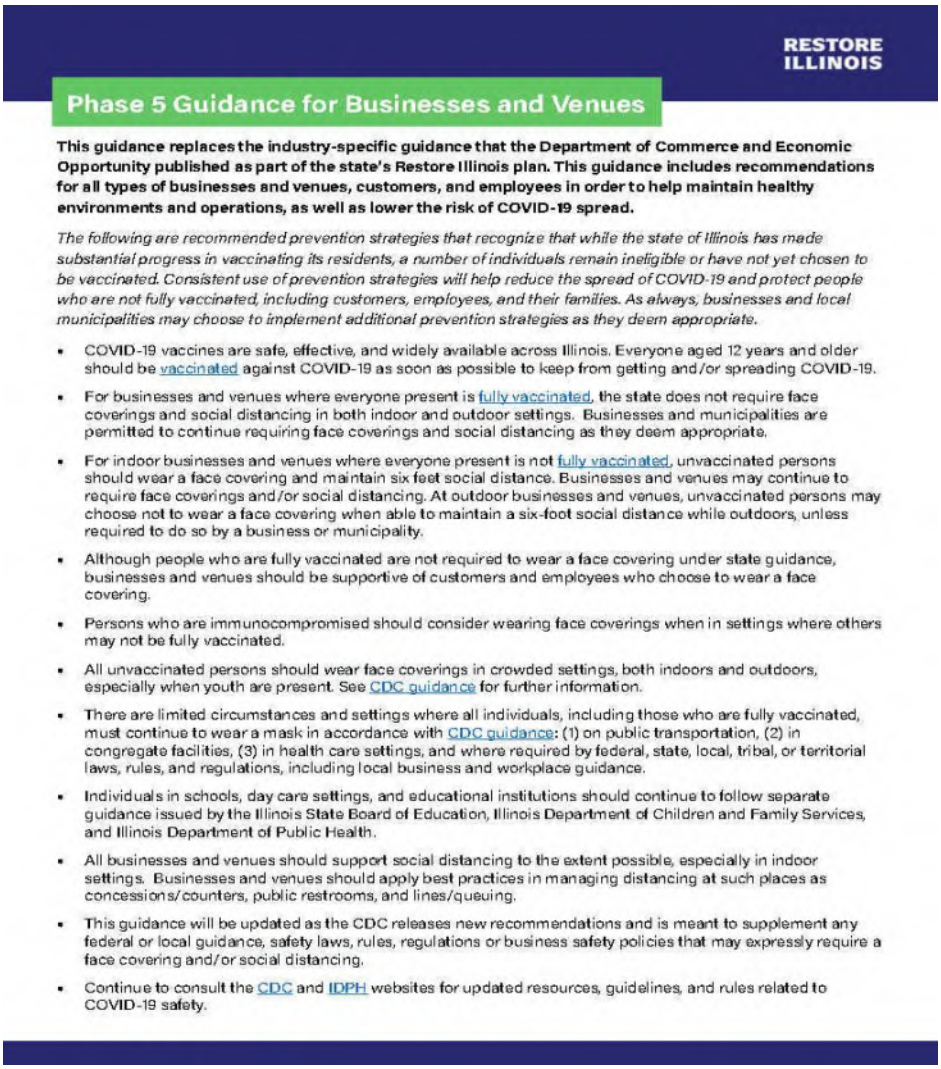
- ✓ If you do not feel well the day of your appointment, do not come to the vaccination clinic.
- ✓ **Please arrive at your scheduled appointment time**.
- ✓ The Health Department is located at 717 Etna Rd., Ottawa. COVID-19 booster vaccinations will be given in the Vaccination Trailer (look for the yellow sign), which is located next to the COVID Testing Trailer and is in the Health Department's parking lot.
- ✓ All attendees will need to wear a face covering.
- ✓ All attendees must follow instructions and maintain social distancing. Please stay 6ft. apart when waiting in line.
- ✓ If the patient is under the age of 18, they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- ✓ **PLEASE BRING:**
  - ✓ **Bring a copy of your printed ticket or a screenshot of the ticket on your phone.**

✓ **Bring your vaccination record card**

- You **MUST** have an APPOINTMENT to get vaccinated. Absolutely **NO walk-ins**; you will be turned away and asked to leave.
- If you need assistance, please bring someone with you. Otherwise, we ask that only people receiving the vaccine come to the clinic.
- Individuals should wear clothing to allow easy access to the upper portion of the arm for injection.

RESTORE ILLINOIS

On Friday, June 11, 2021**,** Illinois moved to a full reopening, also known as Phase 5, the final phase of the Restore Illinois plan. The state has eliminated all capacity limits on businesses, large-scale events, conventions, amusement parks, and all other venues. All Illinois Residents Required to Wear Masks Indoors, Regardless of Vaccination Status, effective Monday, August 30th. Learn more about Phase 5 http://dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19/Illinois%20Phase%205%20Guidelines.pdf



RESTORE ILLINOIS

Phase 5 Guidance for Businesses and Venues

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- COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective, and widely available across Illinois. Everyone aged 12 years and older should be vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible to keep from getting and/or spreading COVID-19.
- For businesses and venues where everyone present is fully vaccinated, the state does not require face coverings and social distancing in both indoor and outdoor settings. Businesses and municipalities are permitted to continue requiring face coverings and social distancing as they deem appropriate.
- For indoor businesses and venues where everyone present is not fully vaccinated, unvaccinated persons should wear a face covering and maintain six feet social distance. Businesses and venues may continue to require face coverings and/or social distancing. At outdoor businesses and venues, unvaccinated persons may choose not to wear a face covering when able to maintain a six-foot social distance while outdoors, unless required to do so by a business or municipality.
- Although people who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a face covering under state guidance, businesses and venues should be supportive of customers and employees who choose to wear a face covering.
- Persons who are immunocompromised should consider wearing face coverings when in settings where others may not be fully vaccinated.
- All unvaccinated persons should wear face coverings in crowded settings, both indoors and outdoors, especially when youth are present. See CDC guidance for further information.
- There are limited circumstances and settings where all individuals, including those who are fully vaccinated, must continue to wear a mask in accordance with CDC guidance: (1) on public transportation, (2) in congregate facilities, (3) in health care settings, and where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- Individuals in schools, day care settings, and educational institutions should continue to follow separate guidance issued by the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and Illinois Department of Public Health.
- All businesses and venues should support social distancing to the extent possible, especially in indoor settings. Businesses and venues should apply best practices in managing distancing at such places as concessions/counters, public restrooms, and lines/queuing.
- This guidance will be updated as the CDC releases new recommendations and is meant to supplement any federal or local guidance, safety laws, rules, regulations or business safety policies that may expressly require a face covering and/or social distancing.
- Continue to consult the CDC and IDPH websites for updated resources, guidelines, and rules related to COVID-19 safety.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

A new study looking at millions of vaccinated and unvaccinated people found no increased risk of death among COVID-19 vaccine recipients. The report looks at 7 months of data from a large population. COVID-19 vaccines are effective at helping prevent COVID-19 infection, including severe illness and death. This study's findings provide additional information that vaccines are safe, and the benefits outweigh potential risk. Get vaccinated today. More: bit.ly/MMWR7043e2.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

International Travel – Know Before you Go

Travel requirements to enter the United States are changing, starting November 8, 2021. Fully vaccinated travelers are less likely to get and spread COVID-19. However, international travel poses additional risks, and even fully vaccinated travelers might be at increased risk for getting and possibly spreading some COVID-19 variants. Learn more here: https://www.cdc.gov/.../international-travel/index.html. Do not travel internationally until you are fully vaccinated. If you are not fully vaccinated there are additional recommendations to follow before, during, and after travel.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!











Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

November 5, 2021

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Special Holiday Note



Due to the holiday, there will be no issue of the weekly COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin on Friday, November 26, 2021. The bulletin will return to its normal release date on Friday, December 3, 2021.

COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 11/05/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
15,418	14,610	351	457	120,355	1.5 %

Week ending 10/29/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
15,294	14,464	351	479	117,570	2.3 %

Week of 10/22/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
15,193	14,318	348	527	114,430	1.7 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

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VACCINATIONS

Below is the overall County and State data as of November 5, 2021:

LaSalle County	Illinois
120,355 Administered Vaccine Doses	15,911,477 Administered Vaccine Doses
56,709 # Population Fully Vaccinated	7,317,880 # Population Fully Vaccinated
51.82 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	57.44 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated

Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

10/29/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	245,733,785	4,984,842
US	45,831,492	743,448
Illinois	1,695,524	25,771
LaSalle County	15,294	351

11/05/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	248,813,323	5,033,576
US	46,341,833	751,635
Illinois	1,712,986	25,948
LaSalle County	15,418	351

BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Total Breakthrough Cases
291

Total Breakthrough Deaths
11

Note: Breakthrough cases are defined as someone who tests positive for Covid-19 more than 14 days after completing vaccination.

COUNTY TRANSMISSION LEVELS

LaSalle County CDC Transmission Rate Level
HIGH

LaSalle County IDPH County Level Metric
BLUE

Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those communities with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

VARIANTS

(* Total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.)

Variant Name	Variant Designation	Variant Country of Origin	Total Number Reported*
Alpha	B.1.1.7	U.K	57
Gamma	P.1/P.1.1	Brazil	40*
Iota	B.1.526.1	US	<5
Delta	B.1.617.2/AY.2 /AY.3	India	163

*A review of data resulted in updated numbers.

CASE BREAKDOWN

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	367	397	4.96%	0.00
10-19	816	938	11.38%	0.00
20s	1223	1316	16.47%	0.00
30s	1201	1187	15.49%	0.00
40s	1079	1131	14.33%	2.28
50s	1091	1187	14.77%	2.56
60s	839	826	10.80%	10.83
70s	444	498	6.11%	22.51
80s	252	345	3.87%	33.90
90s	96	169	1.72%	25.07
100s	1	15	0.10%	2.85
UNK				
Total	7409	8009		
%	48.05%	51.95%		
TOTAL CASES		15418		

Cases Reported by Month Summary			
	2020	2021	2022
January	0	1682	
February	0	745	
March	6	520	
April	50	897	
May	98	537	
June	67	104	
July	261	185	
August	778	738	
September	504	934	
October	968	**510**	
November	3433	**124**	
December	2277		
Total	8442	**6976**	

Deaths Reported by Month Summary			
Month	2020	2021	2022
January	0	26	
February	0	21	
March	1	9	
April	0	10*	
May	12	10	
June	4	5	
July	1	3	
August	30	13	
September	9	13	
October	11	**10**	
November	61*	**0**	
December	102		
Total	231	**121**	

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported deaths in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Deaths by Age	**351**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	8
50's	9
60's	38
70's	79
80's	119
90's	88
100s	10
Males	171
Females	180

Cases by City/Village

10.29.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	37	0.24%
Dana	43	0.28%
Earlville	316	2.07%
Grand Ridge	131	0.86%
LaSalle	1441	9.42%
Leland	235	1.54%
Leonore	9	0.06%
Lostant	98	0.64%
Marseilles	1032	6.75%
Mendota	1448	9.47%
Millington	57	0.37%
Oglesby	591	3.86%
Ottawa	3061	20.01%
Peru	1533	10.02%
Ransom	62	0.41%
Rutland	38	0.25%
Sandwich	572	3.74%
Serena	84	0.55%
Seneca	422	2.76%
Sheridan	871	5.70%
Somonauk	288	1.88%
Streator	2467	16.13%
Tonica	145	0.95%
Troy Grove	27	0.18%
Utica	230	1.50%
Wedron	10	0.07%
Wenona	36	0.24%
Other**	10	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	15,294	

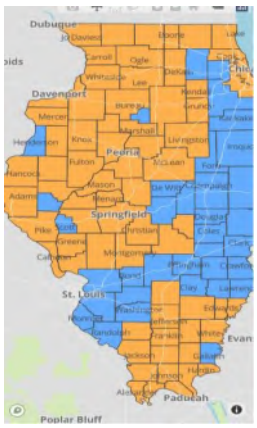
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Town	Current Total	Increase since last report	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	37	0	0.24%
Dana	43	0	0.28%
Earlville	321	5	2.08%
Grand Ridge	132	1	0.86%
LaSalle	1447	6	9.39%
Leland	235	0	1.52%
Leonore	9	0	0.06%
Lostant	98	0	0.64%
Marseilles	1041	9	6.75%
Mendota	1454	6	9.43%
Millington	57	0	0.37%
Oglesby	598	7	3.88%
Ottawa	3081	20	19.98%
Peru	1548	15	10.04%
Ransom	63	1	0.41%
Rutland	38	0	0.25%
Sandwich	584	12	3.79%
Serena	85	1	0.55%
Seneca	430	8	2.79%
Sheridan	879	8	5.70%
Somonauk	292	4	1.89%
Streator	2482	15	16.10%
Tonica	146	1	0.95%
Troy Grove	30	3	0.19%
Utica	230	0	1.49%
Wedron	10	0	0.06%
Wenona (LC Cases)	37	1	0.24%
Other**	11	1	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	15,418		

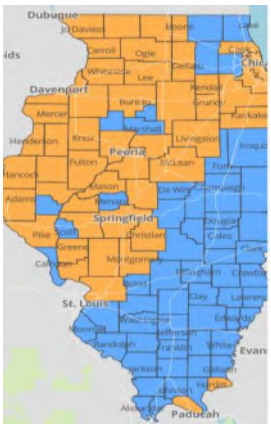
*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

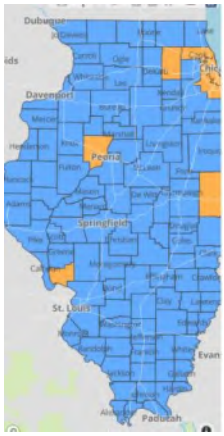
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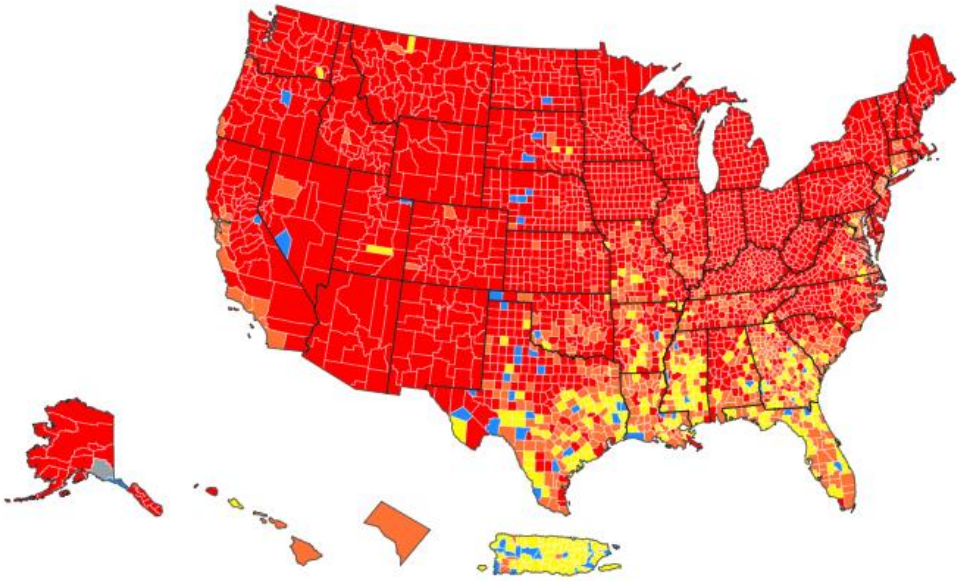


County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics –10/24/21 – 10/30/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **99 per 100K** *Decrease from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **3** * Increase from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **1.5%** * Decrease from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **7,122** *more tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1.9 %** *Increase in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **8** * No change from previous week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **0 %** * Decrease in reported clusters from previous week	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **20.3 %** *Increase in availability from previous week	

COVID Transmission Rates Across the US



High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

Community Transmission in US by County

	Total	Percent	% Change
High	2338	72.56%	-3.04%
Substantial	530	16.45%	0.4%
Moderate	285	8.85%	2.7%
Low	64	1.99%	-0.03%

Source: CDC web site

Variant Circulation in United States

United States: 10/24/2021 – 10/30/2021 NOWCAST

USA

WHO label	Lineage #	US Class	%Total	95%PI
Alpha	B.1.1.7	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Delta	B.1.617.2	VOC	99.2%	98.9-99.4%
	AY.1	VOC	0.1%	0.0-0.1%
	AY.2	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Other	Other*		0.7%	0.5-1.0%

* Enumerated lineages are US VOC and lineages circulating above 1% nationally in at least one week period. "Other" represents the aggregation of lineages which are circulating <1% nationally during all weeks displayed.
** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates
# Q.1-Q.8 are aggregated with B.1.1.7. AY.3-AY.41 and their sublineages are aggregated with B.1.617.2.

Source: CDC web site

LaSalle County Health Department Testing Information

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid antigen tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be

given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

Local Hospital Testing Information

Please visit our local hospital's websites for information regarding COVID-19 testing:

OSF Healthcare (Ottawa, Mendota, Streator)
https://www.osfhealthcare.org/covid19/about/testing/

St Margaret's Health Peru/Spring Valley
https://aboutsmh.org/clinics/testingcenter/

State of Illinois Community Based Testing

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 823 Wilke Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Fairview Heights	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria Civic Center	698 Fulton	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State Street	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing



Can I Get Doses of Two Different COVID-19 Vaccines?

If you receive a COVID-19 vaccine that requires two doses, like the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines, you should get the same vaccine for both doses. If you receive Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine, you will only need one shot. However, if you are eligible for a booster shot, you may receive any of the COVID-19 vaccines as your booster. Learn more: https://bit.ly/3mrK4Z5.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Still in Need of a COVID -19 Vaccine? Call the Health Department to Schedule an Appointment

The LaSalle County Health Department has COVID -19 vaccine available at the Health

Department by appointment only, Monday through Friday. The Health Department has Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer vaccine available.
Residents who still need to be vaccinated should call the Health Department at 815-433-3366 to make an appointment.
Pfizer is available to anyone 12 years of age and older. **Please Note – Must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**

Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

St. Margaret's Health - Peru (LaSalle Medical Clinic)

The Hygienic Institute hosts weekly clinics for the COVID-19 Vaccine. If you would like to schedule an appointment for the COVID Vaccine, please call the Vaccine Hotline Number: **779-201-5272** and leave a detailed message with your name and the best contact number. You will be called back to schedule an appointment.

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

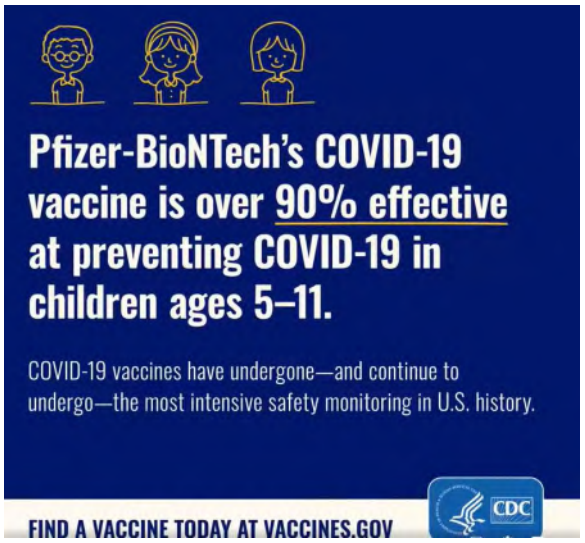
- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
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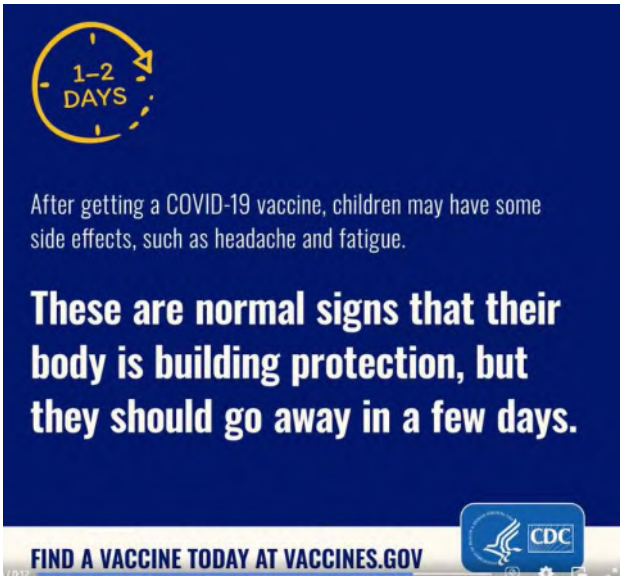
LaSalle County Health Department Offers Pfizer Vaccine for Children

On November 2, 2021, the CDC endorsed the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation that children 5 to 11 years old be vaccinated against COVID-19 with the Pfizer BioNTech pediatric vaccine. The vaccine for children ages 5 through 11 years is a smaller dose (10 micrograms{µg}). This is a third of the dose given for individuals 12 years and older. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is administered as a series of two doses, 3 weeks apart, for all eligible individuals. LaSalle County Health Department will begin offering the vaccine for children on a weekly basis, **by appointment only**.

To schedule an appointment for a child vaccination please visit our website www.lasallecounty.org and click on the “COVID-19 Vaccine Information” icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment for a child dose of Pfizer.







LaSalle County Health Department Offers Booster Doses of Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson

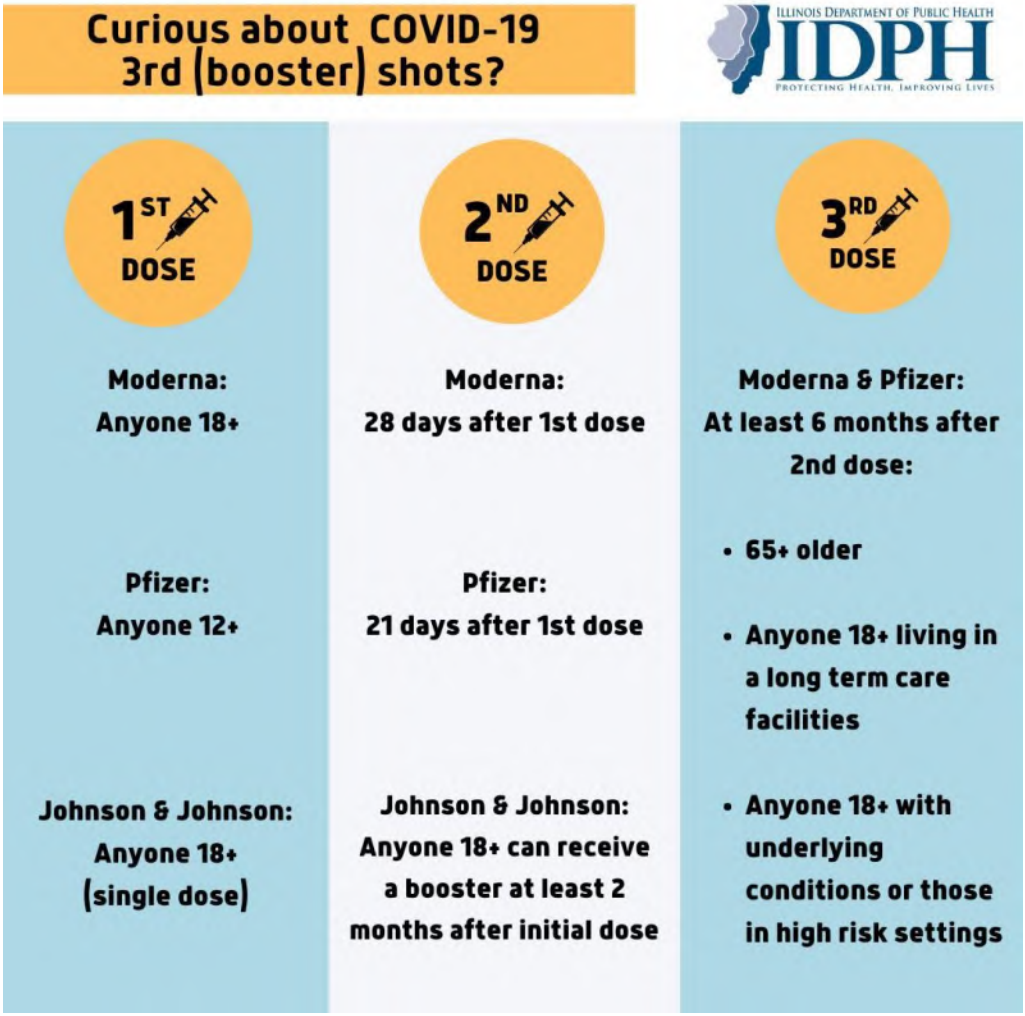
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For individuals who received a **Pfizer** or **Moderna** vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at ***six months or more*** after their initial series:

- 65 years and older
- Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
- Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings

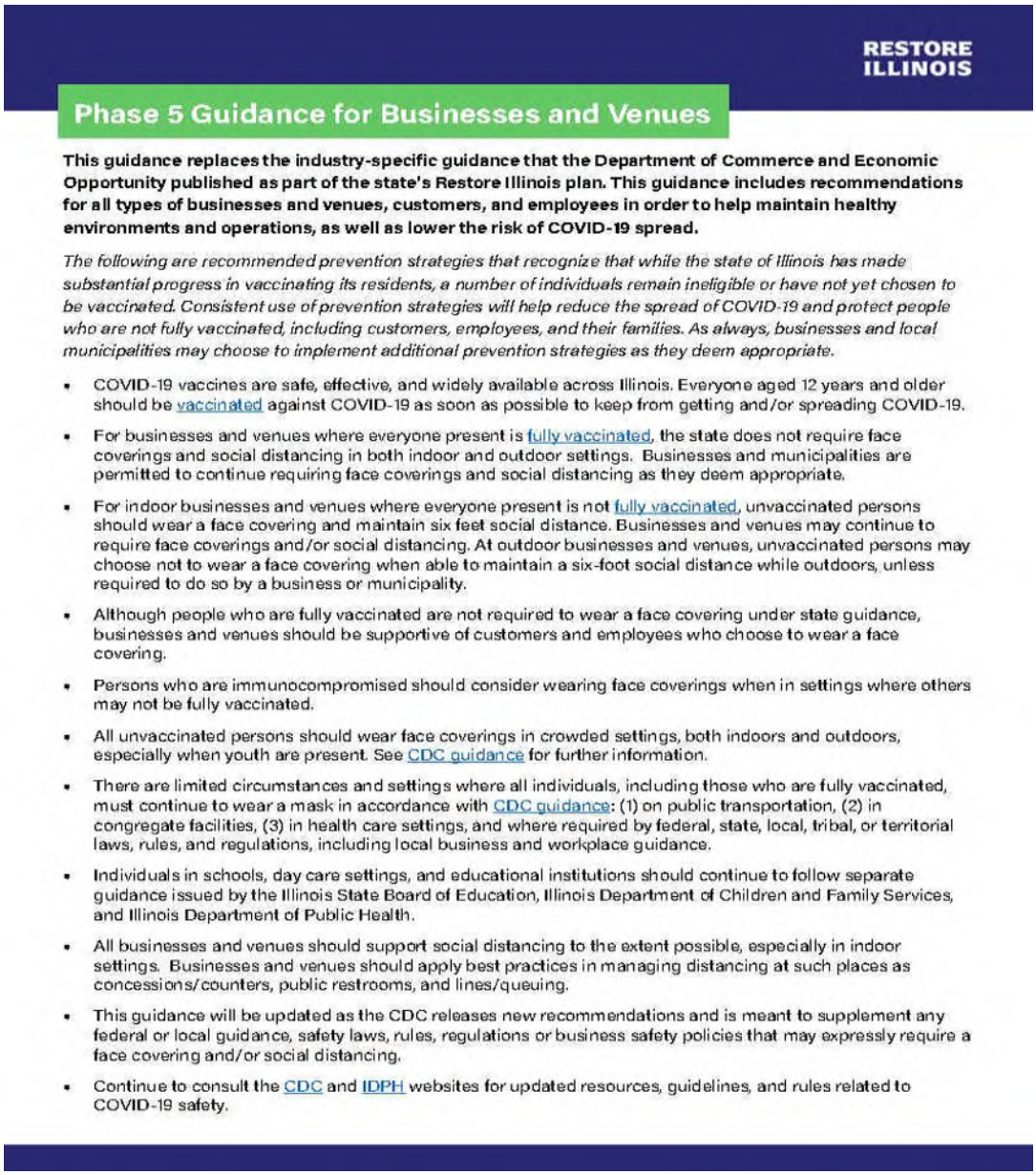
For individuals who received the **Johnson & Johnson** vaccine, booster shots are recommended for those who are 18 and older and who were vaccinated ***two or more months ago***.

Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received and others may prefer to get a different booster. CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.



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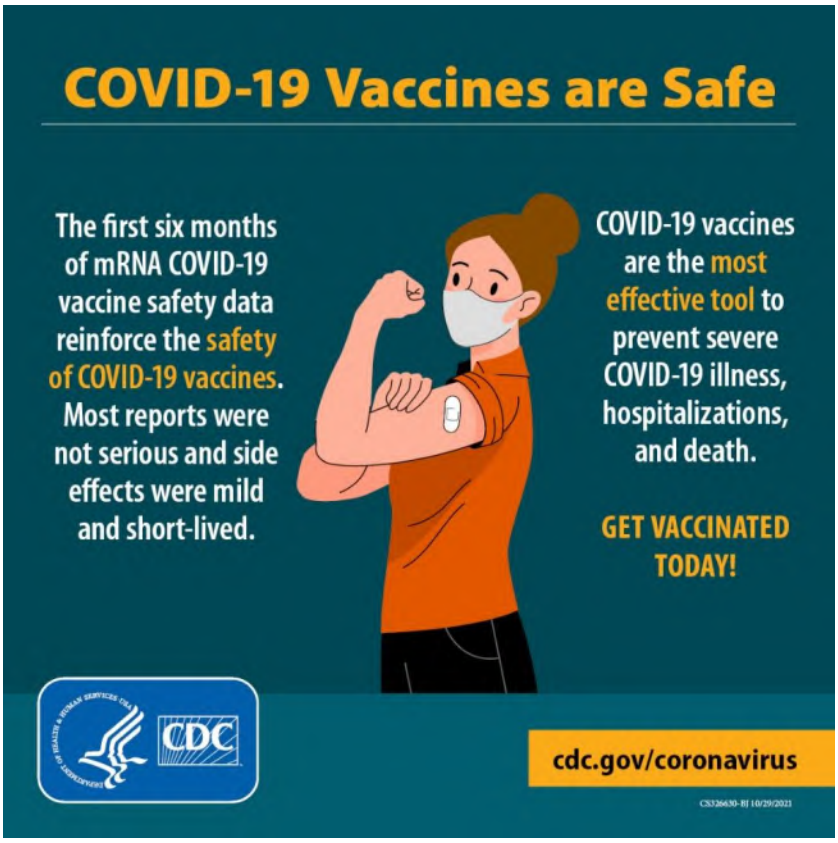
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- Although people who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a face covering under state guidance, businesses and venues should be supportive of customers and employees who choose to wear a face covering.
- Persons who are immunocompromised should consider wearing face coverings when in settings where others may not be fully vaccinated.
- All unvaccinated persons should wear face coverings in crowded settings, both indoors and outdoors, especially when youth are present. See CDC guidance for further information.
- There are limited circumstances and settings where all individuals, including those who are fully vaccinated, must continue to wear a mask in accordance with CDC guidance: (1) on public transportation, (2) in congregate facilities, (3) in health care settings, and where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.
- Individuals in schools, day care settings, and educational institutions should continue to follow separate guidance issued by the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and Illinois Department of Public Health.
- All businesses and venues should support social distancing to the extent possible, especially in indoor settings. Businesses and venues should apply best practices in managing distancing at such places as concessions/counters, public restrooms, and lines/queuing.
- This guidance will be updated as the CDC releases new recommendations and is meant to supplement any federal or local guidance, safety laws, rules, regulations or business safety policies that may expressly require a face covering and/or social distancing.
- Continue to consult the CDC and IDPH websites for updated resources, guidelines, and rules related to COVID-19 safety.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

Findings from a new study reviewing 6 months of COVID-19 vaccine safety data from CDC monitoring systems (VAERS and v-safe) add to evidence that COVID-19 vaccines are safe. In this recent report, scientists found that side effects were generally mild and short-lived and most reported adverse events were not serious. CDC recommends that everyone ages 12 and up get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible. More: https://bit.ly/3w6cU49.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

CDC Recommends Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine for Children 5 to 11 Years

On November 2, 2021, CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D., M.P.H., endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation that children 5 to 11 years old be vaccinated against COVID-19 with the Pfizer-BioNTech pediatric vaccine. CDC now expands vaccine recommendations to about 28 million children in the United States in this age group and allows providers to begin vaccinating them as soon as possible.

COVID-19 cases in children can result in hospitalizations, deaths, MIS-C (inflammatory syndromes) and long-term complications, such as “long COVID,” in which symptoms can linger for months. The spread of the Delta variant resulted in a surge of COVID-19 cases in children throughout the summer. During a 6-week period in late June to mid-August, COVID-19 hospitalizations among children and adolescents increased fivefold. Vaccination, along with other preventative measures, can protect children from COVID-19 using the safe and effective vaccines already recommended for use in adolescents and adults in the United States. Similar to what was seen in adult vaccine trials, vaccination was nearly 91 percent effective in preventing COVID-19 among children aged 5-11 years. In clinical trials, vaccine side effects were mild, self-limiting, and similar to those seen in adults and with other vaccines recommended for children. The most common side effect was a sore arm.

COVID-19 vaccines have undergone – and will continue to undergo – the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history. Vaccinating children will help protect them from getting COVID-19 and therefore reducing their risk of severe disease, hospitalizations, or developing long-term COVID-19 complications. Getting your children vaccinated can help protect them against COVID-19, as well as reduce disruptions to in-person learning and activities by helping curb community transmission.

Distribution of pediatric vaccinations across the country started this week, with plans to scale up to full capacity starting the week of November 8th. Vaccines will be available at thousands of pediatric healthcare provider offices, pharmacies, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and more.

CDC Director Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky said, “Together, with science leading the charge, we have taken another important step forward in our nation’s fight against the virus that causes COVID-19. We know millions of parents are eager to get their children vaccinated and with this decision, we now have recommended that about 28 million children receive a COVID-19 vaccine. As a mom, I encourage parents with questions to talk to their pediatrician, school nurse or local pharmacist to learn more about the vaccine and the importance of getting their children vaccinated."

Illinois Department of Public Health Adopts CDC Recommendations for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine for Children Ages 5 through11

On November 3, 2021, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) adopted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) recommendation for children ages 5 through 11 years to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. The announcement comes following the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) expansion of the emergency use authorization for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for children on October 29, 2021.

Previously, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was authorized for use in individuals ages 12 years and older. The vaccine for children ages 5 through 11 years is a smaller dose (10 µg), a third of the dose for individuals 12 years and older (30 µg). The Pfizer-BioNTech

COVID-19 vaccine is administered as a series of two doses, 3 weeks apart, for all eligible individuals.

"I encourage parents who may have questions about COVID-19 vaccines for their children to talk with a pediatrician or family doctor," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Medical experts and scientists have reviewed the data, which included clinical trials with more than 3,000 children receiving the vaccine, and have recommended the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for children. While most children do not suffer severe COVID-19 illness, some do. We also know children are great transmitters and can unknowingly infect people who could suffer severe illness. We need as many people as possible, including children, to be vaccinated to stop the spread of the virus and end this pandemic."

COVID-19 vaccinations for those 5 years and older will be available at local health departments, many pharmacies, pediatrician offices, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and from other providers who offer the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. IDPH has requested all COVID-19 vaccine providers watch the Pfizer-BioNTech training video for administering the pediatric doses of vaccine. Approximately 2,200 pediatric providers in Illinois have enrolled in the State immunization registry and can administer COVID-19 vaccine to their patients. Additionally, IDPH continues to work with schools to set up vaccination clinics and more than 1,200 youth vaccination events have been held or are scheduled.

In clinical trials, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was found to be more than 90% effective in preventing COVID-19 in children ages 5 through 11 years. Side effects commonly reported in children, although less frequent compared to adolescents and adults, were generally mild to moderate and included injection site pain (sore arm), redness and swelling, fatigue, headache, muscle and/or joint pain, chills, and fever. Side effects occurred within two days after vaccination and went away within a day or two.

Pfizer Inc. will continue to monitor the safety of the vaccine and will be required to report to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, along with providers, all serious adverse events, cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome, cases that result in hospitalization or death, and vaccine administration errors.

Both the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 vaccines are authorized for use in individuals 18 years and older and will continue to be available to adults.



Illinois Department of Public Health Issues Updated Holiday Season Guidance

October 29, 2021 – As we head into the holiday season, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is issuing updated guidance to help people celebrate more safely as we continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Last year, many people held off getting together with family and friends during the holiday season due to the pandemic," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "This year, we have a safe and effective vaccine to help protect against severe illness due to COVID-19 that will allow friends and families to more safely celebrate together. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself, your friends and family, and your community, but there are other actions you can take to celebrate more safely."

Travel safety considerations

- Delay travel until you are fully vaccinated, or wait until you get a booster shot if eligible
- If you're not fully vaccinated, test 1-3 days before and 3-5 days after traveling
- Travel during off-peak times to avoid crowds
- Drive a private vehicle to reduce exposure to COVID-19
- If using public transportation, try to travel during non-peak times. Masks are required on/in all areas of mass transit

Guests and gatherings

- Keep indoor gatherings small
- Arrange seating and other areas to allow for physical distance
- Increase air flow by opening windows and/or doors
- Avoid having people congregate, such as in the kitchen or at the buffet
- Clean and sanitize the kitchen, bathrooms, and other areas used by guests

People who are sick with fever, cough, or other symptoms of COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, should not travel or gather for holiday events during that time.

More information on COVID-19 Holiday Season Safety can be found on the IDPH website at **https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/holiday-season-safety.html**.

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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

November 12, 2021

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Special Holiday Note



Due to the holiday, there will be no issue of the weekly COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin on Friday, November 26, 2021. The bulletin will return to its normal release date on Friday, December 3, 2021.

COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 11/12/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
15,616	14,718	354	544	122,874	1.8 %

Week ending 11/05/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
15,418	14,610	351	457	120,355	1.5 %

Week of 10/29/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
15,294	14,464	351	479	117,570	2.3 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

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VACCINATIONS

Below is the overall County and State data as of November 12, 2021:

LaSalle County	Illinois
122,874 Administered Vaccine Doses	16,256,855 Administered Vaccine Doses
56,404 # Population Fully Vaccinated	7,274,337 # Population Fully Vaccinated
51.54 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	57.09 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated
8,837 Boosters given	1,247,689 Boosters given

Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

11/05/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	248,813,323	5,033,576
US	46,341,833	751,635
Illinois	1,712,986	25,948
LaSalle County	15,418	351

11/05/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	252,164,999	5,083,730
US	46,856,771	759,723
Illinois		
LaSalle County		

BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Total Breakthrough Cases	Total Breakthrough Deaths
315	12

Note: Breakthrough cases are defined as someone who tests positive for Covid-19 more than 14 days after completing vaccination.

COUNTY TRANSMISSION LEVELS

LaSalle County CDC Transmission Rate Level	LaSalle County IDPH County Level Metric
HIGH	**ORANGE**

Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those communities with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

VARIANTS

(* Total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.)

Variant Name	Variant Designation	Variant Country of Origin	Total Number Reported*
Alpha	B.1.1.7	U.K	57
Gamma	P.1/P.1.1	Brazil	40*
Iota	B.1.526.1	US	<5
Delta	B.1.617.2/AY.2 /AY.3	India	183

*A review of data resulted in updated numbers.

CASE BREAKDOWN

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	378	416	5.08%	0.00
10-19	836	957	11.48%	0.00
20s	1234	1323	16.37%	0.00
30s	1208	1205	15.45%	0.00
40s	1089	1145	14.31%	2.54
50s	1104	1198	14.74%	2.54
60s	850	835	10.79%	11.02
70s	449	505	6.11%	22.60
80s	252	348	3.84%	33.62
90s	96	172	1.72%	24.86
100s	1	15	0.10%	2.82
UNK				
Total	7497	8119		
%	48.01%	51.99%		
TOTAL CASES		15616		

Cases Reported by Month Summary			
	2020	2021	2022
January	0	1682	
February	0	745	
March	6	520	
April	50	897	
May	98	537	
June	67	104	
July	261	185	
August	778	738	
September	504	934	
October	968	510	
November	3433	**322**	
December	2277		
Total	8442	**7174**	

Deaths Reported by Month Summary			
Month	2020	2021	2022
January	0	26	
February	0	21	
March	1	9	
April	0	10*	
May	12	10	
June	4	5	
July	1	3	
August	30	13	
September	9	13	
October	11	10	
November	61*	**3**	
December	102		
Total	231	**123**	

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported deaths in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Deaths by Age	**354**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	9
50's	9
60's	39
70's	80
80's	119
90's	88
100s	10
Males	172
Females	182

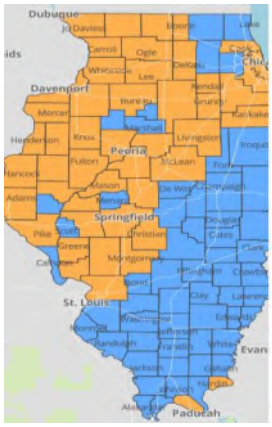
Cases by City/Village

Town	11.05.21 Current Total	% of County Cases	11.12.21 Current Total	Increase since last report	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	37	0.24%	38	1	0.24%
Dana	43	0.28%	45	2	0.29%
Earlville	321	2.08%	325	4	2.08%
Grand Ridge	132	0.86%	134	2	0.86%
LaSalle	1447	9.39%	1458	11	9.34%
Leland	235	1.52%	236	1	1.51%
Leonore	9	0.06%	10	1	0.06%
Lostant	98	0.64%	102	4	0.65%
Marseilles	1041	6.75%	1057	16	6.77%
Mendota	1454	9.43%	1459	5	9.34%
Millington	57	0.37%	59	2	0.38%
Oglesby	598	3.88%	607	9	3.89%
Ottawa	3081	19.98%	3115	34	19.95%
Peru	1548	10.04%	1575	27	10.09%
Ransom	63	0.41%	66	3	0.42%
Rutland	38	0.25%	44	6	0.28%
Sandwich	584	3.79%	600	16	3.84%
Serena	85	0.55%	86	1	0.55%
Seneca	430	2.79%	437	7	2.80%
Sheridan	879	5.70%	893	14	5.72%
Somonauk	292	1.89%	304	12	1.95%
Streator	2482	16.10%	2494	12	15.97%
Tonica	146	0.95%	147	1	0.94%
Troy Grove	30	0.19%	30	0	0.19%
Utica	230	1.49%	237	7	1.52%
Wedron	10	0.06%	10	0	0.06%
Wenona	37	0.24%	Wenona (LC Cases) 37	0	0.24%
Other**	11	0.07%	11	0	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	15,418		TOTAL CASES 15,616		

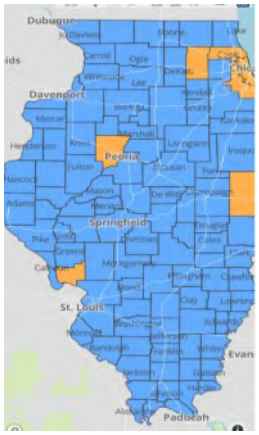
*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

Week of 10.29.21



Week of 11.05.21



Week of 11.12.21

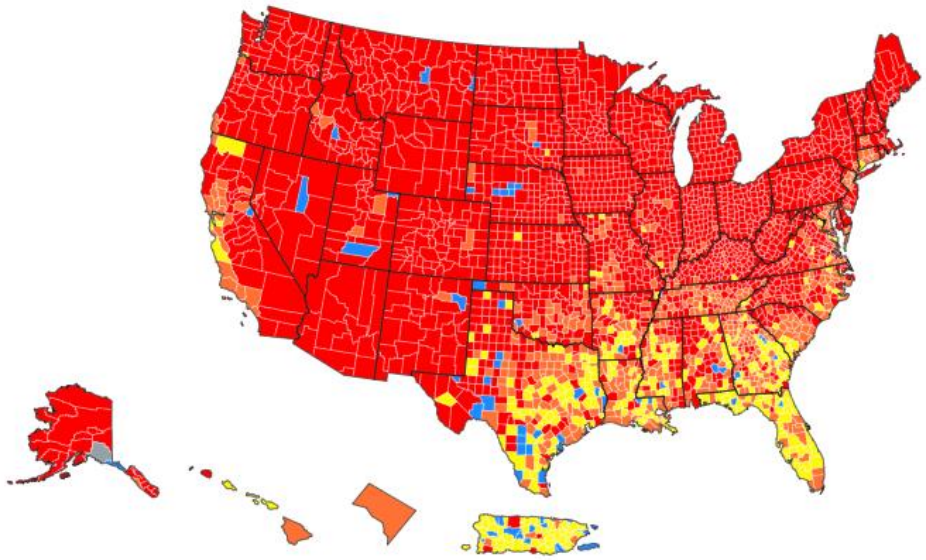


County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics –10/31/21 – 11/06/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **111 per 100K** *Increase from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **0** * Decrease from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **1.8 %** * Increase from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **8,099** *more tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **3.2 %** *Increase in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **10** * Increase from previous week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **2.3 %** * Increase in reported clusters from previous week	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **18.6 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	

COVID Transmission Rates Across the US



High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

Community Transmission in US by County

	Total	Percent	% Change
High	2222	68.96%	-4.07%
Substantial	554	17.19%	0.22%
Moderate	364	11.3%	3.66%
Low	79	2.45%	0.25%

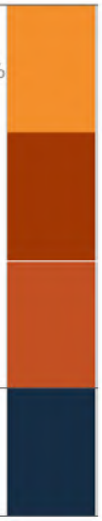
Source: CDC web site

Variant Circulation in United States

United States: 10/31/2021 – 11/6/2021 NOWCAST

USA

WHO label	Lineage #	US Class	%Total	95%PI
Delta	B.1.617.2	VOC	99.9%	99.9-100.0%
	AY.1	VOC	0.1%	0.0-0.1%
	AY.2	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Other	Other*		0.0%	0.0-0.0%



* Enumerated lineages are US VOC and lineages circulating above 1% nationally in at least one week period. "Other" represents the aggregation of lineages which are circulating <1% nationally during all weeks displayed.
** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates
# AY.3-AY.47 and their sublineages are aggregated with B.1.617.2.

Source: CDC web site

LaSalle County Health Department Testing Information

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid antigen tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be

given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

Local Hospital Testing Information

Please visit our local hospital's websites for information regarding COVID-19 testing:

OSF Healthcare (Ottawa, Mendota, Streator)
https://www.osfhealthcare.org/covid19/about/testing/

St Margaret's Health Peru/Spring Valley
https://aboutsmh.org/clinics/testingcenter/

State of Illinois Community Based Testing

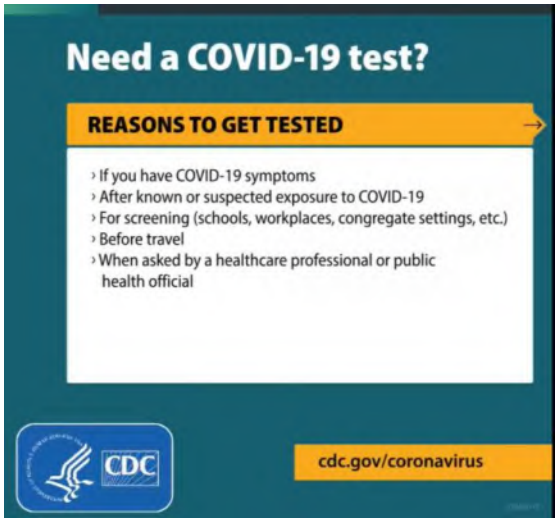
Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 823 Wilke Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Fairview Heights	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria Civic Center	698 Fulton	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State Street	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

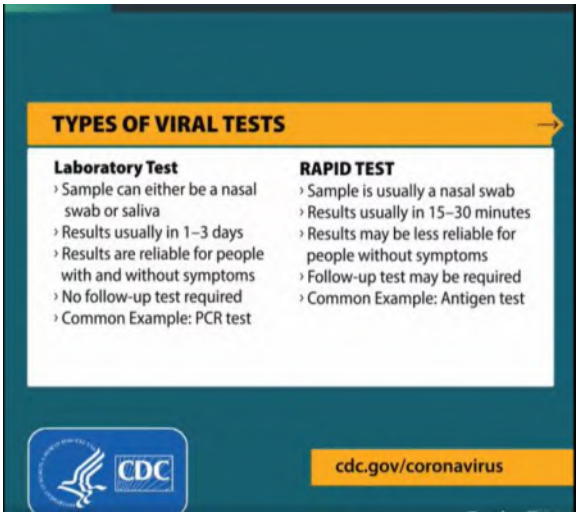
For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing

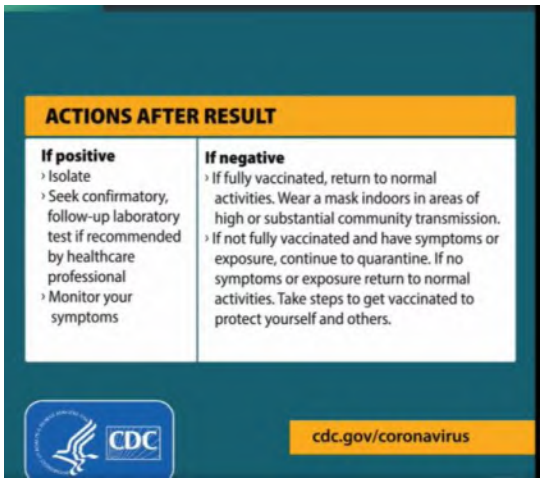


Do I Need a COVID Test?

Use this flowchart to see reasons to get tested, types of viral tests available, and what actions to take after you get your result.
Learn more with the online testing tool: https://bit.ly/covid-testing-tool.







Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Still in Need of a COVID -19 Vaccine? Call the Health Department to Schedule an Appointment

The LaSalle County Health Department has COVID -19 vaccine available at the Health Department by appointment only, Monday through Friday. The Health Department has Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer vaccine available.
Residents who still need to be vaccinated should call the Health Department at 815-433-3366 to make an appointment.
Pfizer is available to anyone 12 years of age and older. **Please Note – Must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**

Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

St. Margaret's Health - Peru (LaSalle Medical Clinic)

The Hygienic Institute hosts weekly clinics for the COVID-19 Vaccine. If you would like to schedule an appointment for the COVID Vaccine, please call the Vaccine Hotline Number: **779-201-5272** and leave a detailed message with your name and the best contact number. You will be called back to schedule an appointment.

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

LaSalle County Health Department Offers Pfizer Vaccine for Children

To schedule an appointment for a child vaccination please visit our website www.lasallecounty.org and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment for a child dose of Pfizer.



LaSalle County Health Department Offers Booster Doses of Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson

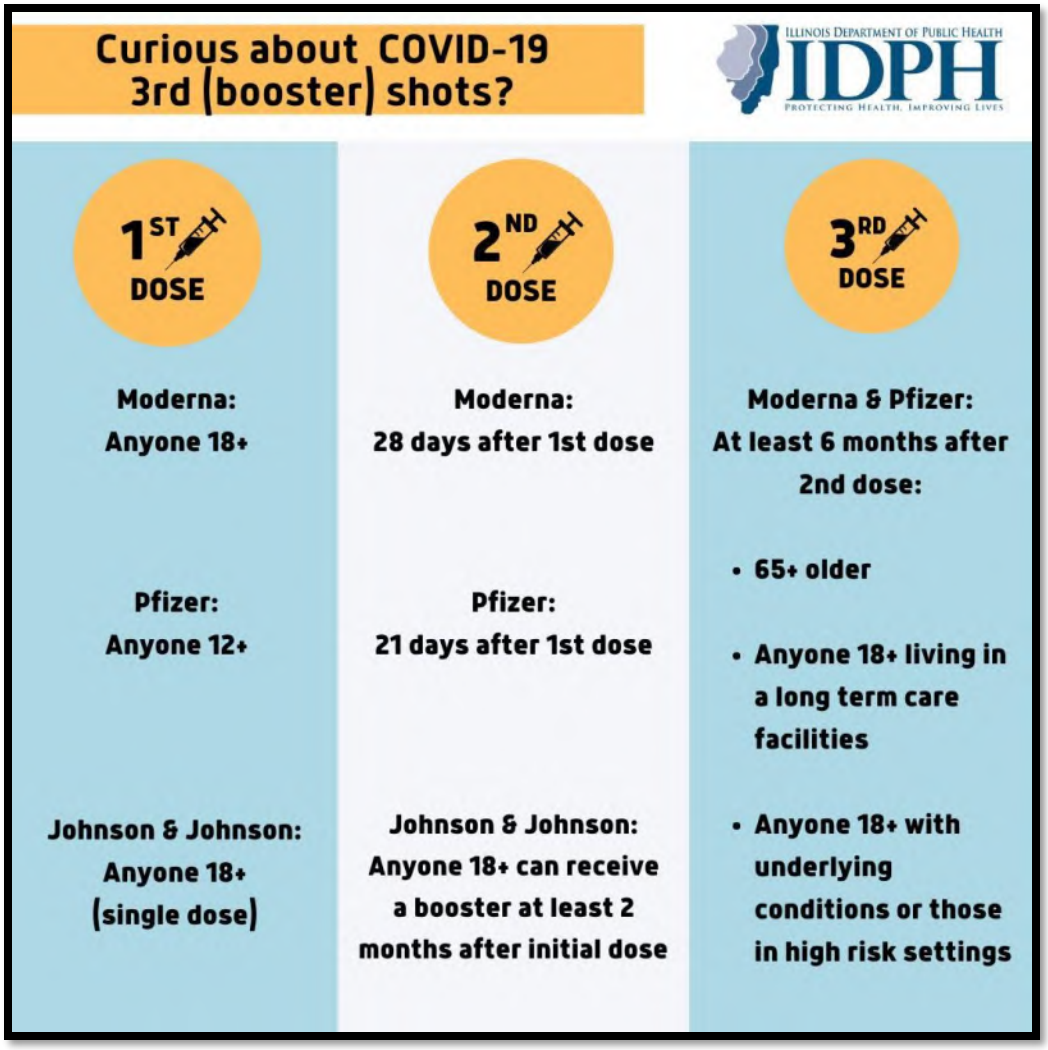
To schedule an appointment for a booster dose vaccination please visit our website www.lasallecounty.org and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment for a booster dose of Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson.

For individuals who received a **Pfizer** or **Moderna** vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at ***six months or more*** after their initial series:

- 65 years and older
- Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
- Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings

For individuals who received the **Johnson & Johnson** vaccine, booster shots are recommended for those who are 18 and older and who were vaccinated ***two or more months ago***.

Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received and others may prefer to get a different booster. CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.



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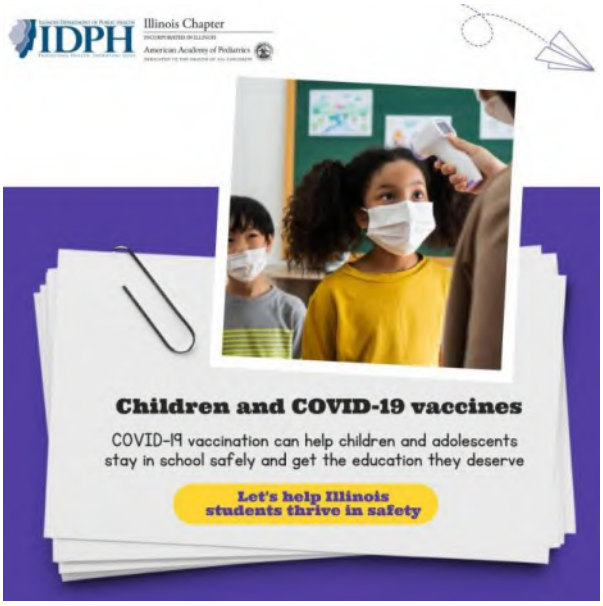
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Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

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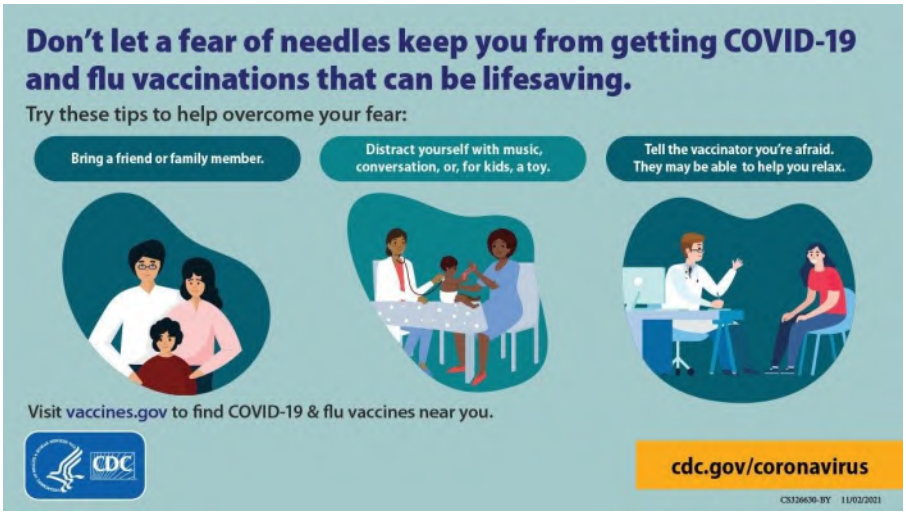
Source: Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

Afraid of Needles?

Did you know being afraid of needles is common for both children and adults? Don't let a fear of needles keep you from getting COVID-19 and flu vaccinations that can be lifesaving. Try these tips to help overcome your fear of needles:

-Bring a friend or family member.
-Distract yourself with music, conversation, or for kids, a toy.
-Tell the vaccinator you're afraid of needles. They may be able to help you relax.

Visit vaccines.gov to find COVID-19 & flu vaccines near you.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Recipe for Thanksgiving 2021

Getting vaccinated, washing your hands, and taking travel precautions are just a few of the ways to enjoy a safe and healthy #Thanksgiving2021. Read more about how to stay safe this holiday: https://dph.illinois.gov/resource-center/news/2021/october/illinois-department-of-public-health-issues-updated-holiday-seas.html





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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
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COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

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Week ending 11/19/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
15,838	14,839	354	645	126,536	2.9 %

Week ending 11/12/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
15,616	14,718	354	544	122,874	1.8 %

Week of 11/05/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
15,418	14,610	351	457	120,355	1.5 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

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VACCINATIONS

Below is the overall County and State data as of November 19, 2021:

LaSalle County	Illinois
126,536 Administered Vaccine Doses	16,691,850 Administered Vaccine Doses
56,660 # Population Fully Vaccinated	7,317,633 # Population Fully Vaccinated
51.78 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	57.43 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated
11,369 Boosters given	1,498,608 Boosters given

Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

11/12/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	252,164,999	5,083,730
US	46,856,771	759,723
Illinois	1,735,586	26,077
LaSalle County	15,616	354

11/19/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	256,395,565	5,136,960
US	47,542,749	768,836
Illinois	1,763,866	26,227
LaSalle County	15,838	354

BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Total Breakthrough Cases	Total Breakthrough Deaths
332	12

Note: Breakthrough cases are defined as someone who tests positive for Covid-19 more than 14 days after completing vaccination.

COUNTY TRANSMISSION LEVELS

LaSalle County CDC Transmission Rate Level	LaSalle County IDPH County Level Metric
HIGH	**BLUE**

Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those communities with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

VARIANTS

(* Total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.)

Variant Name	Variant Designation	Variant Country of Origin	Total Number Reported*
Alpha	B.1.1.7	U.K	57
Gamma	P.1/P.1.1	Brazil	40*
Iota	B.1.526.1	US	<5
Delta	B.1.617.2/AY.2 /AY.3	India	185

*A review of data resulted in updated numbers.

CASE BREAKDOWN

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	393	430	5.20%	0.00
10-19	842	976	11.48%	0.00
20s	1250	1337	16.33%	0.00
30s	1221	1227	15.46%	0.00
40s	1101	1165	14.31%	2.54
50s	1119	1216	14.74%	2.54
60s	859	845	10.76%	11.02
70s	455	511	6.10%	22.60
80s	253	350	3.81%	33.62
90s	97	175	1.72%	24.86
100s	1	15	0.10%	2.82
UNK				
Total	7591	8247		
%	47.93%	52.07%		
TOTAL CASES		15838		

Cases Reported by Month Summary			
	2020	2021	2022
January	0	1682	
February	0	745	
March	6	520	
April	50	897	
May	98	537	
June	67	104	
July	261	185	
August	778	738	
September	504	934	
October	968	510	
November	3433	**544**	
December	2277		
Total	8442	**7396**	

Deaths Reported by Month Summary			
Month	2020	2021	2022
January	0	26	
February	0	21	
March	1	9	
April	0	10*	
May	12	10	
June	4	5	
July	1	3	
August	30	13	
September	9	13	
October	11	10	
November	61*	**3**	
December	102		
Total	231	**123**	

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported deaths in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Deaths by Age	**354**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	9
50's	9
60's	39
70's	80
80's	119
90's	88
100s	10
Males	172
Females	182

Cases by City/Village

11.12.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	38	0.24%
Dana	45	0.29%
Earlville	325	2.08%
Grand Ridge	134	0.86%
LaSalle	1458	9.34%
Leland	236	1.51%
Leonore	10	0.06%
Lostant	102	0.65%
Marseilles	1057	6.77%
Mendota	1459	9.34%
Millington	59	0.38%
Oglesby	607	3.89%
Ottawa	3115	19.95%
Peru	1575	10.09%
Ransom	66	0.42%
Rutland	44	0.28%
Sandwich	600	3.84%
Serena	86	0.55%
Seneca	437	2.80%
Sheridan	893	5.72%
Somonauk	304	1.95%
Streator	2494	15.97%
Tonica	147	0.94%
Troy Grove	30	0.19%
Utica	237	1.52%
Wedron	10	0.06%
Wenona	37	0.24%
Other**	11	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	15,616	

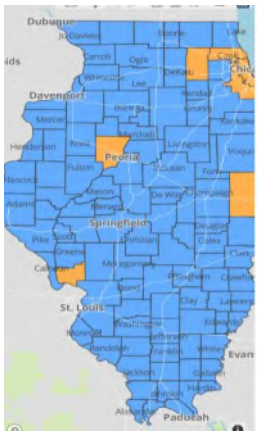
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Town	Current Total	Increase since last report	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	39	1	0.25%
Dana	47	2	0.30%
Earlville	327	2	2.06%
Grand Ridge	139	5	0.88%
LaSalle	1474	16	9.31%
Leland	242	6	1.53%
Leonore	10	0	0.06%
Lostant	104	2	0.66%
Marseilles	1072	15	6.77%
Mendota	1468	9	9.27%
Millington	61	2	0.39%
Oglesby	616	9	3.89%
Ottawa	3180	65	20.08%
Peru	1593	18	10.06%
Ransom	73	7	0.46%
Rutland	47	3	0.30%
Sandwich	606	6	3.83%
Serena	86	0	0.54%
Seneca	442	5	2.79%
Sheridan	902	9	5.70%
Somonauk	313	9	1.98%
Streator	2519	25	15.90%
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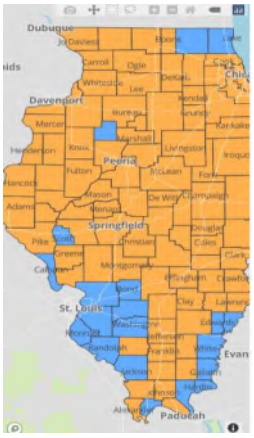
*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

Week of 11.05.21



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Week of 11.19.21

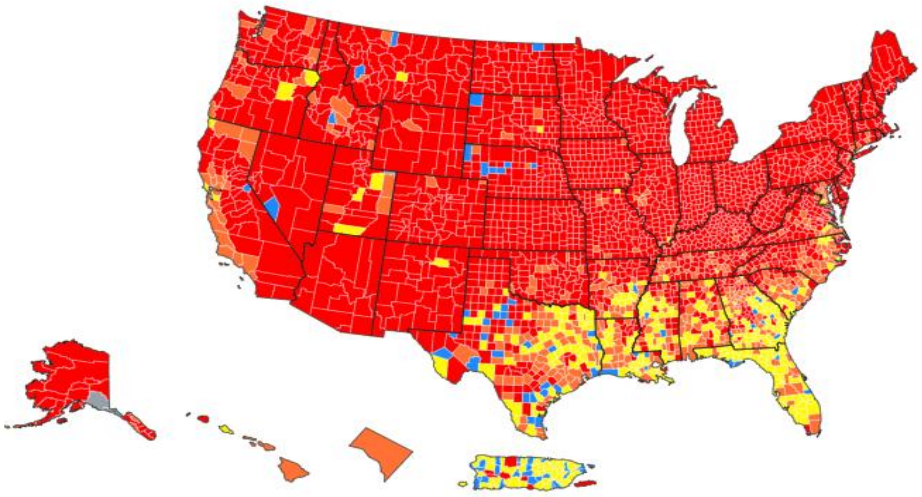


County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics –11/07/21 – 11/13/21

New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000) **200 per 100K** *Increase from previous week	**Number of Deaths** Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **1** * Increase from previous week	**Test Positivity (%)** (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %) **2.9 %** * Increase from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %) **8,433** *more tests than previous week	**CLI ED Visits (%), Adults** Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **2.5 %** *Decrease in visits from previous week	**Number of CLI Admissions** Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat) **5** * Decrease from previous week

Cluster (%) of cases	ICU (%) Available	Metrics in target Range Metrics outside Target Range More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics
No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases **5.1 %** * Increase in reported clusters from previous week	ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available) **20.6 %** *Increase in availability from previous week	

COVID Transmission Rates Across the US



High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

Community Transmission in US by County

	Total	Percent	% Change
High	2305	71.54%	1.86%
Substantial	462	14.34%	-3.38%
Moderate	362	11.24%	0.96%
Low	90	2.79%	0.56%

Source: CDC web site

Variant Circulation in United States

United States: 11/7/2021 – 11/13/2021 NOWCAST

USA

WHO label	Lineage #	US Class	%Total	95%PI
Delta	B.1.617.2	VOC	99.9%	99.9-100.0%
	AY.1	VOC	0.1%	0.0-0.1%
	AY.2	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Other	Other*		0.0%	0.0-0.1%

* Enumerated lineages are US VOC and lineages circulating above 1% nationally in at least one week period. "Other" represents the aggregation of lineages which are circulating <1% nationally during all weeks displayed.
** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates
# AY.3-AY.47 and their sublineages are aggregated with B.1.617.2.

Source: CDC web site

LaSalle County Health Department Testing Information

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid antigen tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

Local Hospital Testing Information

Please visit our local hospital's websites for information regarding COVID-19 testing:

OSF Healthcare (Ottawa, Mendota, Streator)
https://www.osfhealthcare.org/covid19/about/testing/

St Margaret's Health Peru/Spring Valley
https://aboutsmh.org/clinics/testingcenter/

State of Illinois Community Based Testing

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 823 Wilke Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Fairview Heights	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria Civic Center	698 Fulton	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State Street	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing



What COVID-19 vaccines are available for myself and my family?
Use this chart to see the types of COVID-19 vaccines that are available depending on a person's age.
https://bit.ly/3CJme0v.

COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens

CDC recommends everyone ages 5 years and older get a COVID-19 vaccine to help protect against COVID-19.

Authorized or approved for	Pfizer-BioNTech	Moderna	J&J / Janssen
4 years and under	No	No	No
5–11 years old	Yes	No	No
12–17 years old	Yes	No	No
18 years and older	Yes	Yes	Yes

CDC

cdc.gov/coronavirus

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Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Still in Need of a COVID -19 Vaccine? Call the Health Department to Schedule an Appointment

The LaSalle County Health Department has COVID -19 vaccine available at the Health Department by appointment only, Monday through Friday. The Health Department has Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer vaccine available.
Residents who still need to be vaccinated should call the Health Department at 815-433-3366 to make an appointment.
Pfizer is available to anyone 12 years of age and older. **Please Note – Must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**

Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

St. Margaret's Health - Peru (LaSalle Medical Clinic)

The Hygienic Institute hosts weekly clinics for the COVID-19 Vaccine. If you would like to schedule an appointment for the COVID Vaccine, please call the Vaccine Hotline Number: **779-201-5272** and leave a detailed message with your name and the best contact number. You will be called back to schedule an appointment.

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
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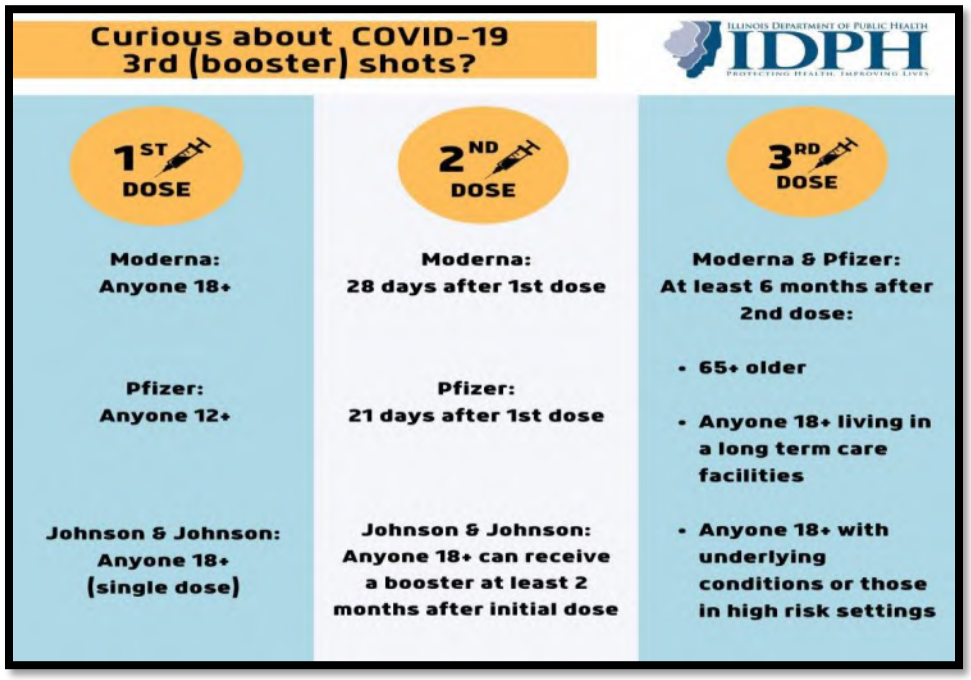
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LaSalle County Health Department Offers Booster Doses of Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson

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Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

It can be difficult to know which sources of COVID-19 vaccine information you can trust. Accurate vaccine information can help you make the best decision to protect your health and your loved ones. Bust myths and learn facts about COVID-19 vaccines: https://www.cdc.gov/coronav.../2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html

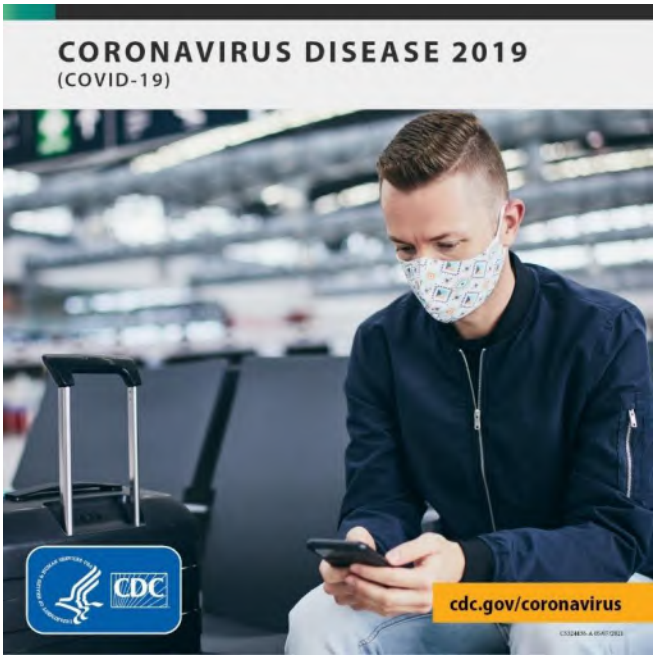


Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

International Travel

COVID-19 testing requirements for air passengers traveling to the United States have changed. Before you travel internationally, find out how these changes impact your travel plans. Learn more: https://www.cdc.gov/travelrequirements

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Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Association Between mRNA Vaccination and COVID-19 Hospitalization and Disease Severity

When Delta became the dominant variant, vaccination reduced the risk of COVID-19 hospitalization 84%, a new CDC report shows. Among adults hospitalized with COVID-19, those fully vaccinated with breakthrough cases were less likely to die or need a ventilator than unvaccinated patients. Get vaccinated to help protect you and your community. Read more: https://bit.ly/3Fc22oQ.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Talking to Kids About Vaccines

Parents and caregivers: You can support your child before they get their COVID-19 shot by talking openly with them about vaccines. Learn how with these helpful tips:
-Remind your child that vaccines can keep them healthy.
-Be honest. Explain that shots can pinch or sting, but that it won't hurt for long.
-Invite other family members, like older siblings, to support your child.
-Avoid telling scary stories or making threats about shots.
-Remind them again that vaccines can keep them healthy and help them keep doing the activities they enjoy!
More: https://bit.ly/3DhNAel.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin

December 3, 2021

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Special Holiday Note



Due to the holiday, there will be no issues of the weekly COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin on Friday, December 24 or December 31, 2021. The bulletin will return to its normal release date on Friday, January 7, 2021.

COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 12/03/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
16,528	15,059	359	1110	135,526	4.3 %

Week ending 11/24/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
16,005	14,937	357	711	128,646	2.9 %

Week ending 11/19/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
15,838	14,839	354	645	126,536	2.9 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

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VACCINATIONS

Below is the overall County and State data as of December 3, 2021:

LaSalle County	Illinois
135,526 Administered Vaccine Doses	17,508,319 Administered Vaccine Doses
57,422 # Population Fully Vaccinated	7,430,901 # Population Fully Vaccinated
52.47 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated	58.32 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated
15,659 Boosters given	1,498,608 Boosters given

Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

11/19/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	256,395,565	5,136,960
US	47,542,749	768,836
Illinois	1,763,866	26,227
LaSalle County	15,838	354

12/03/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	264,395,908	5,238,447
US	48,833,058	785,914
Illinois	1,835,076	26,535
LaSalle County	16,528	359

BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Total Breakthrough Cases	Total Breakthrough Deaths
361	13

Note: Breakthrough cases are defined as someone who tests positive for Covid-19 more than 14 days after completing vaccination.

COUNTY TRANSMISSION LEVELS

LaSalle County CDC Transmission Rate Level	LaSalle County IDPH County Level Metric
HIGH	**ORANGE**

Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those communities with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

VARIANTS

(* Total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.)

Variant Name	Variant Designation	Variant Country of Origin	Total Number Reported*
Alpha	B.1.1.7	U.K	57
Gamma	P.1/P.1.1	Brazil	40*
Iota	B.1.526.1	US	<5
Delta	B.1.617.2/AY.2 /AY.3	India	198

*A review of data resulted in updated numbers.

CASE BREAKDOWN

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	433	472	5.48%	0.00
10-19	919	1048	11.90%	0.00
20s	1300	1386	16.25%	0.00
30s	1268	1282	15.43%	0.00
40s	1139	1212	14.22%	2.51
50s	1157	1257	14.61%	2.51
60s	886	877	10.67%	11.14
70s	469	521	5.99%	22.84
80s	260	353	3.71%	33.43
90s	98	175	1.65%	24.79
100s	1	15	0.10%	2.79
UNK				
Total	7930	8598		
%	47.98%	52.02%		
TOTAL CASES		16528		

Cases Reported by Month Summary			
	2020	2021	2022
January	0	1682	
February	0	745	
March	6	520	
April	50	897	
May	98	537	
June	67	104	
July	261	185	
August	778	738	
September	504	934	
October	968	510	
November	3433	**915**	
December	2277	**319**	
Total	8442	**7767**	

Deaths Reported by Month Summary			
Month	2020	2021	2022
January	0	26	
February	0	21	
March	1	9	
April	0	10*	
May	12	10	
June	4	5	
July	1	3	
August	30	13	
September	9	13	
October	11	10	
November	61*	**8**	
December	102	**0**	
Total	231	**128**	

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported deaths in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Deaths by Age	**359**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	9
50's	9
60's	40
70's	82
80's	120
90's	89
100s	10
Males	176
Females	183

Cases by City/Village

11.19.21

Town	Current Total	% of County Cases
Cedar Point	39	0.25%
Dana	47	0.30%
Earlville	327	2.06%
Grand Ridge	139	0.88%
LaSalle	1474	9.31%
Leland	242	1.53%
Leonore	10	0.06%
Lostant	104	0.66%
Marseilles	1072	6.77%
Mendota	1468	9.27%
Millington	61	0.39%
Oglesby	616	3.89%
Ottawa	3180	20.08%
Peru	1593	10.06%
Ransom	73	0.46%
Rutland	47	0.30%
Sandwich	606	3.83%
Serena	86	0.54%
Seneca	442	2.79%
Sheridan	902	5.70%
Somonauk	313	1.98%
Streator	2519	15.90%
Tonica	147	0.93%
Troy Grove	30	0.19%
Utica	242	1.53%
Wedron	10	0.06%
Wenona	38	0.24%
Other**	11	0.07%
TOTAL CASES	15838	

12.03.21

Town	Current Total	Increase since last report	*% of Total County Cases*
Cedar Point	39	0	0.24%
Dana	47	0	0.28%
Earlville	344	17	2.08%
Grand Ridge	148	9	0.90%
LaSalle	1518	44	9.18%
Leland	263	21	1.59%
Leonore	10	0	0.06%
Lostant	107	3	0.65%
Marseilles	1156	84	6.99%
Mendota	1507	39	9.12%
Millington	65	4	0.39%
Oglesby	638	22	3.86%
Ottawa	3322	142	20.10%
Peru	1655	62	10.01%
Ransom	77	4	0.47%
Rutland	48	1	0.29%
Sandwich	633	27	3.83%
Serena	92	6	0.56%
Seneca	468	26	2.83%
Sheridan	940	38	5.69%
Somonauk	332	19	2.01%
Streator	2603	84	15.75%
Tonica	159	12	0.96%
Troy Grove	31	1	0.19%
Utica	261	19	1.58%
Wedron	10	0	0.06%
Wenona (LC Cases)	40	2	0.24%
Other**	15	4	0.09%
TOTAL CASES	16528		

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics

Metric	11/14-11/20/21	11/21-11/27/21
New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000)	**207 per 100K** *Increase from previous week	**201 per 100K** *Decrease from previous week
Number of Deaths Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat)	**2** * Increase from previous week	**1** * Decrease from previous week
Test Positivity (%) (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %)	**2.9 %** * No Change from previous week	**4.3 %** * Increase from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %)	**8691** *more tests than previous week	**5772** *less tests than previous week
CLI ED Visits (%), Adults Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat)	**3.4 %** *Increase in visits from previous week	**3.9 %** *Increase in visits from previous week
Number of CLI Admissions Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat)	**13** * Increase from previous week	**10** * Decrease from previous week
Cluster (%) of cases No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases	**2.1 %** * Decrease in reported clusters from previous week	**2.8 %** * Increase in reported clusters from previous week
ICU (%) Available ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available)	**17.9 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	**17.1 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week

Metrics in target Range

Metrics outside Target Range

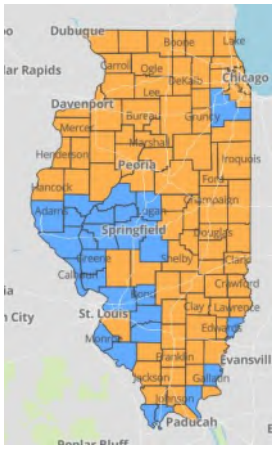
More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

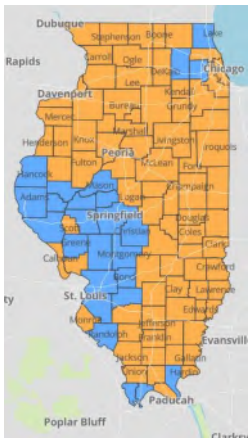
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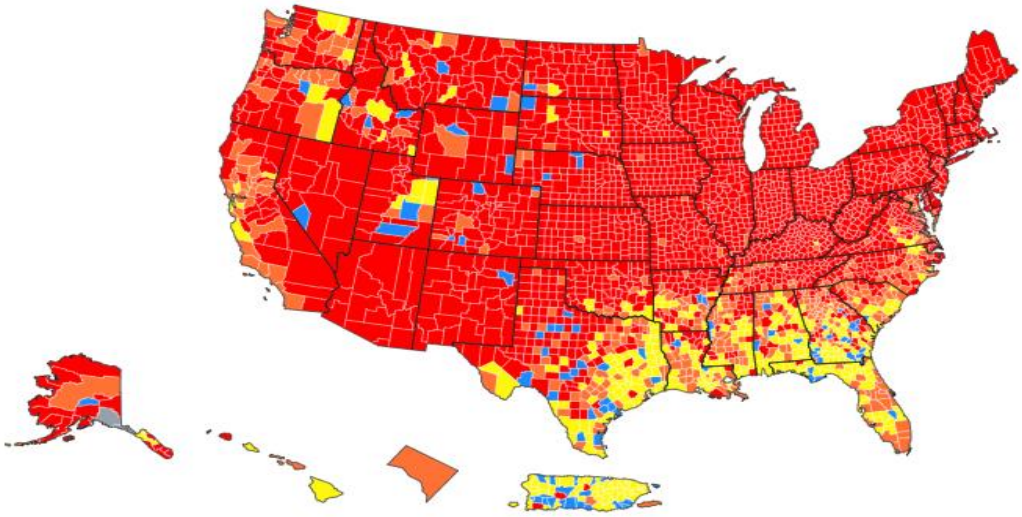
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COVID Transmission Rates Across the US



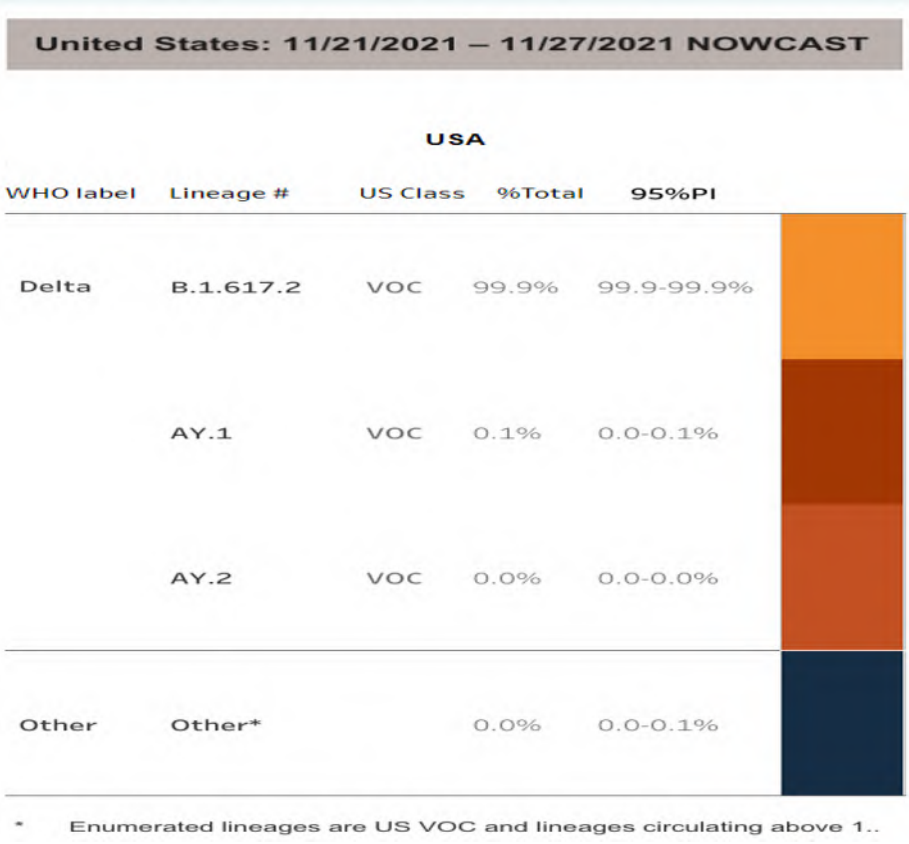
High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

Community Transmission in US by County

	Total	Percent	% Change
High	2247	69.74%	-4.38%
Substantial	449	13.94%	1.61%
Moderate	409	12.69%	1.55%
Low	111	3.45%	1.21%

Source: CDC web site

Variant Circulation in United States



United States: 11/21/2021 – 11/27/2021 NOWCAST

USA

WHO label	Lineage #	US Class	%Total	95%PI
Delta	B.1.617.2	VOC	99.9%	99.9-99.9%
	AY.1	VOC	0.1%	0.0-0.1%
	AY.2	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Other	Other*		0.0%	0.0-0.1%

* Enumerated lineages are US VOC and lineages circulating above 1..

Source: CDC web site

LaSalle County Health Department Testing Information

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid antigen tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

Local Hospital Testing Information

Please visit our local hospital's websites for information regarding COVID-19 testing:

OSF Healthcare (Ottawa, Mendota, Streator)
https://www.osfhealthcare.org/covid19/about/testing/

St Margaret's Health Peru/Spring Valley
https://aboutsmh.org/clinics/testingcenter/

State of Illinois Community Based Testing

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 823 Wilke Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Fairview Heights	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria Civic Center	698 Fulton	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State Street	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

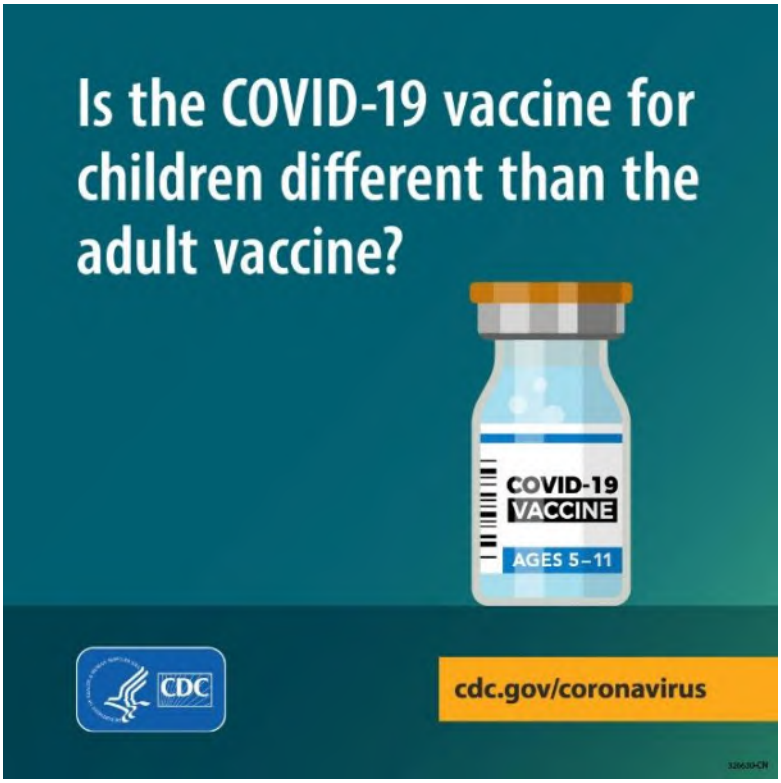
For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing



Is the COVID-19 vaccine for children different than the adult vaccine?

Yes. Children ages 5–11 years receive one-third of the adult dose. The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is more than 90% effective in preventing COVID-19 illness in children ages 5–11 years. https://bit.ly/3CJme0v.

Children may have some side effects such as a sore arm or headache. These are normal signs that their body is building protection against COVID-19. The side effects typically go away in 1–2 days and are similar to the side effects in other childhood vaccines. https://bit.ly/3CJme0v



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Still in Need of a COVID -19 Vaccine? Call the Health Department to Schedule an Appointment

The LaSalle County Health Department has COVID -19 vaccine available at the Health Department by appointment only, Monday through Friday. The Health Department has Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer vaccine available.
Residents who still need to be vaccinated should call the Health Department at 815-433-3366 to make an appointment.
Pfizer is available to anyone 12 years of age and older. **Please Note – Must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**

Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

St. Margaret's Health - Peru (LaSalle Medical Clinic)

The Hygienic Institute hosts weekly clinics for the COVID-19 Vaccine. If you would like to schedule an appointment for the COVID Vaccine, please call the Vaccine Hotline Number: **779-201-5272** and leave a detailed message with your name and the best contact number. You will be called back to schedule an appointment.

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

LaSalle County Health Department Offers Pfizer Vaccine for Children (5-11 years old)

To schedule an appointment for a child vaccination please visit our website www.lasallecounty.org and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment for a child dose of Pfizer.

LaSalle County Health Department Expands Booster Doses of Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson to 18 and up

Booster shots are now recommended for anyone 18 years and older. Individuals should get a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose six months after receiving their second Moderna or Pfizer vaccine, or two months after receiving the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received and others may prefer to get a different booster. CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.

To schedule an appointment for a booster dose vaccination please visit our website www.lasallecounty.org and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment for a booster dose of Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson.

First confirmed case of Omicron variant detected in the United States

On December 1, 2021, the California and San Francisco Departments of Public Health confirmed that a recent case of COVID-19 among an individual in California was caused by the Omicron variant (B.1.1.529). The individual was a traveler who returned from South Africa on November 22, 2021. The individual, who was fully vaccinated and had mild symptoms that are improving, is self-quarantining and has been since testing positive. All close contacts have been contacted and have tested negative.

Genomic sequencing was conducted at the University of California, San Francisco and the sequence was confirmed at CDC as being consistent with the Omicron variant. This will be the first confirmed case of COVID-19 caused by the Omicron variant detected in the United States.

On November 26, 2021, the World Health Organization (WHO) classified a new variant, B.1.1.529, as a Variant of Concern and named it Omicron and on November 30, 2021, the United States also classified it as a Variant of Concern. CDC has been actively monitoring

and preparing for this variant, and we will continue to work diligently with other U.S. and global public health and industry partners to learn more. Despite the detection of Omicron, Delta remains the predominant strain in the United States.

The recent emergence of the Omicron variant (B.1.1.529) further emphasizes the importance of vaccination, boosters, and general prevention strategies needed to protect against COVID-19. Everyone 5 and older should get vaccinated boosters are recommended for everyone 18 years and older.

For more information on the Omicron variant visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/index.html.

Source: Office of Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health

Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

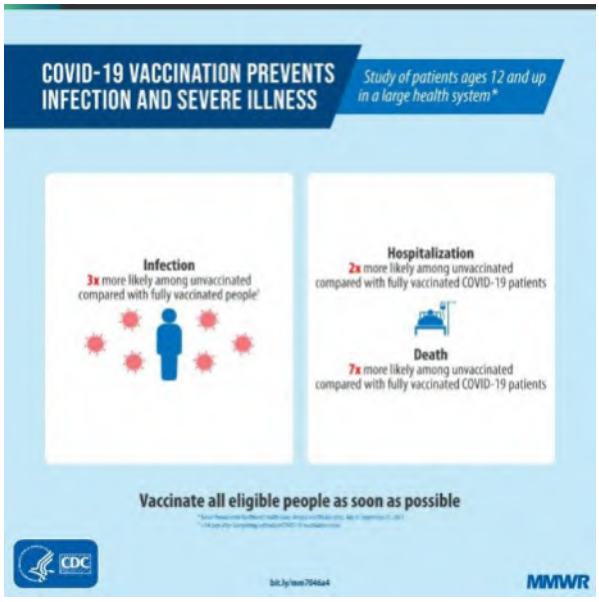
On November 29, 2021, the CDC strengthened its recommendation on COVID-19 vaccine booster doses. Everyone ages 18 and older should get a booster shot either when they are 6 months after their initial Pfizer or Moderna series or 2 months after their initial Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.

The emergence of the Omicron variant further emphasizes the importance of vaccination, boosters, and other prevention efforts needed to protect against COVID-19. While there is much to learn about the Omicron variant, we do know that COVID-19 vaccines are our best tool to avoid serious illness & hospitalization.



Incidence of SARS-CoV-2 Infection, Emergency Department Visits, and Hospitalizations Because of COVID-19 Among Persons Aged ≥12 Years, by COVID-19 Vaccination Status — Oregon and Washington, July 4–September 25, 2021

Fully vaccinated people are at least 3x less likely to be infected with COVID-19, according to a new CDC analysis. Among people with COVID-19, fully vaccinated people were half as likely to need emergency care or hospitalization, and 7x less likely to die from COVID-19 than unvaccinated people. Protect yourself and your community by becoming fully vaccinated, receiving your booster dose when recommended, and engaging in recommended prevention steps (like wearing masks or physical distancing in indoor public places where spread is high or substantial). Learn more: https://bit.ly/mm7046a4.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID Data Tracker - Pediatric Data

Parents & Guardians: Children with underlying medical conditions are at increased risk for severe COVID-19 outcomes. Help keep them well and out of the hospital by getting them vaccinated as soon as you can. More: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#pediatric-data



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

2021-2022 Influenza Activity Update

While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant
- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2021.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed by visit the following link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#:~:text=2020%20%2D%202021%20Flu%20Activity%20Report,care%20sites%20throughout%20the%20state.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm

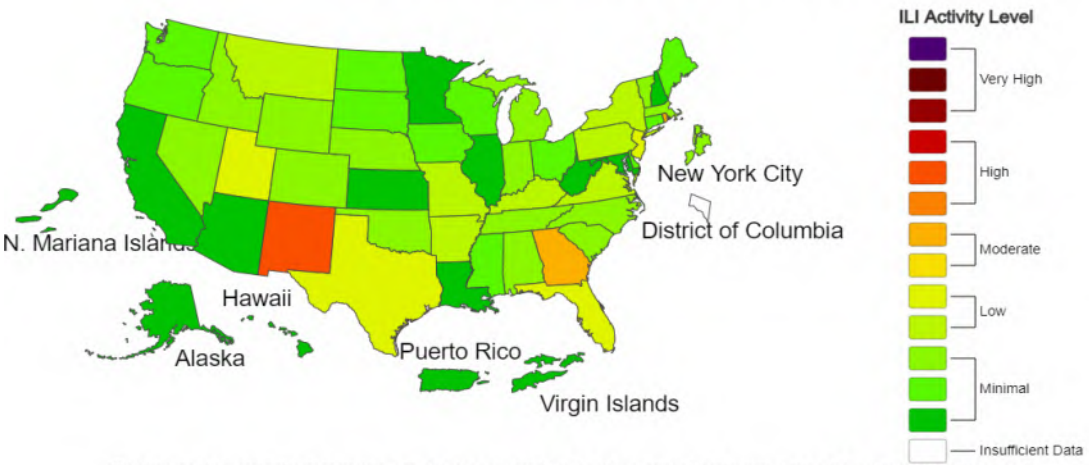
FLUVIEW interactive

A Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report Prepared by the Influenza Division

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Activity Level Indicator Determined by Data Reported to ILINet

This system monitors visits for ILI (fever and cough or sore throat), not laboratory confirmed influenza and may capture patient visits due to other respiratory pathogens that cause similar symptoms.

2021-22 Influenza Season Week 46 ending Nov 20, 2021



*This map uses the proportion of outpatient visits to healthcare providers for influenza-like illness to measure the ILI activity level within a state. It does not, however, measure the extent of geographic spread of flu within a state. Therefore, outbreaks occurring in a single city could cause the state to display high activity levels.
*Data collected in ILINet may disproportionately represent certain populations within a state, and therefore may not accurately depict the full picture of influenza activity for the whole state.
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Special Holiday Note



Due to the holiday, there will be no issues of the weekly COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin on Friday, December 24 or December 31, 2021. The bulletin will return to its normal release date on Friday, January 7, 2021.

COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 12/10/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
17,167	15,257	359	1551	136,163	5.8 %

Week ending 12/03/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
16,528	15,059	359	1110	135,526	4.3 %

Week ending 11/24/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
16,005	14,937	357	711	128,646	2.9 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

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VACCINATIONS

Below is the overall County and State data as of December 10, 2021:

LaSalle County	Illinois
136,163 Administered Vaccine Doses	18,007,906 Administered Vaccine Doses
58,097 # Population Fully Vaccinated	7,537,632 # Population Fully Vaccinated
53.09 % of Population Fully Vaccinated	59.16 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated
18,272 Boosters given	2,319,511 Boosters given

Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

12/03/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	264,395,908	5,238,447
US	48,833,058	785,914
Illinois	1,835,076	26,535
LaSalle County	16,528	359

12/10/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	268,682,986	5,290,949
US	49,664,506	794,648
Illinois	1,884,744	26,801
LaSalle County	17,167	359

BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Total Breakthrough Cases	Total Breakthrough Deaths
393	13

Note: Breakthrough cases are defined as someone who tests positive for Covid-19 more than 14 days after completing vaccination.

COUNTY TRANSMISSION LEVELS

LaSalle County CDC Transmission Rate Level	LaSalle County IDPH County Level Metric
HIGH	**ORANGE**

Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those communities with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

VARIANTS

(* Total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.)

Variant Name	Variant Designation	Variant Country of Origin	Total Number Reported*
Alpha	B.1.1.7	U.K	57
Gamma	P.1/P.1.1	Brazil	40*
Iota	B.1.526.1	US	<5
Delta	B.1.617.2/AY.2 /AY.3	India	208

*A review of data resulted in updated numbers.

CASE BREAKDOWN

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	471	511	5.72%	0.00
10-19	991	1121	12.30%	0.00
20s	1336	1424	16.08%	0.00
30s	1322	1338	15.49%	0.00
40s	1181	1250	14.16%	2.51
50s	1187	1294	14.45%	2.51
60s	915	904	10.60%	11.14
70s	481	532	5.90%	22.84
80s	262	357	3.61%	33.43
90s	98	176	1.60%	24.79
100s	1	15	0.09%	2.79
UNK				
Total	8245	8922		
%	48.03%	51.97%		
TOTAL CASES		17167		

Cases Reported by Month Summary			
	2020	2021	2022
January	0	1682	
February	0	745	
March	6	520	
April	50	897	
May	98	537	
June	67	104	
July	261	185	
August	778	738	
September	504	934	
October	968	510	
November	3433	915	
December	2277	**958**	
Total	8442	**8725**	

Deaths Reported by Month Summary			
Month	2020	2021	2022
January	0	26	
February	0	21	
March	1	9	
April	0	10*	
May	12	10	
June	4	5	
July	1	3	
August	30	13	
September	9	13	
October	11	10	
November	61*	8	
December	102	**0**	
Total	231	**128**	

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported deaths in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Deaths by Age	**359**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	9
50's	9
60's	40
70's	82
80's	120
90's	89
100s	10
Males	176
Females	183

Cases by City/Village

12.03.21

Town	Current Total
Cedar Point	39
Dana	47
Earlville	344
Grand Ridge	148
LaSalle	1518
Leland	263
Leonore	10
Lostant	107
Marseilles	1156
Mendota	1507
Millington	65
Oglesby	638
Ottawa	3322
Peru	1655
Ransom	77
Rutland	48
Sandwich	633
Serena	92
Seneca	468
Sheridan	940
Somonauk	332
Streator	2603
Tonica	159
Troy Grove	31
Utica	261
Wedron	10
Wenona	40
Other**	15
TOTAL CASES	16528

12.10.21

Town	Current Total	Increase since last report
Cedar Point	42	3
Dana	47	0
Earlville	358	14
Grand Ridge	153	5
LaSalle	1564	46
Leland	281	18
Leonore	10	0
Lostant	111	4
Marseilles	1210	54
Mendota	1577	70
Millington	66	1
Oglesby	659	21
Ottawa	3493	171
Peru	1693	38
Ransom	81	4
Rutland	48	0
Sandwich	644	11
Serena	98	6
Seneca	487	19
Sheridan	966	26
Somonauk	347	15
Streator	2690	87
Tonica	166	7
Troy Grove	33	2
Utica	273	12
Wedron	10	0
Wenona (LC Cases)	41	1
Other**	19	4
TOTAL CASES	17167	

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics

Metric	11/21-11/27/21	11/28/21-12/04/21
New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000)	**201 per 100K** *Decrease from previous week	**470 per 100K** *Increase from previous week
Number of Deaths Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat)	**1** * Decrease from previous week	**2** * Increase from previous week
Test Positivity (%) (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %)	**4.3 %** * Increase from previous week	**5.8 %** * Increase from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %)	**5772** *less tests than previous week	**8,875** *more tests than previous week
CLI ED Visits (%), Adults Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat)	**3.9 %** *Increase in visits from previous week	**7.5 %** *Increase in visits from previous week
Number of CLI Admissions Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat)	**10** * Decrease from previous week	**16** * Increase from previous week
Cluster (%) of cases No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases	**2.8 %** * Increase in reported clusters from previous week	**1.0 %** * Decrease in reported clusters from previous week
ICU (%) Available ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available)	**17.1 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	**12.1 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week

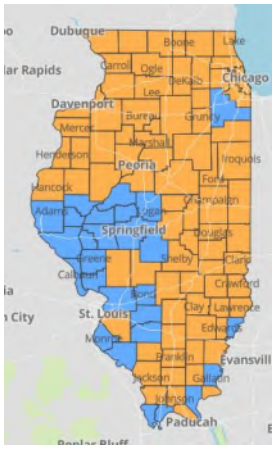
Metrics in target Range

Metrics outside Target Range

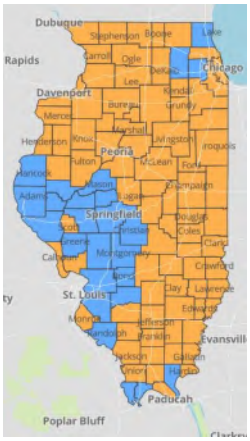
More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

Week of 11.26.21



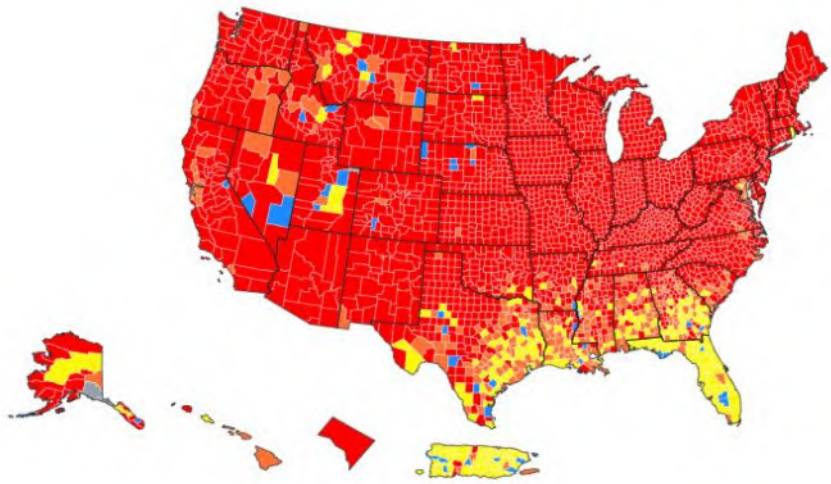
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Week of 12.10.21



COVID Transmission Rates Across the US



High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

Community Transmission in US by County

	Total	Percent	% Change
High	2545	78.99%	9.25%
Substantial	320	9.93%	-4%
Moderate	302	9.37%	-3.32%
Low	51	1.58%	-1.86%

Source: CDC web site

Variant Circulation in United States

United States: 11/28/2021 – 12/4/2021 NOWCAST

USA

WHO label	Lineage #	US Class	%Total	95%PI
Delta	B.1.617.2	VOC	99.9%	99.8-99.9%
	AY.1	VOC	0.1%	0.0-0.1%
	AY.2	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Omicron	B.1.1.529	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Other	Other*		0.1%	0.0-0.1%

* Enumerated lineages are US VOC and lineages circulating above 1% nationally in at least one week period. "Other" represents the aggregation of lineages which are circulating <1% nationally during all weeks displayed.
** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates
# AY.3-AY.125 and their sublineages are aggregated with B.1.617.2.

Source: CDC web site

LaSalle County Health Department Testing Information

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid antigen tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

Local Hospital Testing Information

Please visit our local hospital's websites for information regarding COVID-19 testing:

OSF Healthcare (Ottawa, Mendota, Streator)
https://www.osfhealthcare.org/covid19/about/testing/

St Margaret's Health Peru/Spring Valley
https://aboutsmh.org/clinics/testingcenter/

State of Illinois Community Based Testing

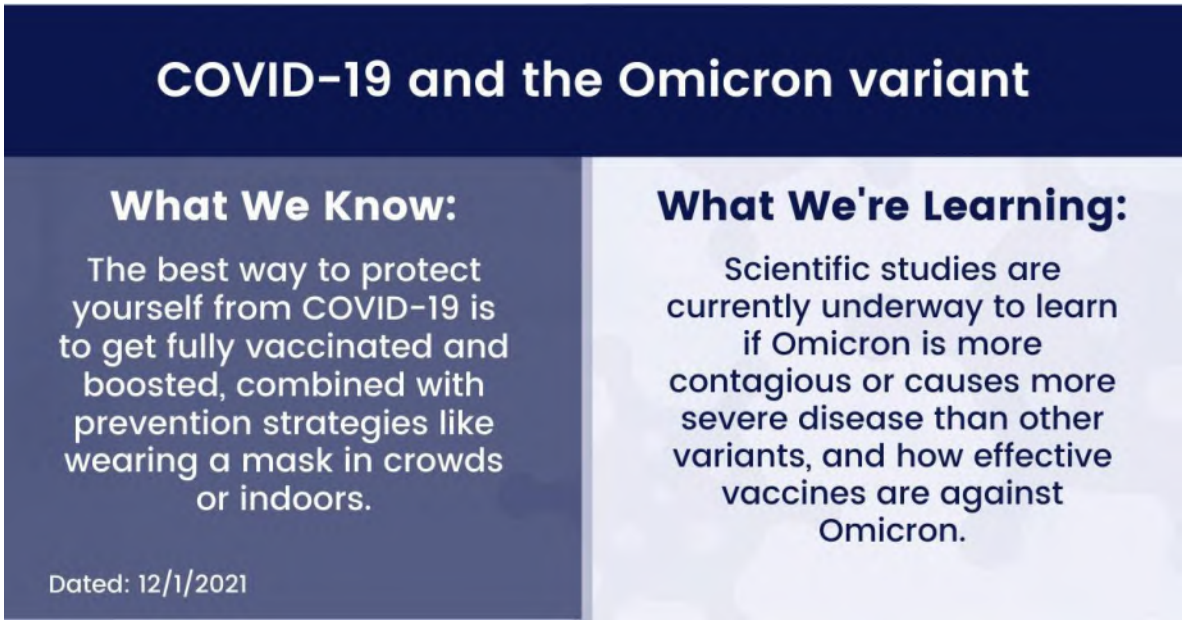
Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 823 Wilke Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Fairview Heights	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria Civic Center	698 Fulton	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State Street	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing



How Concerned Should I be about the Omicron Variant?

Vaccines, masking, testing, and social distancing remain the best public health measures to protect people from COVID-19, slow transmission, and reduce the likelihood of new variants emerging. COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and death. Scientists are currently investigating Omicron, including how protected fully vaccinated people will be against infection, hospitalization, and death. More: https://www.cdc.gov/.../201.../variants/omicron-variant.html



Source: : Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

Still in Need of a COVID -19 Vaccine? Call the Health Department to Schedule an Appointment

The LaSalle County Health Department has COVID -19 vaccine available at the Health Department by appointment only, Monday through Friday. The Health Department has Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer vaccine available.
Residents who still need to be vaccinated should call the Health Department at 815-433-3366 to make an appointment.
Pfizer is available to anyone 12 years of age and older. **Please Note – Must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian if under 18 years old.**

Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota.
Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

St. Margaret's Health - Peru (LaSalle Medical Clinic)

The Hygienic Institute hosts weekly clinics for the COVID-19 Vaccine. If you would like to schedule an appointment for the COVID Vaccine, please call the Vaccine Hotline Number: **779-201-5272** and leave a detailed message with your name and the best contact number. You will be called back to schedule an appointment.

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa and Streator)
- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)

LaSalle County Health Department Offers Pfizer Vaccine for Children (5-11 years old)

To schedule an appointment for a child vaccination please visit our website www.lasallecounty.org and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment for a child dose of Pfizer.

LaSalle County Health Department Expands Booster Doses of Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson to 18 and up

Booster shots are now recommended for anyone 18 years and older. Individuals should get a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose six months after receiving their second Moderna or Pfizer vaccine, or two months after receiving the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received and others may prefer to get a different booster. CDC's recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.

To schedule an appointment for a booster dose vaccination please visit our website www.lasallecounty.org and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment for a booster dose of Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson.

CDC Expands COVID-19 Booster Recommendations to 16- and 17-year-olds

On December 9, 2021, the CDC strengthened its booster recommendations and encouraged everyone 16 and older to receive a booster shot. "Although we don't have all the answers on the Omicron variant, initial data suggests that COVID-19 boosters help broaden and strengthen the protection against Omicron and other variants. We know that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective, and I strongly encourage adolescents ages 16 and 17 to get their booster if they are at least 6 months post their initial Pfizer vaccination series, said CDC Director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky." At this time, only the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is authorized and recommended for adolescents aged 16 and 17. More information will be available on CDC's website soon.

Illinois and Chicago Departments of Public Health Confirm State's First Case of the Omicron COVID-19 Variant

On December 7, 2021, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) today announced Illinois' first known COVID-19 case caused by the Omicron COVID-19 variant (B.1.1.529), identified in a Chicago resident and known contact of a confirmed Omicron case from another state who visited Chicago. The Chicago resident – fully vaccinated with a booster dose – did not require hospitalization, is improving and has been self-isolating since their symptoms began. Public health officials continue to perform contact tracing. Additional information about the individual is not available to protect their identity and protected health information.

"Scientists need time to learn more about the Omicron COVID-19 variant, but in the meantime, we already know how to be vigilant," said Governor JB Pritzker. "So, get your vaccine, get your booster, wear your mask indoors, wash your hands, and get tested forCOVID-19 if you feel sick or have been exposed to someone who tested positive. I encourage all Illinois residents to make a plan for how to best protect themselves and their loved ones, especially in the holiday season."

"The City and CDPH continue to closely monitor the Omicron variant and work with medical experts to better inform our residents," said Mayor Lori Lightfoot. "To meet the urgency of this moment, it's crucial that our residents continue to get vaccinated and receive their booster shot. We are committed to distributing the vaccine as widely and equitably as we can across our city through community-based clinics, City-run clinics, and our recently expanded Protect Chicago At Home program."

South African authorities were the first to report the Omicron variant to the World Health Organization on November 24th, with retroactive testing confirming the variant to be present in Europe at least five days prior. The variant has been found in more than three dozen countries worldwide, contains a large number of mutations, and has been classified as a variant of concern by the World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"While unsurprising, this news should remind Chicagoans of the ongoing threat from COVID-19, especially as families prepare to come together over the holidays," said CDPH Commissioner Allison Arwady, M.D. "We know how to slow the spread of this virus: get vaccinated, get boosted, get tested if you have symptoms or have been in contact with someone with COVID-19, and stay away from others if you test positive. Wear a mask indoors, avoid poorly ventilated spaces, practice social distancing, and wash your hands."

The first case in the United States was reported on December 1, 2021, and both travel associated and non-travel-associated cases have subsequently been reported from multiple U.S. states. Public health officials have been anticipating detection of this variant and expect further cases to be reported in the coming days and weeks. While there are concerns about how quickly this variant has emerged and spread in South Africa, much remains to be learned about how it behaves, and IDPH and CDPH will continue working closely with CDC to closely monitor this case and others.

"Public health experts and scientists worldwide continue to study the newest variant, Omicron, to determine if it spreads more easily, causes more severe illness, and how effective the current vaccines are against it," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "While we don't have all the answers right now, we know the general prevention strategies we've been recommending – vaccination, boosters, masking, testing, physical distancing – are our best protection against the virus and its variants. As long as the virus continues to circulate, it has the potential to mutate into new variants. Vaccination can help stop circulation, but we need more people to get vaccinated."

IDPH laboratories continue to perform genomic sequencing of positive specimens to identify any variants, including Omicron. IDPH has renewed its ask for hospitals across Illinois and laboratories to increase the number of positive specimens they send to the IDPH labs for sequencing. CDPH is part of statewide and national efforts to monitor, track and understand SARS-CoV-2 variants. This includes a partnership with Rush University Medical Center to form the Regional Innovative Public Health Laboratory (RIPHL), which collects a sample of specimens from the large hospitals across Chicago and conducts genomic analyses. This initial case was identified by RIPHL – through sequencing analysis of a specimen.

"By tracking SARS-CoV-2 in Chicago, we can detect changes in the virus that will help us to respond to COVID-19, locally and globally," said Mary Hayden, MD, co-principal investigator of RIPHL at Rush and Professor, Infectious Disease, Rush Medical College. "Rush's work with CDPH and other partnerships like it across the country are vital to public health, as the pandemic has made crystal clear."
The best protection against serious illness and hospitalization is to get vaccinated and boosted.

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)

Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

COVID-19 vaccines help protect against COVID-19, including severe illness and death. But no vaccine is 100% effective at preventing illness, so some people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 may still get infected.

Vaccinated people who get infected with COVID-19 are much less likely to get severely ill or die from COVID-19 than people who are unvaccinated. To help prevent COVID-19 cases, everyone — even fully vaccinated people — should wear a mask in indoor public settings in areas of high or substantial community transmission.
More: https://bit.ly/2QL0XAC.

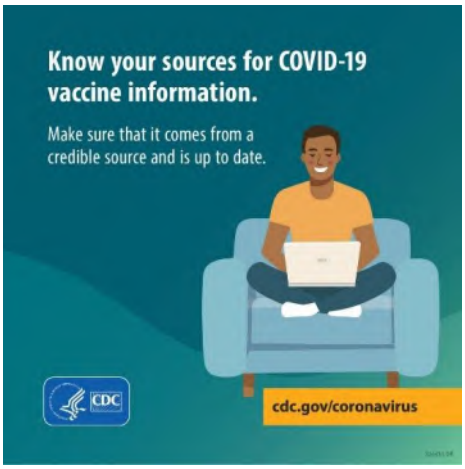


Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Know Your Sources for COVID-19 Vaccine Information

How do you know if a website or social media post is credible?

Make sure the information is up to date. The internet is a useful tool for researching COVID-19 information, but it shouldn't replace a conversation with your healthcare provider. Learn more about identifying credible sources: https://bit.ly/3oJofBW.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

2021-2022 Influenza Activity Update

While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

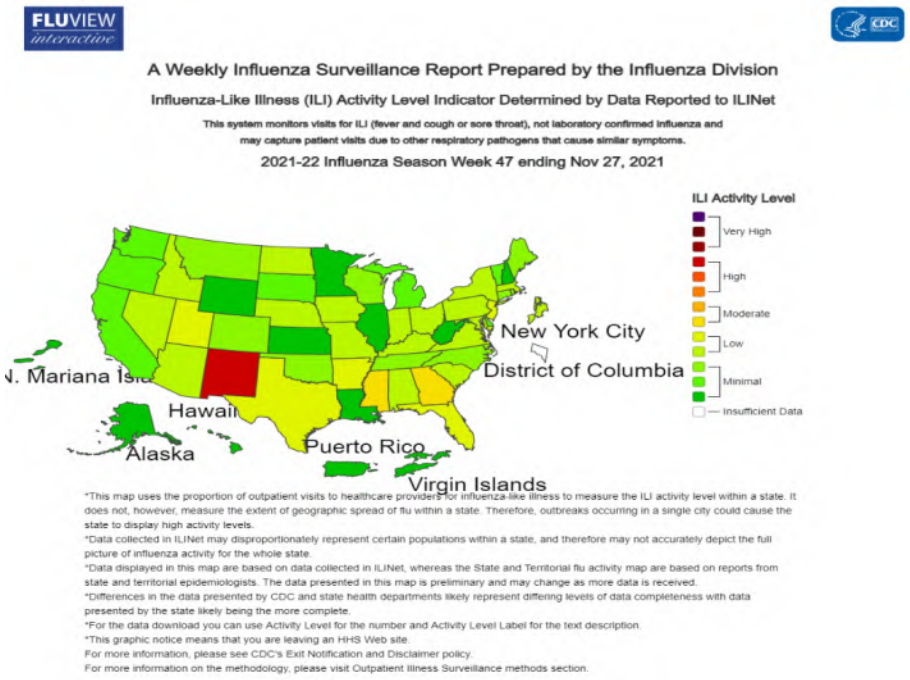
- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant

- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2021.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed by visit the following link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#:~:text=2020%20%2D%202021%20Flu%20Activity%20Report,care%20sites%20throughout%20the%20state.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm



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Due to the holiday, there will be no issues of the weekly COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin on Friday, December 24 or December 31, 2021. The bulletin will return to its normal release date on Friday, January 7, 2022.

COVID Numbers at a Glance

Week ending 12/17/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
17,801	15,477	361	1,963	139,356	5.7 %

Week ending 12/10/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
17,167	15,257	359	1551	136,163	5.8 %

Week ending 12/03/21

Case Count	Recoveries	Deaths	Active Cases	# Vaccines Given	Positivity Rate
16,528	15,059	359	1110	135,526	4.3 %

Note: Positivity Rate is based on IDPH Regional Metric Data

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VACCINATIONS

Below is the overall County and State data as of December 16, 2021:

LaSalle County	Illinois
139,356 Administered Vaccine Doses	18,403,106 Administered Vaccine Doses
58,650 # Population Fully Vaccinated	7,607,936 # Population Fully Vaccinated
53.60 % of Population Fully Vaccinated	59.71 % % of Population Fully Vaccinated
20,239 Boosters given	2,555,087 Boosters given

Current LaSalle County COVID-19 Cases

12/10/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	268,682,986	5,290,949
US	49,664,506	794,648
Illinois	1,884,744	26,801
LaSalle County	17,167	359

12/17/2021

	Cases	Deaths
Worldwide	272,412,205	5,333,423
US	50,392,216	802,585
Illinois	1,944,056	27,117
LaSalle County	17,801	361

BREAKTHROUGH CASES

Total Breakthrough Cases	Total Breakthrough Deaths
422	15

Note: Breakthrough cases are defined as someone who tests positive for Covid-19 more than 14 days after completing vaccination.

COUNTY TRANSMISSION LEVELS

LaSalle County CDC Transmission Rate Level	LaSalle County IDPH County Level Metric
HIGH	**ORANGE**

Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those communities with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a rolling 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view.

LASALLE COUNTY REPORTED VARIANTS

(* Total number of variants is obtained from a random sampling of laboratory PCR tests that are forwarded to the CDC for variant subtyping. Due to the random sampling, the actual number of variant cases could be higher.)

Variant Name	Variant Designation	Variant Country of Origin	Total Number Reported*
Alpha	B.1.1.7	U.K	57
Gamma	P.1/P.1.1	Brazil	40
Iota	B.1.526.1	US	1
Delta	B.1.617.2/AY.2 /AY.3	India	233
Omicron	B.1.1.529	Botswana/S. Africa	0

CASE BREAKDOWN

Age Range	M	F	% by age group	% of reported deaths
0-9	515	554	5.72%	0.00
10-19	1064	1195	12.30%	0.00
20s	1365	1473	16.08%	0.00
30s	1362	1389	15.49%	0.00
40s	1221	1293	14.16%	2.51
50s	1221	1320	14.45%	2.51
60s	942	920	10.60%	11.14
70s	495	548	5.90%	22.84
80s	269	360	3.61%	33.43
90s	100	179	1.60%	24.79
100s	1	15	0.09%	2.79
UNK				
Total	8555	9246		
%	48.05%	51.94%		
TOTAL CASES		**17801**		

Cases Reported by Month Summary			
	2020	2021	2022
January	0	1682	
February	0	745	
March	6	520	
April	50	897	
May	98	537	
June	67	104	
July	261	185	
August	778	738	
September	504	934	
October	968	510	
November	3433	915	
December	2277	**1592**	
Total	8442	**9359**	

Deaths Reported by Month Summary			
Month	2020	2021	2022
January	0	26	
February	0	21	
March	1	9	
April	0	10*	
May	12	10	
June	4	5	
July	1	3	
August	30	13	
September	9	13	
October	11	10	
November	61*	8	
December	102	**2**	
Total	231	**130**	

*Two previously reported November Deaths were counted twice. Two previously reported deaths in April did not reside in County. The total has been adjusted

Deaths by Age	**361**
20's	0
30's	0
40's	9
50's	9
60's	40
70's	83
80's	120
90's	90
100s	10
Males	177
Females	184

Cases by City/Village

12.10.21

Town	Current Total
Cedar Point	42
Dana	47
Earlville	358
Grand Ridge	153
LaSalle	1564
Leland	281
Leonore	10
Lostant	111
Marseilles	1210
Mendota	1577
Millington	66
Oglesby	659
Ottawa	3493
Peru	1693
Ransom	81
Rutland	48
Sandwich	644
Serena	98
Seneca	487
Sheridan	966
Somonauk	347
Streator	2690
Tonica	166
Troy Grove	33
Utica	273
Wedron	10
Wenona	41
Other**	19
TOTAL CASES	17167

12.17.21

Town	Current Total	Increase since last report
Cedar Point	48	6
Dana	48	1
Earlville	390	32
Grand Ridge	155	2
LaSalle	1621	57
Leland	293	12
Leonore	13	3
Lostant	116	5
Marseilles	1253	43
Mendota	1636	59
Millington	68	2
Oglesby	678	19
Ottawa	3638	145
Peru	1752	59
Ransom	83	2
Rutland	50	2
Sandwich	662	18
Serena	101	3
Seneca	499	12
Sheridan	992	26
Somonauk	358	11
Streator	2784	94
Tonica	171	5
Troy Grove	34	1
Utica	284	11
Wedron	10	0
Wenona (LC Cases)	43	2
Other**	21	2
TOTAL CASES	17801	

*Note these numbers are adjusted based on the number of cases transferred to other locations.
** Number of LaSalle County Cases in Communities with less than 5 cases

County Level COVID-19 Risk Metrics

Metric	11/28/21-12/04/21	12/05/21-12/11/21
New Cases Per 100,000 Case rate reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than 50 per 100,000)	**470 per 100K** *Increase from previous week	**646 per 100K** *Increase from previous week
Number of Deaths Death number reported Sun-Sat (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat)	**2** * Increase from previous week	**0** * Decrease from previous week
Test Positivity (%) (%) positive tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: less than or equal to 8 %)	**5.8 %** * Increase from previous week	**5.7 %** * Decrease from previous week
Tests Performed Number of tests reported Sun-Sat (Target: Testing is Sufficient when test positivity is less than or equal to 8 %)	**8,875** *more tests than previous week	**13,591** *more tests than previous week
CLI ED Visits (%), Adults Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat)	**7.5 %** *Increase in visits from previous week	**10 %** *Increase in visits from previous week
Number of CLI Admissions Hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (Target: decreasing or stable Sun-Sat)	**16** * Increase from previous week	**33** * Increase from previous week
Cluster (%) of cases No Target This metric helps explain large increase in cases	**1.0 %** * Decrease in reported clusters from previous week	**1.6%** * Increase in reported clusters from previous week
ICU (%) Available ICU bed availability (Target: at least 20% of ICU beds available)	**12.1 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week	**11.7 %** *Decrease in availability from previous week

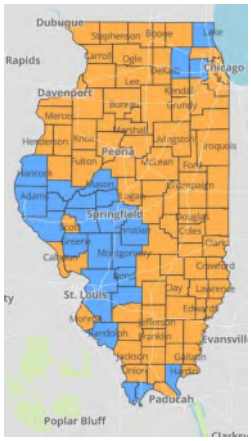
Metrics in target Range

Metrics outside Target Range

More information at https://dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics

Illinois Counties at Warning Level

Week of 12.03.21



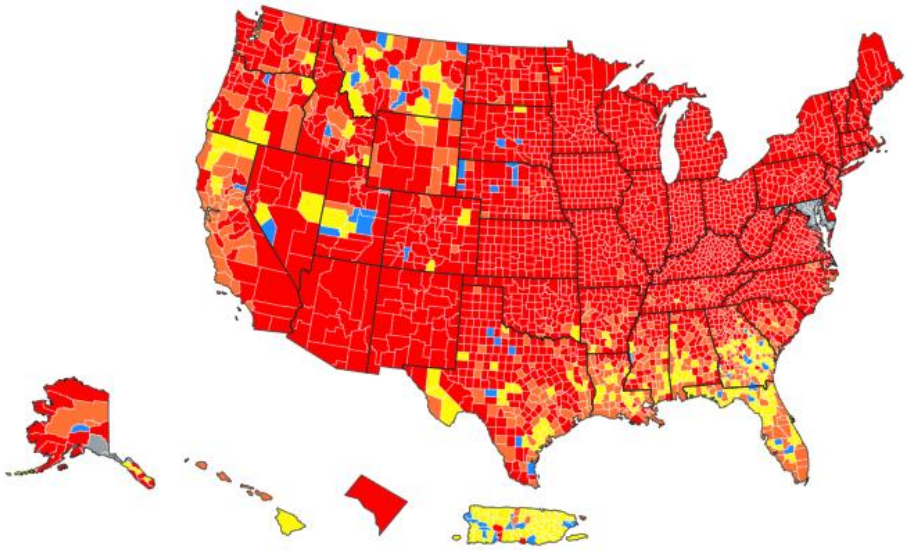
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COVID Transmission Rates Across the US



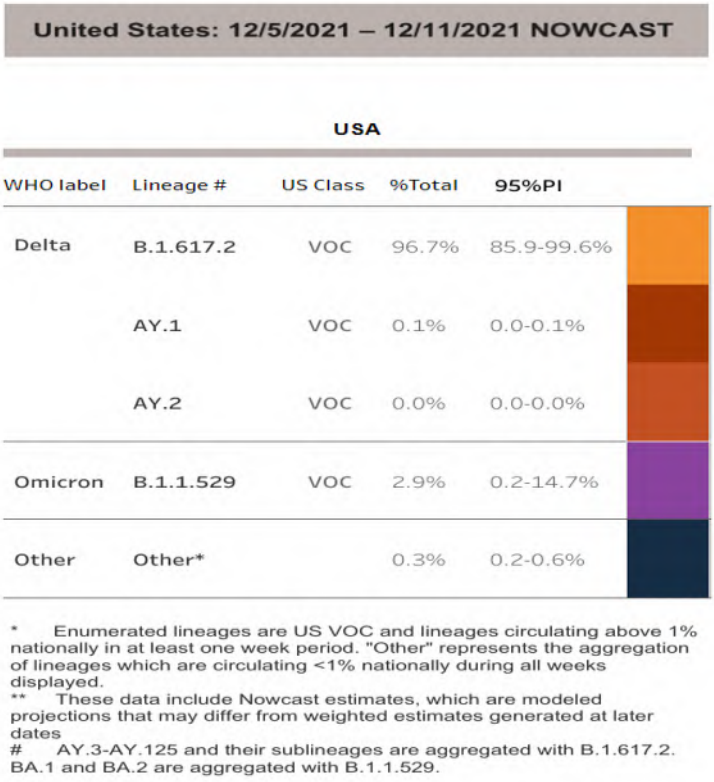
High Substantial Moderate Low No Data

Community Transmission in US by County

	Total	Percent	% Change
High	2522	78.27%	-1.18%
Substantial	396	12.29%	2.3%
Moderate	233	7.23%	-1.52%
Low	67	2.08%	0.47%

Source: CDC web site

Variant Circulation in United States



United States: 12/5/2021 – 12/11/2021 NOWCAST

USA

WHO label	Lineage #	US Class	%Total	95%PI
Delta	B.1.617.2	VOC	96.7%	85.9-99.6%
	AY.1	VOC	0.1%	0.0-0.1%
	AY.2	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Omicron	B.1.1.529	VOC	2.9%	0.2-14.7%
Other	Other*		0.3%	0.2-0.6%

* Enumerated lineages are US VOC and lineages circulating above 1% nationally in at least one week period. "Other" represents the aggregation of lineages which are circulating <1% nationally during all weeks displayed.
** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates
# AY.3-AY.125 and their sublineages are aggregated with B.1.617.2. BA.1 and BA.2 are aggregated with B.1.1.529.

Source: CDC web site

LaSalle County Health Department Testing Information

All COVID-19 Testing MUST Be Scheduled with the LaSalle County Health Department before arriving on site.

The rapid antigen tests are meant to be used on:

- Excluded symptomatic children who are **not** a close contact to a confirmed case, to help get them back into school.
- Employees who need a negative test result to return to work.
- Anyone who is planning to travel or has traveled.

Testing will be done at the LaSalle County Health Department parking lot at 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL. The test performed will be an anterior nasal swab. The results will be given in 15 minutes. **Anyone in need of rapid testing needs to call the Health Department at (815) 433-3366 to pre-register.**

Local Hospital Testing Information

Please visit our local hospital's websites for information regarding COVID-19 testing:

OSF Healthcare (Ottawa, Mendota, Streator)
https://www.osfhealthcare.org/covid19/about/testing/

St Margaret's Health Peru/Spring Valley
https://aboutsmh.org/clinics/testingcenter/

State of Illinois Community Based Testing

Testing Site	Address	Days	Hours
Arlington Heights	Arlington Racetrack 823 Wilke Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Auburn Gresham	7938 S. Halsted St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Aurora	2450 N. Farnsworth Ave.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Bloomington	1106 Interstate Dr.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	9am – 5pm
Champaign	Market Place Shopping 2000 N. Neil St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Fairview Heights	St. Clair Square 134 St. Clair Square	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Harwood Heights	6959 W. Forest Preserve Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	7am – 3pm
Peoria Civic Center	698 Fulton	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Rockford	1321 Sandy Hollow Rd.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
South Holland	South Suburban College 15800 State Street	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm
Waukegan	102 W. Water St.	Mon-Wed-Fri-Sat	8am – 4pm

For more information about state-supported community testing sites, as well as other COVID-19 testing sites, visit http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing



If I test positive using a COVID-19 self-test (also referred to as home tests or over-the-counter (OTC) tests), what should I do next?

Testing is critically important to help reduce the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. If you have symptoms or had a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, you should be tested, regardless of your vaccination status. You may also consider self-testing to screen for COVID-19 immediately before an activity to see if you are positive for COVID-19. Please note, while over the counter testing kits are available for you to do at home, these results are not endorsed by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and require follow up testing. If you take at home test and your results are positive, talk with your health care provider to schedule another test or visit a state testing site to verify the results.

If Your Test Result Is Positive

If your COVID-19 test is positive, you should stay home or isolate for 10 days and wear a mask if others could have contact with you. Also, tell a healthcare provider about your positive test result and stay in contact with them. If your illness becomes severe, seek medical attention. If you have an emergency warning sign (including trouble breathing), seek emergency medical care immediately. To avoid spreading the virus to others, follow CDC recommendations.

Tell your close contacts that they may have been exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19. A person with COVID-19 can begin spreading it starting 48 hours (or 2 days) before the person has any symptoms or tests positive. By informing your close contacts they may have been exposed, you are helping to protect everyone.

If you think your positive test result may be incorrect, contact a healthcare provider to determine whether or not additional testing is necessary.

If Your Test Result Is Negative

A negative test result means the virus that causes COVID-19 was not found in your specimen, and you may have a lower risk of transmitting the disease to others. If you took the test while you had symptoms and followed all instructions carefully, a negative result means your current illness is probably not COVID-19, though it does not rule out a COVID-19 infection.

However, it is possible for a test to give a negative result in some people who have COVID-19. This is called a false negative. You could also test negative if the specimen was collected too early in your infection. In this case, you could test positive later during your illness.

For additional information, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/self-testing.html

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

COVID-19 Vaccine - LaSalle County Updates

LaSalle County Health Department

It has never been easier to get vaccinated for COVID-19. There are many options available in our community. To search for vaccine available near you visit https://lasallecounty.org/covid-19-vaccine-update/ or vaccines.gov

Individuals who need to start the COVID-19 vaccination series, please call the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 to schedule an appointment. The Health Department has Johnson and Johnson, Moderna, and Pfizer available.

To schedule a Booster Dose **or** a Pfizer Child Vaccination, please visit our website www.lasallecounty.org and click on the "COVID-19 Vaccine Information" icon. The LaSalle County Health Department offers these types of vaccinations on a weekly basis, by appointment only.

Eligible OSF Patients in LaSalle County

OSF in the LaSalle County area is now scheduling vaccination appointments for anyone age 12 and older who have an OSF Primary Care Provider (PCP) in Ottawa, Streator, and Mendota. Please visit their website to sign up. http://osf.care/JCT450EnSqK

St. Margaret's Health - Peru (LaSalle Medical Clinic)

The Hygienic Institute hosts weekly clinics for the COVID-19 Vaccine. If you would like to schedule an appointment for the COVID Vaccine, please call the Vaccine Hotline Number: **779-201-5272** and leave a detailed message with your name and the best contact number. You will be called back to schedule an appointment.

Other Vaccine Locations in LaSalle County

Pharmacies in LaSalle County are receiving COVID-19 vaccine shipments directly from IDPH. Vaccinations could be available at:

- CVS: https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine (Mendota)
- Hy-Vee: https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine-consent (Peru)
- Kroger: https://www.kroger.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine (North Ottawa

and Streator)

- Walgreens: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19 (Peru, Ottawa, and Streator)
- Walmart: https://corporate.walmart.com/covid-vaccine (Peru, Ottawa, Streator)



Get the FACTS About COVID-19 Vaccine

CDC continues to monitor the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines. Recent data on vaccine effectiveness show that COVID-19 vaccination is the most effective tool to prevent severe COVID-19 illness, hospitalization, and death.

People who aren't vaccinated against COVID-19 are 5.8 times as likely to test positive for COVID-19 and 14 times as likely to die of COVID-19.
More info: https://bit.ly/30Yy3SD.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

What's Being Done to Slow the Spread of the Omicron Variant in the United States?

A new CDC report summarizes what's known about initial cases of COVID-19 infection with the Omicron variant in the United States and prevention strategies to slow the spread. The Delta variant still currently accounts for over 99.9% of all circulating SARS-CoV-2 viruses in the United States. However, more Omicron variant COVID-19 cases are expected in coming weeks. Reduce the spread of COVID-19 caused by all variants by getting vaccinated, wearing masks in indoor public places and crowded outdoor settings, improving ventilation, and following testing, quarantine, and isolation recommendations. Learn more: bit.ly/MMWR7050e1.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

2021-2022 Influenza Activity Update

While influenza is not a reportable disease in Illinois, there is certain data related to influenza activity that the LaSalle County Health Department is required to track. In Illinois, influenza is reportable in the following way:

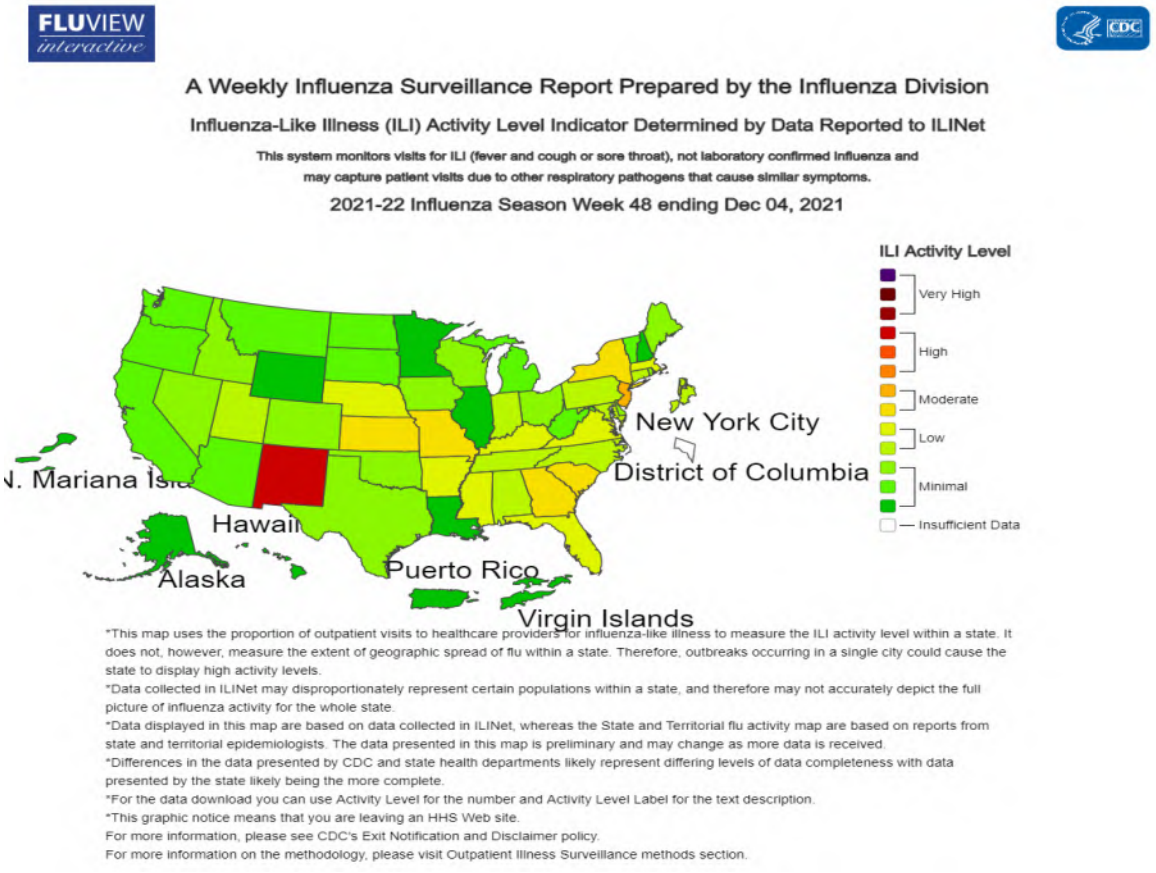
- Person admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Pediatric death (<18 years old)
- Influenza A, variant
- Any unusual cases or cluster of cases that may indicate a public health hazard

LaSalle County has had zero ICU admissions and zero pediatric deaths due to flu since September 2021.

The IDPH provides a detailed surveillance report. This weekly surveillance report summarizes regional and state influenza data used to determine the weekly influenza activity

level and national activity levels reported by state and territorial epidemiologists. The weekly report can be viewed by visiting the following link: https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/influenza-surveillance#:~:text=2020%20%2D%202021%20Flu%20Activity%20Report,care%20sites%20throughout%20the%20state.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's FluView4 report provides national updates and trends related to the intensity of influenza activity across the United States, as well as detailed information on antiviral resistance, severity of illness, and other topics. The report can be found at: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm



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Purpose of the Coalition Bulletin
Publishing a regular newsletter -- weekly, in this case – will help keep our LaSalle County Healthcare Coalition in regular contact with up-to-date information between meetings.
For more information on the web:

- LaSalle County Health Department
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention