



## **Kane County Health Department Begins COVID-19 Vaccines for Group 1B Essential Workers; Appointments for Seniors to Begin Within Two Weeks**

**January 21, 2021** – The Kane County Health Department (KCHD) is administering COVID-19 vaccinations to an additional group of more than 1,600 Group 1A health care workers and Group 1B essential workers beginning today.

“In the initial weeks of the national vaccination campaign, the supply of vaccine has been limited,” said Kane County Health Department Interim Executive Director Kathy Fosser. “We are pleased to say we are catching up on our 1A health care workers and have begun vaccinating 1B essential workers.”

Healthcare workers who have not been contacted and are seeking more information about Phase 1A should contact [COVIDvaccine@co.kane.il.us](mailto:COVIDvaccine@co.kane.il.us).

Vaccine appointments for Kane County residents in priority group 1B essential workers and seniors 65 and older will begin within the next two weeks. Kane County will have more than 40 COVID-19 vaccine providers such as clinics, pharmacies, hospitals and medical practices in preparation for vaccinating group 1B.

“We are committed to getting these vaccines in the arms of residents as quickly as we receive them,” said Fosser. “We anticipate our weekly allocation to increase as time goes on to allow us to more quickly get vaccine to residents.”

For the Illinois Department of Public Health’s definition of Phase 1A and 1B eligible personnel, please see: <https://www.kanehealth.com/Pages/COVID-Vaccine.aspx>.

To sign up for Vaccination Information Notification bulletins, visit the Kane County Health Department website at [KaneHealth.com](http://KaneHealth.com).

The public is advised to continue to take precautions. Wear a mask, wash your hands and maintain your social distance. Avoid social gatherings and get tested if you think you have been exposed.

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A mobile testing unit managed by the Illinois Department of Public Health will be in Kane County this week to provide COVID-19 tests to the community.

Saturday, January 23 Dundee Crown High School, 1500 Kings Rd., Carpentersville 60110

Sunday, January 24 Elgin Sports Complex, 709 Sports Way, Elgin 60123

Sunday, January 24 Hampshire High School, 1600 Big Timber Rd., Hampshire 60140

The mobile testing unit will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. while supplies last. Testing is free and open to all regardless of symptoms. If you have recently been exposed to a potential or confirmed COVID-19 case, you are encouraged to get tested, even if you are not experiencing symptoms. A phone number and name are required in order to receive testing results. Photo ID is not required. For more information about all available testing sites in Kane County, visit the IDPH website at [Test-Illinois.com](http://Test-Illinois.com) Many healthcare providers in Kane County also have COVID-19 testing available. Please contact your provider or the facility to ask about testing criteria and appointment availability.

For additional information and current updates on the COVID-19 situation, visit the KCHD website at [KaneHealth.com](http://KaneHealth.com) or call the health department at 630-208-3801.

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