



## **Kane County Health Department Sites Offer Pfizer Vaccine for Ages 12 and Up, Starting Thursday, May 13**

CDC Expected to Grant Approval May 12

**May 11, 2021** – Effective Thursday, May 13, all Kane County Health Department COVID-19 vaccination sites offering Pfizer vaccine will be open to ages 12 and up.

“Families are encouraged to receive their vaccines together so that all members are protected,” said Kathy Fossier, Interim Executive Director at the Kane County Health Department.

Yesterday, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted emergency use authorization for the 12-to-15 age group. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is expected to grant full approval on Wednesday, May 12.

Effective Thursday, Kane County vaccine sites will accept walk-ins for ages 12 years and up. A parent or guardian should accompany youth under age 18 – but if a parent or guardian is unable to attend, they can sign the consent form and allow another adult to accompany the minor. The consent form can be found online at [KaneHealth.com](http://KaneHealth.com) and at [KaneVax.org](http://KaneVax.org).

“Parents and guardians are encouraged to receive vaccination, if they have not had their COVID-19 shots yet,” said Michael Isaacson, Assistant Director of Community Health at KCHD.

All Kane County vaccine sites offer free COVID-19 vaccines to eligible residents. Visit [KaneVax.org](http://KaneVax.org) for information on Kane County’s four vaccine sites. At the website, you can see which vaccines are in stock at each location and the hours they are available:

**Kane Vax Hub:** 501 North Randall Road, Batavia, IL 60510

**AuroraKaneVax:** 970 North Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506

**Kane-CookElginVax:** Eastside Recreation Center, 1080 East Chicago Street, Elgin, IL 60120

**Kane-SpringHillMallVax:** 1072 Spring Hill Mall, West Dundee, IL 60118

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The use of COVID-19 vaccines is proving to be effective at keeping people out of the hospital. “Since mid-March, 98 percent of the nearly 200 COVID-19 patients that have been admitted to Rush Copley were not fully vaccinated,” said John Diederich, President and CEO at Rush Copley Medical Center. “Only two percent of hospitalized patients were fully vaccinated and there were no deaths from these rare, breakthrough cases. This is further evidence that the vaccine is working and is the best way to protect yourself, your family and our community.”

To learn more about Illinois’ efforts to fight the COVID-19 virus, visit [Coronavirus.illinois.gov](https://coronavirus.illinois.gov). Illinois’ 900-plus vaccination locations are listed on this site.

For more information and updates on the COVID-19 situation, visit the Kane County Health Department website at [KaneHealth.com](https://KaneHealth.com) or call the health department at 630-208-3801.

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