



## **Kane County Health Department Update: Carpentersville Area Vaccination Center Opens and J&J Vaccine Returns**

**May 4, 2021** – A new Kane County Health Department (KCHD) vaccination site will open Friday, May 7, 2021 from 3 to 7 p.m. The Kane-SpringHillMallVax (Carpentersville area) site will be located at 1072 Spring Hill Mall, West Dundee, IL 60118. Residents can visit **KaneVax.org** and click on the Kane-SpringHillMallVax link to register for an appointment.

Johnson & Johnson's (J&J) Janssen COVID-19 vaccine will return to the vaccination centers this week. Federal health officials have lifted the pause on use of the J&J vaccine. States are resuming distribution of it, accompanied by a warning about rare complications involving blood clots. No one from Kane County has experienced a bad reaction to the J&J vaccine. A complete schedule, listing which vaccines are available and at which KCHD vaccination clinics, can be found online at **KaneVax.org**.

KCHD is working hard to make sure all eligible citizens in their area receive their COVID-19 vaccine shots in a timely manner. "We are at a point where we must educate the community more creatively about the vaccines – especially on the myths and misconceptions that may drive fears that prevent people from getting vaccinated," said Kathy Fosser, KCHD Interim Executive Director.

KCHD is currently exploring a variety of community-based efforts. "We are embarking on an outreach campaign, going to public events, churches, and other venues to register people for vaccination," said Fosser. "We will be opening some of our clinic days for walk-ins."

"We are now in the second phase of our community campaign, which is where we promote appointments," said Michael Isaacson, KCHD Assistant Director of Community Health. "Initially, our community had an overwhelming demand and but a limited vaccine supply. Now, we've reached a position where we need to be proactive and reach out to the community."

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

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