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## **MEDIA ALERT:**

### **Additional COVID-19 Vaccines Available This Week in McLean County**

*McLean County Health Department and Carle BroMenn Medical Center Schedule More Vaccine Appointments*

Bloomington, IL—New appointment slots will be open for scheduling this afternoon for the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine thanks to a bonus shipment of doses. The clinics are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, February 3 and 4. Plus, a new clinic has been added on Friday, February 5 to target residents age 65 and over only. The McLean County Health Department (MCHD) received confirmation of a bonus shipment of the vaccine on Monday. The much-appreciated vaccine doses are expected to arrive today.

McLean County residents who qualify for Phases [1A and 1B](#) are encouraged to:

- Go online to the MCHD website ([health.mcleancountyil.gov](https://health.mcleancountyil.gov)) for an opportunity to book an appointment (if you have access to a computer); or,
- Call the MCHD Covid-19 call center at (309) 888-5600 Mon-Fri between 9AM-4PM (if you do not have computer access and need assistance booking an appointment).

This week's increase in doses allows MCHD to vaccinate more people through its partnership with Carle BroMenn Medical Center. The vaccination effort in McLean County continues to be a cross-functional

collaboration between local government agencies, private medical facilities, and community organizations.

Every Thursday MCHD will post on their website first-dose vaccine clinics for the following week and make appointment sign-ups available via web and phone as listed above. The number of clinics posted every Thursday reflects how many first-doses of the vaccine the health department anticipates receiving from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) for the following week.

“Our goal remains the same: to safely and equitably administer vaccine to the residents of McLean County as quickly and efficiently as possible,” said Jessica McKnight, McLean County Health Department Administrator. “This partnership has the ability to expand when vaccine becomes more readily available. We want to thank McLean County residents for their continued patience.”

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