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“LaSalle County Health Department has Booster Doses of the Bivalent Vaccine”

On August 31, 2022, the FDA amended the emergency use authorizations (EUAs) of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine and the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to authorize bivalent formulations of the vaccine. LaSalle County Health Department will begin offering booster doses on a weekly basis, **by appointment only**. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Moderna will be offered, and on Wednesdays, it will be Pfizer.

The bivalent COVID-19 boosters are ready to administer now that the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has voted to recommend them and the CDC has endorsed them. The bivalent boosters contain the Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 strains of COVID-19.

Bivalent vaccines can be used as a single booster dose at least two months following a primary series or booster vaccination. The bivalent COVID-19 boosters have been authorized for people ages 12 years+ (Pfizer-BioNTech) and for people ages 18 years+ (Moderna) who have completed the primary series.

To schedule an appointment for a booster dose vaccination please visit our website www.lasallecountyil.gov and click on the “COVID-19 Vaccine Information” icon. There you will find links to schedule an appointment for a booster dose of the bivalent.

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.

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- ✓ **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.
- ✓ 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.
- 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.

For additional information, please contact the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 or visit the Health Department's website at www.lasallecountyil.gov.

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