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## PRESS RELEASE

WATSEKA, IL – The Iroquois County Public Health Department (ICPHD), in partnership with Iroquois Memorial Hospital, will be hosting community-based COVID-19 vaccination clinics for qualifying Iroquois County residents. The next upcoming clinic will be held February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 by appointment only.

These clinics will serve Iroquois County residents in phase 1B of the Illinois Mass Vaccination Plan, including anyone 65 years of age or older. At this time, there is no cost for the COVID-19 vaccine. Written documentation from the individual's primary care physician will not be required. Please reference the chart at the bottom of the linked webpage for eligible populations in each phase of the Illinois Mass Vaccination Plan:

<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccination-plan>.

**Please note that this vaccine is available by appointment only to practice safe social distancing. Individuals who arrive without a previously scheduled appointment will not be eligible to receive the vaccine at that time. Appointments are reserved for qualifying individuals who reside within Iroquois County.**

To register and schedule your appointment, please call ICPHD at (815) 432-2483, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please refrain from contacting your healthcare provider or ICPHD to be placed on a wait list, as we are not keeping a registry of people who want the vaccine.

The vaccination clinic will be held at Iroquois Memorial Hospital. Clients will be asked to enter through the main entrance located on the north side of the building and are **required to bring a valid form of photo ID**. Individuals who are wheelchair bound or in need of additional assistance may enter through the Emergency Room entrance on the south side of the building. If you do not feel well the day of your appointment or are in isolation or quarantine, please call ICPHD to reschedule.

Patients will need to wear a face covering, practice social distancing, and plan to allow at least 15 minutes for observation after the vaccination. Please wear clothing to allow easy access to the upper portion of the arm for the injection.

Supply of this vaccine is limited and appointments are expected to be filled quickly. ICPHD is expecting to receive weekly or bi-weekly allocations of the COVID-19 vaccine from the State of Illinois. If you are unable to schedule an appointment for this community-based clinic, please watch for future notification of upcoming clinics as more vaccine becomes available.

As more vaccine is allocated ICPHD will communicate availability, along with when, where, and how to receive the vaccine, via traditional and social media outlets as well as on the ICPHD website:

<http://www.co.iroquois.il.us/health-department/covid-19-corona-virus/>.

The Illinois Department of Public Health has compiled a comprehensive list of frequently asked questions about the COVID-19 vaccination. Information can be found at: <http://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccine-faq>. For individual concerns regarding allergies or other medical conditions please consult your own medical provider.