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## Lake County AllVax Portal is Now Open

**Lake County, Ill.** — The Lake County Health Department is pleased to announce that the Lake County AllVax Portal is open. All Lake County residents can now register to be notified when a COVID-19 vaccine is available to them. Registering online is easy and secure—just visit [AllVax.lakecohealth.org](https://AllVax.lakecohealth.org). You can also register over the phone by calling the Lake County Health Department at (847) 377-8130.

“We want to assure our residents that their safety is our top priority,” said Mark Pfister, Executive Director at the Lake County Health Department. “The COVID-19 vaccines that will be available soon have gone through extensive clinical trials. The trial results indicate remarkable effectiveness in preventing COVID-19 with low risk of serious side effects. This is an exciting moment in science and an important step toward ending the COVID-19 pandemic, which has come at great cost to public health, our healthcare systems, and our economy.”

By entering basic information and answering a few screening questions on the portal, you will be notified when a COVID-19 vaccine becomes available. You can register yourself and others on the portal. Once you are registered, you can also schedule your vaccination appointments through the Lake County clinics or facilities through the system when a vaccine is available to you. The portal also includes answers to frequently asked questions on COVID-19 vaccination.

“The Lake County AllVax Portal gives us the opportunity to protect the health of our community by getting the right people the vaccination at the right time,” said Jefferson McMillan-Wilhoit, Director of Health Informatics and Technology at the Health Department. “This portal is a huge advance in being able to reduce infections and restore our communities, and we encourage all residents do their part—get registered on the portal and get vaccinated.”

The arrival of COVID-19 vaccines will help us protect our communities. The Lake County AllVax Portal streamlines the process of getting vaccines to Lake County residents to reach our goal of 80% of Lake County residents vaccinated.

Because vaccine supply will be limited at first, certain groups of people who are at higher risk will be eligible for vaccination before others. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is helping state and local health departments distribute the vaccine fairly. You can find out more about these guidelines on the CDC’s website, ‘[How CDC Is Making COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations](#)’.

Visit the Health Department’s Coronavirus web page, [www.lakecountyil.gov/coronavirus](https://www.lakecountyil.gov/coronavirus), for updates, testing information, community guidance and resources, answers to frequently asked questions, and to sign up for the Health Department’s weekly COVID-19 newsletter. General questions can be sent via email to [COVID19@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:COVID19@lakecountyil.gov).

For trusted information on the COVID-19 pandemic from reputable state and federal sources, visit the [State of Illinois](#), [Illinois Department of Public Health](#), and [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) websites.