



SYSTEM NEWS

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Letter from the CEO

Dear Cook County Health Friends and Partners,

With demand for COVID-19 vaccines increasing during the Omicron variant surge, and appointments for vaccination in short supply, Cook County Health is re-opening three large-scale community vaccination sites.

While our local supply of vaccine has remained steady, we know that appointments for people to get vaccinated are not as accessible. We re-opened these community vaccination sites to alleviate demand on local pharmacies and doctor's offices and create new opportunities for people to get vaccinated quickly and easily. You can read more about these sites [here from the Chicago Sun Times](#) and [here from ABC 7](#).



On our first day at the Forest Park site, we vaccinated more than 520 individuals. In all, CCH has administered more than 958,000 vaccine doses. Despite the highly contagious Omicron variant, we know that vaccines remain our best line of defense against COVID-19 infection, particularly with a booster shot. We need to continue to speak with our constituencies about the importance of getting vaccinated and getting boosted. You will read below about a couple of ways we are asking for your help-- sharing your thoughts and spreading the word.

Together, we have accomplished a lot and we are grateful for your support. While work remains, we are confident that we are putting our best efforts forth to make COVID-19 vaccines equitable and accessible for all.

Please share the information below with the communities you serve. The last two years have been unprecedented and providing the latest information on the COVID-19 virus is critical to ensuring a healthy Cook County. For more information about the COVID-19 vaccines or to find a vaccination site, visit [MyShotCookCounty.com](#) or call 833-308-1988.

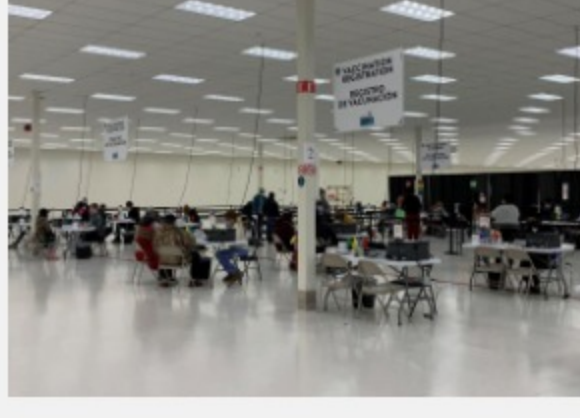
Sincerely,

Israel Rocha, Jr.
CEO

Cook County Health Re-opens 3 Vaccination Sites



Cook County leaders spoke with the media prior to the opening of the Forest Park vaccination site.



The first day of vaccines at the Matteson site saw steady crowds looking for boosters, and first and second doses.

With support from the State of Illinois and Cook County, Cook County Health is re-opening mass vaccination sites in Forest Park, Matteson and Des Plaines.

The sites are located at:

- **7630 West Roosevelt Road, Forest Park**
 - Opened January 18
- **4647 Promenade Way, Matteson**
 - Opened January 20
- **1155 East Oakton Street, Des Plaines**
 - Opening Saturday, January 22

Hours of operation for all mass vaccination locations will be Tuesday through Saturday, 8 am to 6 pm, and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. Hours are subject to change. See [MyShotCookCounty.com](#) for the latest details.

Individuals who make an appointment via [vaccine.cookcountyil.gov](#) will be prioritized. Walk-ins will also be welcome on a first come first served basis.

Anyone age 5 and older should get vaccinated. Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines will be offered at all sites, and individuals will be able to receive primary vaccinations or booster shots.

Booster shots are recommended for all people ages 12 and older and are to be given 5 months after a person's second shot of Pfizer or Moderna. Individuals who received a single dose of Johnson & Johnson are encouraged to get a booster shot, preferably of Pfizer or Moderna, two months later.

Across suburban Cook County, 80 percent of residents have gotten at least one dose vaccine, but less than 40 percent have received a booster shot.

Booster shots are essential to increase the body's ability to fight COVID-19 infection.

"While there may be breakthrough cases of COVID-19 in vaccinated individuals, with the booster, we're able to generate enough antibodies to protect people against the progression of their infection and disease, to keep them out of the hospital and keep them from dying," said Dr. Greg Huhn, CCH Vaccine Coordinator and infectious disease physician.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

APPOINTMENTS ENCOURAGED, WALK-INS ALSO WELCOME

First dose, second dose, and booster shots available. To make an appointment or find additional community locations, visit [myshotcookcounty.com](#) or call 833-308-1988.

Tuesday-Saturday 8AM-6PM, Sundays 10AM-4PM

All sites offer: Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson

FOREST PARK (FORMER HOBO)
7630 W. ROOSEVELT RD., FOREST PARK, IL

MATTESON (FORMER TARGET)
4647 PROMENADE WAY, MATTESON, IL

DES PLAINES (FORMER KMART)
1155 E. OAKTON ST., DES PLAINES, IL

Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Vaccinations are free, regardless of insurance or immigration status. Hours and availability subject to change.

January 21, 2022

VACUNAS CONTRA EL COVID-19

RECOMENDAMOS HACER CITAS, TAMBIÉN BIENVENIDOS SIN CITA PREVIA

Primera dosis, segunda dosis y vacunas de refuerzo (booster) disponibles. Para hacer una cita o encontrar ubicaciones comunitarias adicionales, visite [myshotcookcounty.com](#) o llame al 833-308-1988.

Martes-Sábado 8AM-6PM, Domingos 10AM-4PM

Todos los sitios de vacunación ofrecen: Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson

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Los niños menores de 18 años deben estar acompañados por un padre o tutor. Las vacunas son gratuitas, independientemente del seguro médico o del estado migratorio de la persona. Los horarios y disponibilidad de las vacunas están sujetos a cambios.

11 de enero de 2022

Take a 5 Minute Survey to Provide Feedback on Cook County's Vaccination Campaign

During this current COVID-19 surge, we are redoubling our efforts to get every eligible person in Cook County vaccinated. To this end, we are reaching out to community leaders such as yourself to get your insight and feedback on how to reach those in the community who remain vaccinated. This survey takes no more than 5-7 minutes to complete. Your answers can remain confidential unless you choose to share your name with us. [Please click here to take the survey.](#)

The information we receive will help inform the next iteration of the My Shot Cook County campaign. My campaign is a collaboration of Cook County Government, Cook County Health and the Cook County Department of Public Health to encourage Cook County residents to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Over the course of the pandemic, Cook County has educated the public about COVID-19, conducted contact tracing to help reduce the spread of the virus, set up mass vaccination sites and pop-up events and partnered with hundreds of organizations to ensure access to vaccines in the most vulnerable communities.

Spread the Word and Keep Our Communities Safe

We regularly receive inquiries from elected officials and stakeholders about how they can help provide information about COVID safety and the importance of vaccination with their constituencies.

If you would like to help us share information about how to stay safe during this surge, visit [MyShotCookCounty.com/spread-the-word](#) to download the latest social media graphics that can be shared via individual accounts and pages.

CCH has also created videos in a variety of languages featuring physicians talking about COVID-19 vaccination. [You can find those videos on CCH's YouTube page and share the video links.](#)

To get the latest data about COVID-19 cases in suburban Cook County and vaccination rates, [visit the Cook County Department of Public Health's shiny app.](#)

COVID-19 VACCINE & BOOSTERS

Getting your vaccine is the best defense against COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective. It helps protect you, your family, and your community. It also helps reduce the spread of the virus and the risk of hospitalization and death.

Pfizer Age 16+	1st Dose 3 WEEKS	2nd Dose 3 MONTHS	BOOSTER 5 MONTHS
Moderna Age 18+	1st Dose 4 WEEKS	2nd Dose 3 MONTHS	BOOSTER 5 MONTHS
Johnson & Johnson Age 18+	1st Dose 2 MONTHS	BOOSTER 2 MONTHS	

*Vaccinations are free, regardless of insurance or immigration status. Hours and availability subject to change. For a vaccine location, visit [myshotcookcounty.com](#) or call 833-308-1988.

Unvaccinated patients are **17 times** more likely to be hospitalized and **20 times** more likely to die than vaccinated individuals with a booster shot.

To learn more visit [myshotcookcounty.com](#)

COOK COUNTY HEALTH

Which mask provides the best protection?

GOOD	BETTER	BEST
Fabric mask with three or more cloth layers	Double mask (surgical mask and cloth mask) Fitted medical mask (surgical mask)	N95 KN95 KF94

Masks should fit snugly over your nose and mouth with no gaps around your face.

To learn more visit [myshotcookcounty.com](#)

COOK COUNTY HEALTH

VACUNAS Y REFUERZOS ("BOOSTERS") CONTRA EL COVID-19

Obtener su vacuna es la mejor defensa contra el COVID-19. La vacuna COVID-19 es segura y efectiva. Ayuda a proteger a usted, a su familia y a su comunidad. También ayuda a reducir la propagación del virus y el riesgo de hospitalización y muerte.

Pfizer Edad de 16 años	1era Dosis 3 SEMANAS	2da Dosis 3 MESES	REFUERZO 5 MESES
Moderna Edad de 18 años	1era Dosis 4 SEMANAS	2da Dosis 3 MESES	REFUERZO 5 MESES
Johnson & Johnson Edad de 18 años	1era Dosis 2 MESES	REFUERZO 2 MESES	

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Los pacientes no vacunados tienen **17 veces** más probabilidades de ser hospitalizados y **20 veces** más probabilidades de morir que las personas vacunadas con una vacuna de refuerzo (booster).

Para obtener más información, visite [myshotcookcounty.com](#)

COOK COUNTY HEALTH

¿Cuál máscara ofrece la mayor protección?

BUENA	MEJOR	EXCELENTE
Máscara de tela con tres o más capas	Máscara doble (máscara quirúrgica y máscara de tela) Máscara médica ajustada (máscara quirúrgica)	N95 KN95 KF94

Las máscaras deben quedar bien ajustadas sobre la nariz y la boca en un espacio estrecho de la cara.

Para obtener más información, visite [myshotcookcounty.com](#)

COOK COUNTY HEALTH

Cook County Health in the News

ABC 7 Chicago: Cook County brings back 3 mass vaccination sites amid appointment shortage

CBS 2 Chicago: Mass Vaccination Sites For COVID Shots Reopen In The Suburbs; 'I Had Problems Getting My Shot At Other Places'

Chicago Sun-Times: Cook County Health reopens mass vaccination site in Forest Park

Univision: Reabre el centro de vacunación masiva de Forest Park: esto debes saber si quieres inmunizarte allí

Telemundo: Condado Cook reabre centros de vacunación masiva contra COVID-19 esta semana

ABC News: Greater Chicago brings back mass vaccination sites amid renewed demand

Visit our website at [cookcountyhealth.org](#)

If you would like to invite a representative from CCH to attend a community event, please send an email to [events@cookcountyhhs.org](#).

To provide feedback on CCH Community News, update your contact information, or unsubscribe, please email Marcelino García, Director of Community Affairs, at [mgarcia6@cookcountyhhs.org](#).