



Community Health Ambassador



Information to Help You Protect Yourself and Our Community!

The Community Health Ambassador Program is a Lake County Health Department (LCDH) initiative that was created to support its goal of ensuring that **everyone who lives or works in Lake County—regardless of their zip code, race, ethnicity, age, or community—has access to the information and support they need to get vaccinated.** As a Community Health Ambassador, we hope to provide the information you need to protect yourself and our community from COVID-19.

Vaccine Updates

Vaccines for Children – COVID-19 vaccination is now available for children 5 and older. The Biden administration secured 1.1 million vaccines for children in ILLINOIS and has worked with pharmacies, community centers, primary care centers, and pediatric offices throughout the country to equip them with the necessary resources to administer COVID-19 vaccines at their facility. **You can find a COVID-19 vaccine near you at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).**

Booster & Third Dose – The CDC has signed off on the [Moderna and Johnson & Johnson \(J&J\) booster shots](#), and the [mixing-and-matching](#) of the vaccine brands. Eligible people for a booster shot can now [mix-and-match](#) vaccine brands. Mix-and-match means people can get a booster shot from another USA approved COVID vaccine manufacturer. For example, someone who got a J&J vaccine mid-summer can get a booster shot of J&J, Pfizer, or Moderna. The booster shot dose stayed the same for Pfizer and J&J but is only half the dose for Moderna. See the table below to learn when and who is eligible for a third dose and a booster shot.

WHEN and WHO Is Eligible for a Third Dose or Booster Shot

Third Dose	Pfizer and Moderna Booster	Johnson & Johnson Booster
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given 28 days after second dose Only Moderna and Pfizer vaccine recipients People with weakened immune system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cancer -Organ or tissue transplant -auto immune deficiency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can get it at least six months after second dose Adults 65+ Patients in long term care facilities Adults 18+ who have underlying health conditions Adults 18+ who work or live-in high-risk settings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can get it two months after first shot Anyone who received Johnson & Johnson shot is eligible for a booster.

To sign up for COVID-19 updates from the Lake County Health Department click [here](#)
 For statewide guidance, resources, and other information about COVID-19, click [here](#)