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Drive-Through COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

DECATUR, IL- The Macon County Health Department (MCHD) will be holding a Drive-Through COVID-19 Moderna Vaccination Clinic on January 22, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Farm Progress Show Progress City property. The COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic is ONLY for eligible Phase 1a and 1b individuals who wish to receive their **FIRST** dose of the vaccine. The vaccines will be given on a first come, first-served basis until 3:00 p.m. **OR** until 500 doses of the vaccine have been administered, whichever comes first. Please be reminded that the MCHD and our community partners will continue to schedule vaccination clinics over the next several weeks and months, including clinics to be held on-site at the MCHD. We will continue to provide opportunities for individuals who wish to receive the vaccine to do so as quickly as possible upon receipt of the vaccine from distributors.

Examples of Phase 1b persons eligible to receive the vaccine at this time include, but are not limited to: persons aged 65 years and older and frontline essential workers, defined as those workers who are essential for the functioning of society and are at highest risk of exposure, including the following: first responders (firefighters, law enforcement officers, 911 dispatch, security personnel, school officers); corrections officers; food and agriculture (processing, plants, veterinary health, livestock services, animal care) workers; postal service workers; manufacturing workers; grocery store workers; public transit workers; education; and shelters/adult day care. Examples of Phase 1a persons include, but are not limited to: physicians, nurses, respiratory technicians, dentists and hygienists, nursing assistants, assisted living facility staff, long-term care facility staff, group home staff, home caregivers, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

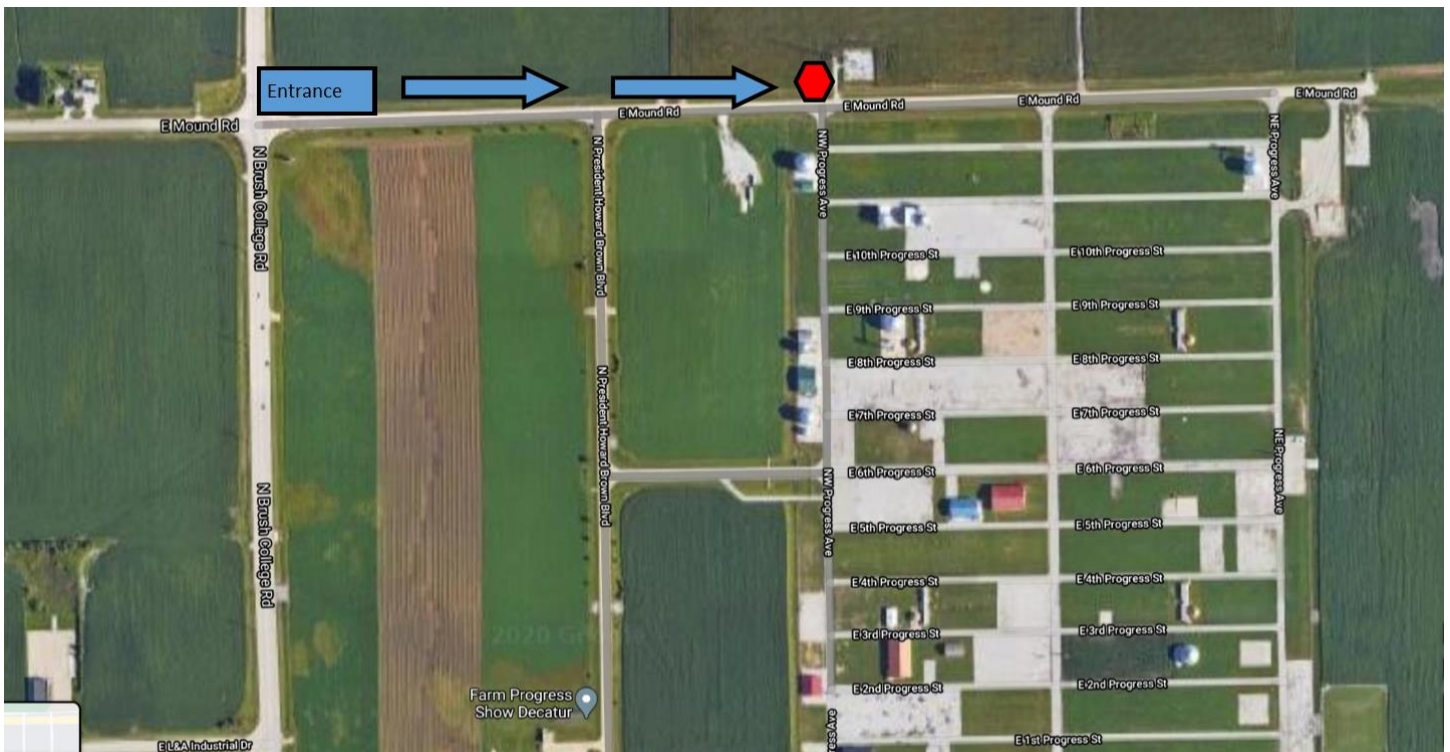
Those who plan to attend should:

- Enter off of Mound Road. No other entrances will be open;
- Bring a work ID badge or current paystub to verify frontline essential worker status or a form of ID to verify age (to prove eligibility);
- Bring a copy of your insurance card. If you are unable to make a copy, please bring the original;
- Wear a short sleeve shirt and face covering;

- Complete vaccine forms, print, and bring them to the clinic to save time. The vaccine forms can be found by visiting maconcountyhealth.org. If you are unable to complete and print the forms, they will also be available onsite; and
- Anticipate longer wait times as we move through the process as expeditiously and responsibly as possible. In preparation, a person could bring something to eat and drink during the wait to receive the vaccine as well as the post-vaccination 15-to-30-minute monitoring period.

The MCHD has and will continue to follow the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidelines and Illinois Department of Public Health guidance when deciding who will receive the COVID-19 vaccine. At this time, those who are not eligible to receive the vaccination in Phases 1a and 1b will be turned away. Those who have received monoclonal antibody or convalescent plasma treatments or have had COVID-19 within the past 90 days should wait until after their 90-day window to receive the vaccine. Persons who are pregnant and/or breastfeeding are required to bring an order or note from their doctor to receive the vaccine.

The MCHD will continue to promptly update the public when additional vaccines arrive and more clinics are scheduled. For questions regarding the vaccines, please visit [Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz/COVID-19/) and [COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs20201221_0.pdf \(illinois.gov\)](https://www.illinois.gov/health/COVID-19/Vaccine-FAQs20201221-0.pdf).



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