

MASS VACCINATION VOLUNTEER – FREQUENTLY ASK QUESTIONS

Q: I am interested in volunteering; how soon can I start?

A: Once you complete a Volunteer Application and are cleared, you will be contacted for your availability to begin volunteering.

Q: What days are volunteers needed?

A: Vaccination Clinics are currently held 7-days a week in various locations throughout Lake County

Q: I am not a medical professional; can I still volunteer?

A: We are grateful to have had an overwhelming response of non-medical volunteers. Currently, we are only onboarding volunteers who are medical professionals with current / valid U.S. medical credentials.

Q: I am a medical professional with an expired license, can I still help vaccinate?

A: Yes. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic medical license expirations are being extended and reinstated in some instances for those volunteering. For more information visit the IDPH website: [Site | IDPH \(illinois.gov\)](https://www.idph.gov)

Q: Do I need to take out my own insurance as a volunteer vaccinator?

A: The 2005 Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) provides liability immunity for activities related to medical countermeasures against the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic – including licensed health professionals and others authorized to administer or dispense the vaccine - <https://www.marsh.com/us/insights/research/covid-19-liability-immunity-under-prep-act.html>

Q: Can my children or spouse volunteer?

A: Volunteers 18 years and older are welcome to support our vaccination efforts based on our staffing needs.

Q: Can I get the vaccine as a volunteer?

A: Yes. Volunteers who desire the vaccine may receive it on-site once you have been cleared to volunteer.

Q: Can I get the vaccine before I start volunteering?

A: No. Volunteers are welcome to receive the vaccine, which is administered at the end of the day of which you volunteer.

Q: Where is the vaccination site located?

A: Lake County Health Department operates multiple vaccination sites within the county.

Q: I can only work 4-hour shifts...can I still volunteer?

A: Volunteers should be available to participate a full shift, typically 5 – 8 hours, for a total of 8 shifts within 8 weeks.

Q: Will I get paid for volunteering?

A: No, there is no compensation for those who volunteer at our vaccination clinics.

Q: I can only stand for short periods of time; can I still volunteer?

A: Volunteering on-site at the vaccination clinics require the ability to stand for long periods of time and walk on potentially slippery surfaces.

Q: How do I volunteer with the health department?

A: Please apply on our MRC Website at <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/2305/Lake-County-Medical-Reserve-Corps>