



**March 22, 2022**

I know I said there weren't likely to be continued COVID updates, but thought it worth noting the results of a recent CDC study showing the effect of mRNA vaccinations (Moderna and Pfizer) relative to COVID hospital ventilation and death. Specifically, receiving the primary series of doses equated to a 90% risk reduction for COVID-associated ventilator treatment or death. In the case of receiving three mRNA doses, that risk reduction went up to 94%. The study, which encompassed patients at 21 medical centers in 18 states, was conducted from March 11, 2021 to January 24, 2022.

IDPH data as of March 17 shows 51.80% of Douglas County residents have had at least one vaccine dose, while 47.71% of residents are fully vaccinated. There have been 4,384 booster doses administered to county residents. DCHD is currently doing COVID vaccine clinics twice monthly—second and fourth Thursday by appointment—at the Tuscola Outlet Mall J600 location. The county, as well as the entire state, is currently in the low transmission category for spread of COVID.

COVID testing schedule at J600 remains Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. IDPH figures from March 15 show the 7-day rolling positivity rate (rapid and PCR testing) for Douglas County residents was 0.4%, and for Region 6 that number was 1.2%.

We recently updated a list of COVID testing and vaccination sites in the surrounding area apart from what DCHD offers. They are as follows:

**TESTING SITES:**

\*YMCA at 2501 Field South Drive/Champaign  
Phone # 217-265-6059  
Mon.-Fri. 6 to 8 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

\*Marketplace Mall at 2000 North Neil/Champaign  
Phone # 888-297-7208  
Tues./Thurs./Sat. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**VACCINATION SITES:**

CVS at 1111 North Dunlap Avenue/Savoy  
Phone # 217-351-2123

Walgreens at 1509 South Neil Street/Champaign  
Phone # 217-351-1516

Please note any CVS or Walgreens offers appointments (based off supply).

1250 East US HWY 36  
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**In other news . . .**

A household hazardous waste (HHW) collection event will be held in Champaign on Sat., April 9 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and is open to ALL Illinois residents. I have attached a PSA regarding the event. Please note the list of acceptable and non-acceptable items, and that pre-registration is required.

I am also attaching an IDPH press release with recommended ventilation, filtration, and air cleaning strategies for reducing indoor exposure to and spread of COVID-19.

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