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**Jewel-Osco joins COVID-19 vaccination effort in Rock Island County**

Starting Monday, Jan. 18, healthcare workers in State of Illinois Phase 1A can sign up for appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine through Jewel-Osco pharmacies in Rock Island County. There will be no out-of-pocket cost for the vaccine.

Healthcare workers can make appointments online at [www.albertsons.com/covidclinic](http://www.albertsons.com/covidclinic). Patients will be asked to show proof of employment, including a work badge, paystub, medical license (if applicable) or letter on the employer's letterhead.

The pharmacy has three locations in Rock Island County:

- 2010 1st St. A, Moline
- 107 Avenue of the Cities, East Moline
- 1312 John Deere Expressway, Silvis

Each Jewel-Osco location will offer the Moderna vaccine, which the FDA has given emergency-use authorization for people age 18 and older. The Moderna vaccine has been shown in trials to be 94.1% effective at preventing symptomatic COVID-19 infection and requires a second dose 28 days after the first dose. Jewel-Osco also can provide second doses to residents who received the first dose of the Moderna vaccine at a non-Jewel Osco location at the appropriate time interval.

After Phase 1B begins in Illinois on Jan. 25, Jewel-Osco will offer vaccines to residents age 65 and older and essential frontline workers in Phase 1B, including: police officers; firefighters; educators; food processing and agricultural workers; manufacturing workers; corrections workers and inmates; U.S. Postal System workers; public transit employees; grocery store workers; and daycare staff.

The Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois Governor's Office have said more partnerships with other pharmacies and other vaccination efforts will be announced in the coming days and weeks.

**Health department's weekly drive-through clinics**

The Rock Island County Health Department will continue weekly drive-through vaccination clinics for the foreseeable future on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Greater Quad City Auto Auction, 4015 78th Ave., Milan. These clinics are dependent on weather and vaccine supply. On Tuesday, Jan. 19, health department staff will vaccinate healthcare workers in Phase 1A and residents age 65 and older and essential frontline workers in Phase 1B.

Traffic and lines could be significant. The Rock Island County Sheriff's Department is asking drivers not going to the clinic to avoid the area. Portable toilets will be available in the auto auction's parking lot.

Illinois' Phase 1C is yet to be defined, but we expect it to include frontline workers and those with underlying health conditions. It will follow Phase 1B.

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