

Marion County Press Release

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RE: Marion County Update and Vaccination Clinic Schedule Week for May 24-28, 2021

Marion County Public Health Department Provides Update

On May 13, the CDC announced updated guidance rolling back mask usage for adults. Fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear as mask of physically distance in any setting, except where required by federal, state, local, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. The CDC also updated that fully vaccinated people can refrain from testing following a known exposure unless they are residents or employees of a correctional or detention facility or a homeless shelter.

Fully vaccinated people can:

- Resume activities without wearing masks or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance
- Resume domestic travel and refrain from testing before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel
- Refrain from testing before leaving the United States for international travel (unless required by the destination) and refrain from self-quarantine after arriving back in the United States
- Refrain from testing following a known exposure, if asymptomatic, with some exceptions for specific settings
- Refrain from quarantine following a known exposure if asymptomatic
- Refrain from routine screening testing if feasible

On Friday, **the Iowa Department of Public Health adjusted its guidance** to recommend that schools and child care settings approach COVID-19 like other childhood illnesses. Return to child care/school 10 days after symptoms start and 24 hours with no fever and improved symptoms OR 10 days after positive test (if no symptoms). IDPH is concurrently revising COVID-19 guidance for school and child care settings, including quarantine guidance, to recommend that while COVID-19 positive and symptomatic children should be excluded, exposed children should no longer be required to stay home, regardless of mask usage. Moreover, when there is a positive case, parents should be given information around exposure to COVID-19 in order to make their own informed decisions regarding risk. To that end, while we acknowledge that some parents may want their children to continue to wear a cloth face covering for reasons that make sense for their family or that child's individual health condition, schools and child care settings are urged to provide parents and students with the option to make their own decision about mask usage.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

The FDA approved emergency use authorization for COVID-19 vaccination with Pfizer vaccine for children ages 12-15. Pfizer was already approved for use at 16 years old.

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s0512-advisory-committee-signing.html>

Marion County Public Health Department does not carry Pfizer vaccine. We encourage those who are interested in vaccinating their children for COVID-19 to call their local pharmacy.

Marion County Public Health is hosting Moderna COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics at the following times and locations:

FIRST DOSE ONLY CLINICS:

Thursday, May 27 from 3-6 at Marion County Public Health Department, 2003 N Lincoln, Knoxville This clinic is PRIME DOSE MODERNA (first dose) clinic, only for those who live or work in Marion County. Only first doses will be provided at this clinic. All who live or work in Marion County, are 18 years old or older, and vaccine is not medically contra-indicated may receive the vaccine. Bring your identification. If you work, but do not live in Marion County, bring documentation (pay stub, letter, name tag, other item) that demonstrates you work in Marion County.

Click this link to schedule: <https://login.nowaitinside.com/#/booking/6o1g26EfKO9yh9tkrs0ydhyV>

This is the last scheduled PRIME dose clinic scheduled at MCPHD. Going forward, we encourage people to get their COVID-19 vaccinations at their locally participating pharmacy. If there are groups who would like vaccination, please call us at 641-828-2238 to make arrangements.

SECOND DOSE MODERNA ONLY CLINIC:

Friday, May 28

Those who received their first dose of vaccine on April 30 should have received a text message with instructions for the boost dose. No link is required.

Anyone who did not receive a text, lives or works in Marion County, it has been at least 28 days since your first dose, and you need a boost (2nd) dose of MODERNA, please call 641-828-2238 to schedule your boost appointment. **Bring your vaccination Card** (second dose only).

For assistance with scheduling an appointment call 641-828-2238.

A schedule of clinic dates and locations will be released on Monday's at the following location:
<https://www.facebook.com/MarionCountyIAResponsetoCOVID19> .

Media inquiries should be directed to Kim Dorn via phone at 641-828-2238x3850, or email at covid-19@marioncountyiowa.gov Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM.

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