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Rock Island County Health Department will start Pfizer boosters Friday

The Rock Island County Health Department will begin giving booster shots for qualifying patients who received their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine at least six months ago. The health department offers the Pfizer vaccine at its Friday clinics. The hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. each Friday.

Per CDC and FDA authorization, boosters are available to:

- people 65 years and older
- people aged 50-64 years with underlying medical conditions
- people aged 18-49 years with underlying medical conditions
- people aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting
- residents in long-term care settings

The health department will give boosters only to people who received the Pfizer vaccine. No approval has been given as of yet for Moderna and Johnson & Johnson patients.

Unlike in the spring, COVID-19 vaccines are readily available in our community at healthcare and pharmacy partners. Even if you received both shots of Pfizer from a health department clinic, you are not required to return to the health department.

Health department clinics right now require no appointment. However, if demand grows beyond social distancing capacity, RICHD officials could implement a signup process. Officials will communicate any process change broadly through media partners, its website, and through its social media.

The health department also is continuing to give Pfizer and Moderna booster shots for immunocompromised people. The can be given four weeks after the second dose. The health department's Moderna clinic is weekly on Tuesday.

Masks are required at the health department, and social distancing guidelines will be enforced, which could require lining up outside.

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