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JACKSON COUNTY MASS VACCINATIONS CONTINUE THROUGH MAY 22

The last day of operation for Jackson County's mass vaccination site at SIU's Banterra Center will be Saturday, May 22. In the meantime, the site will continue to operate Tuesday – Friday 9:00am-6:30pm and on Saturdays from 9:00am-6:00pm. Vaccination appointments can be scheduled at www.jchdonline.org, but walk-ins are also welcome. Illinois residents age 12 and up are eligible for vaccination. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to provide consent. Vaccinations are free and no insurance information is collected. According to Bart Hagston, Administrator at Jackson County Health Department, "Adults and those 12-17 years old please take advantage of the convenience this clinic offers, while you have the opportunity."

Pfizer vaccine is available on all days. Johnson and Johnson vaccine is also available on Fridays and Saturdays. On Thursday, May 20, Moderna vaccine will also be available. If making an appointment, the type of vaccine can be selected at that time.

According to Hagston, "We are very appreciative of the support we have received during mass vaccination efforts. Our partners at the Illinois National Guard have been outstanding to work with, and the assistance provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health has been invaluable. Around 60,000 doses of vaccine have been administered by JCHD since December 30th. In addition, the following partners also deserve much recognition for their help: City of Carbondale, Southern Illinois University (Chancellor's Office, Public Safety, Student Health Service, Athletics, Center for Family Medicine), Southern Illinois Healthcare, Egyptian Health Department, and dozens of individual volunteers."

Beyond May 22, COVID-19 vaccinations will be offered at Jackson County Health Department during designated times by appointment or walk-in. Times that vaccine will be offered are on Tuesdays from 9:00am-1:00pm and Thursdays from 12:00pm-6:00pm, until further notice. The same eligibility rules and parental consent requirements apply. Vaccinations at JCHD are open to all Illinois residents age 12 and up, including anyone who received their first dose at Banterra Center.

In addition, many retail pharmacies, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and other medical providers are providing vaccinations. Visit Vaccines.gov or text your zip code to "438829" to learn about locations nearby administering COVID-19 vaccinations, or speak with your medical provider.

Vaccination against COVID-19 remains an important step to bringing the virus under control, lessening public health precautions, making more activities possible, and keeping those most vulnerable in our community safe and healthy. For more information on COVID-19 vaccines, visit getvaccineanswers.org or www.ourshotsi.com.

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