



Sangamon County Department of Public Health

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Sangamon County Department of Public Health Supports CDC Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People

Sangamon County has led the state of Illinois in vaccination rates, and as such has achieved the primary goal of lower rates of hospitalization and an overall reduction in stress on our health system. Although we have been a consistent leader in vaccination, our rate is currently 41%, and needs to go higher if we want to continue to enjoy the benefits of what we have achieved. We cannot relax our efforts. We will continue to work hard to vaccinate as many of our residents as possible.

From the onset of the pandemic the Sangamon County Department of Public Health has adhered to the same principles. We follow the advice and direction of our medical advisors. We strive to balance the medical, social and economic needs of our community. And, we focus our efforts and resources where they are most effective. In continuing with this approach, the Sangamon County Department of Public Health agrees with the most recent CDC mask guidelines and, along with the state of Illinois, will be adjusting its mitigation orders to reflect the new guidance.

We support the new guidelines because of their intended purpose of encouraging all residents to be vaccinated. We must encourage our family members, friends and co-workers to take advantage of the vaccine, both for themselves and for their children. We encourage residents to pay attention to all the details of the recent IDPH/CDC guidelines, as they still include mitigation efforts, including for travel, the medical industry and congregate settings such as schools.

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We want to thank the residents and businesses of Sangamon County for their diligence and cooperation during this pandemic. We know that it hasn't been easy. We also want to congratulate the residents and businesses of Sangamon County on the success that we have all achieved to this point.

It is important though to note that the pandemic is not over. Although we have had great success with vaccinations, we still have a rate of community transmission that we believe is higher than acceptable. We will continue to closely monitor our local metrics, as we feel those are most relevant to our community needs. We must remain diligent and adhere to the remaining mitigation efforts if we truly want to put an end to this pandemic.