



A message from Mayor Yukich

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Dear Residents,

Last week, I sent a letter to our Will County Representatives asking for information on the County's plan for public vaccinations. Myself and village staff have received numerous calls from our residents who are confused and don't know how to go about receiving a vaccination. I want to thank Will County Board Member Mike Fricilone for responding to my letter and participating with us on a call yesterday with the Will County Health Department. Here is some information that I think will be helpful to share with all of you:

The Will County Health Department receives their vaccinations from the State of Illinois. The distribution of the vaccine to the County and then out to the public needs improvement. They are working diligently on this.

There are 700,000 persons who live in Will County and this does not include any additional workers, who work in Will County but reside in another County. As of yesterday, 30,000 people have been vaccinated. They have a long way to go.

The County is still in the 1A category for vaccinations, which is first responders and health care workers. The next phase will be 1B for our senior citizens.

The County receives over 800 calls a day for requests for appointments or information. This is simply unsustainable. They are working with an outside contractor to set up a call center to help with answering the calls.

They have 100,000 residents who have already signed up and completed the on-line survey for vaccinations. If you want a vaccination, you need to go to <https://willcountyhealth.org> and complete the on-line survey. You will receive an email when it is your time to receive your vaccination. We are all going to have to be patient. They are working to get additional vaccination locations and vendors set up to be able to offer more locations throughout the County for vaccination sites. Hopefully, Homer Glen will have a number of these sites up and running next month.

As we receive additional information from the health department we will share this information to our residents. We will work wherever we can to assist with the communication and implementation of their plan. Stay safe and be kind to each other during these difficult times.

Mayor Yukich

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