# **COVID-19 Vaccination for Homebound Individuals** Illinois Department of Public Health

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is partnering with home health providers to ensure COVID-19 vaccine is available for homebound individuals and their caregivers and immediate family members. IDPH considers a homebound individual to be someone who is:

- unable to leave the home due to an illness or injury
- experiencing a considerable and taxing effort to leave and is absent from the home infrequently, for a short duration, or to receive medical care
- requiring the assistance of a device, other persons or special transportation

If you meet this definition of a homebound individual or are a family member or caretaker of a homebound individual seeking COVID-19 vaccine, you can contact a home health state provider in your area to see if they are able to schedule a vaccine appointment. The providers below are currently accepting appointments for homebound individuals and do not require they be existing patients.

## Home Health Providers Conducting COVID-19 Vaccinations<sup>1</sup>

Provider name	Contact	Areas served
American Home Care Express	POC: Kristen Nicole Figueroa Phone: 847-763-9420 ext. 6107	Cook, Lake County, McHenry, Winnebago
Carle Health	POC: Linda Fred Linda.Fred@Carle.com 217-902-6100 https://tinyurl.com/Carlehomebound	Champaign, Clark, Clay, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, Dewitt, Douglas, Edgar, Edwards, Effingham, Ford, Hamilton, Iroquois, Jasper, Lawrence, Livingston, Logan, Macon, Marshall, McLean, Moultrie, Piatt, Richland, Shelby, Tazwell, Vermilion, Wabash, Wayne, White, Woodford
Iroquois Memorial Hospital	POC: Michelle Fairley 815-432-7951 michelle.fairley@imhrh.org	Iroquois, Ford, Livingston, Vermillion
Prime Care Physicians	POC: Roshani Patel LHD: rpatel@primecarephysicians.org Public: covid@primecarephysicians.org	Cook, DuPage, Lake, McHenry, Boone, Kane, Kendall, Grundy, Kankakee, Will
Southern Illinois Home Care	POC: Theresa Schultz, Terri Lamar 618-332-6120	St Clair, Madison, Monroe

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please note this is not an exhaustive list – if you are a home health agency serving multiple counties and open to vaccinating individuals beyond your current patient population, please contact <u>Jordan.hatcher@illinois.gov</u> if you would like to be included in the distribution list above.

#### **Local Health Departments**

If you do not reside in any of the service areas above, you can reach out to your <u>Local Health</u> <u>Department</u> to ask if they can connect you to a program or provider serving homebound individuals in your area. Many health departments are supporting vaccination efforts for homebound populations through local home health agencies, traveling nurses, or coordination with EMS or an area hospital.

### **Health Insurance Plans**

**Your health insurance** plan may also be able to help. Most member ID cards include a customer service number on the back of the card. When you reach out to your health plan, indicate that you (or the person for whom you are calling) is homebound and seeking assistance in getting the a COVID-19 vaccination. Ask if they can arrange for the vaccination in your home or support you with transportation to a vaccination site if that is an option.

#### Other resources:

**The Department of Aging** supports several programs throughout the state to support older adults including:

- For additional questions on how to access a COVID-19 vaccine appointment, contact:
  - o Area Agencies on Aging: oversee planning and coordinating services for older adults
  - o Senior Help Line: 1-800-252-8966
- Community Care Program (CCP) (Age 60 and Older, Medicaid Waiver, Non-Medicaid)
  - Care Coordination
  - Adult Day Services
  - o Emergency Home Response Service
  - In-Home Service
- Older Americans Act Services (Age 60 and older, Medicaid, non-Medicaid)
  - Information &referral, outreach, transportation, home delivered meals, community support services
- <u>Senior Health Assistance Program:</u> Provide technical assistance, phone support or counseling to help Medicare beneficiaries