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## **COVID-19 vaccines available at this year's McLean County Fair** **Fair organizers offer incentives to those who still need to be vaccinated**

Bloomington, IL— The McLean County Health Department (MCHD) will be offering free “walk-in” COVID-19 vaccines at the McLean County Fair on the following dates, no appointment necessary. All three vaccine types will be available:

- Wednesday, August 4 from 1pm-7pm
- Thursday, August 5 from 1pm-7pm
- Friday, August 6 from 1pm-7pm
- Saturday, August 7 from 1pm-7pm

Organizers of the McLean County Fair are generously offering incentives for those who have yet to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Fairgoers who receive a vaccination at the MCHD fairground clinic can take their vaccination card to the on-ground fair office immediately following their vaccine and choose from one of the following incentives:

- 2 free tickets for any grandstand event during the fair (additional fair admission may apply if attending a grandstand event on a different night than the vaccine)

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- 2 carnival ride arm bands

“Health and safety are top priorities for the McLean County Fair,” said Fair Manager Mike Swartz. “We are pleased to collaborate with the McLean County Health Department to help make COVID-19 vaccines easily accessible, reduce the risk of spreading this virus, and keep our community healthy.”



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Adolescents between the ages of 12-17 are authorized to receive the Pfizer vaccine only and MUST be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian with appropriate identification. To date, approximately 49% of all McLean County residents are fully vaccinated.

“The fair is such an important event in our community, and we are excited to partner with the McLean County Fair to bring COVID-19 vaccines to the public,” said Jessica McKnight, MCHD Administrator.

“Vaccination is the most significant public health action to help us end the COVID-19 pandemic. We need more people vaccinated. High vaccination coverage will reduce the spread of the virus and prevent new variants from emerging.”

Parking is free for all patrons of the McLean County Fair. For a schedule of all fair events visit: <http://www.mcleancountyfair.org/>

For a list of all MCHD COVID-19 vaccine clinics visit:

<https://health.mcleancountyil.gov/790/COVID-19-Vaccine>

Or all the MCHD COVID-19 Call Center at (309) 888-5600 Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm.

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