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## **Countryside Encourages Residents to get Vaccinated Against COVID-19**

*Guidance follows FDA's full approval of Pfizer vaccine*

**CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE** – As COVID-19 cases continue to rise across Illinois, the City of Countryside is encouraging all eligible residents to get vaccinated to best protect themselves, their families, and their neighbors, as well as help ensure our community's long-term economic recovery.

This recommendation follows the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granting full approval to the Pfizer vaccine, as well as continued guidance from both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), which maintains that vaccines are the best way to protect our communities and move towards a post-pandemic world. Further, IDPH has reported that cases, hospitalizations and deaths are surging in areas with lower vaccination rates.

People are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose, if receiving the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after receiving the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. The CDC recently recommended those who are moderately to severely immunocompromised should receive a third dose if they received either Pfizer or Moderna. Vaccines are effective against severe illness and death from COVID-19, as well as variants currently circulating in the United States, including the Delta variant, according to the CDC.

"The COVID vaccines have shown to be safe and effective in preventing severe illness and death from COVID-19. I encourage all residents who have not been vaccinated to consult with their primary care doctor about this vaccination. By getting vaccinated, we can fight the highly transmissible Delta variant, and help our community move past this pandemic and fully recover," said Mayor Sean McDermott.

The CDC's [COVID data tracker \(available via this link\)](#) tracks cases, deaths and transmission trends at the state and county level. Currently, all Illinois counties meet the metrics for substantial to high community transmission.

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