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Bremer County COVID-19 Vaccine Expanded Eligibility Update

BREMER COUNTY, IA- The Bremer County Health Department (BCHD) has made final changes to COVID-19 vaccine allocation and distribution strategies for county vaccine, which went into effect April 5, 2021. This change was due to the [announcement](#) on April 5, 2021 by the Iowa Department of Public Health which expanded vaccine eligibility criteria for the COVID-19 vaccine to any person age 16 or 18 and over (as defined by the respective vaccine Emergency Use Authorization) is eligible to receive a vaccination from enrolled COVID-19 Vaccine Providers.

The Bremer County Health Department now has a live COVID-19 vaccine scheduling link open to the general public. Any person age 16 or 18 and over (as defined by the respective vaccine Emergency Use Authorization) can schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment (**if vaccine is available**) by visiting <https://www.bremercounty.iowa.gov/>. At this time, all vaccines are by appointment only and walk-in appointments will not be accepted.

Like the BCHD, many other Bremer County Vaccine providers have or will transition to online COVID-19 vaccine scheduling platforms. Please visit <https://www.bremercounty.iowa.gov/> for additional information or contact your medical provider or pharmacy.

The Bremer County Health Department was allocated a one-time allocation of 700 doses of the Janssen vaccine which will be administered to remaining Bremer County manufacturing workers, marginalized Bremer County populations, and Bremer County college students and staff the week of April 5, 2021.

The weekly allocation of COVID-19 vaccine to Bremer County is anticipated to remain with 400 doses per week through the week of April 5, 2021.

Iowans with barriers to scheduling a vaccine appointment or who do not have internet access can call 211 or (800) 244-7431 and a vaccine navigator will assist them with scheduling a vaccine appointment. Translation services are available.

For additional information, please visit <https://www.bremercounty.iowa.gov/> or <https://vaccinate.iowa.gov/>.

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