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Ripley County Health Department respectfully requests you, the good residents of Ripley County, to consider getting a COVID-19 vaccine if you have not yet. Please help us encourage social distancing, washing hands frequently, stay home if you are ill and mask up if social distancing is not possible. If you and your family have questions regarding your health and vaccines, please discuss these with your physician.

8/23/2021 until further notice: As we are seeing an increase in COVID-19 cases and the county moves in a negative way, additional mitigation efforts are recommended:

- Those planning events with more than 250 individuals, it is asked to submit an event safety plan to Ripley County Health Department. Please visit: [8.23 event plan.pdf](#)
- Mask/Shields are recommended where social distancing cannot be attained for both unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals. (Exemptions are considered)
- Additional vaccine clinics are being arranged. As of today, Pfizer is now FDA approved for 16+.
- Hand sanitizer and masks are continued to be provided by Ripley County Health Department.
- Once booster shots are allowed, they are going to be distributed throughout our office.

Working together we can and will get through this challenge. Thank you.

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Ripley County Health Officer

