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Cook County Closes South Suburban College Vaccination Site

SSC continues COVID-19 testing in South Holland and rapid testing in Oak Forest.

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL – Cook County Health (CCH) announced the closing of its mass vaccination site at South Suburban College (SSC) on May 29th. CCH President Toni Preckwinkle, SSC President Dr. Lynette Stokes and Chairman Frank M. Zuccarelli were among the dignitaries who were present for a “clap-out” ceremony to voice their thanks and recognition for the countless individuals who worked to make the College vaccination site one of the County’s most efficient.

“Thank you to President Preckwinkle, Cook County Health, the National Guard, and our entire team here at South Suburban College for providing a significant service and sacrifice to protect our community,” said Chairman Zuccarelli. “Our success here is a demonstration of how the South Suburbs works together to accomplish our goals and lift each other up.”

Individuals who will need their second vaccination shots have been scheduled for the Matteson location, or another site closer to their residence. Other regional sites are also being closed due to a significant slowing of demand for vaccination. SSC’s site was delivering 1,200 vaccinations per day during its peak, and has provided more than 71,000 vaccinations in total.

Cook County Health is encouraging individuals who are seeking vaccination to walk-in at the Matteson location at 4647 Promenade Way, or visit myshotcookcounty.com for an updated list of vaccination sites.

South Suburban College's *drive-thru testing* will continue four days a week on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. A second COVID-19 testing site recently opened at the College's Oak Forest Center to provide free *rapid testing* through the SHIELD Illinois program. The OFC-SHIELD testing site is initially limited to two days a week on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. If demand increases, dates and times will be expanded. To schedule an appointment, a SHIELD account must be created through [Portal.shieldillinois.com](https://portal.shieldillinois.com) using agency code: **df5brbrj**. SSC will be providing the SHIELD test at no cost, compared to \$100 or more for a standard nasal swab test. Current notification time for the saliva test is less than 24 hours.

South Suburban College's Oak Forest Center is located at 16333 South Kilbourn Avenue, Oak Forest, Illinois. The Main Campus is located at 15800 South State Street, South Holland, Illinois.

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