



## **Mayors and Managers Meeting Notes from 3.30.2020**

Participating: Addison, Bensenville, Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Clarendon Hills, Elmhurst, Glendale Heights, Glen Ellyn, Hinsdale, Itasca, Lemont, Lisle, Lombard, Naperville, Oakbrook Terrace, Roselle, Villa Park, Warrenville, West Chicago, Westmont, Wheaton, Willowbrook Winfield, Wood Dale, Suzette Quintell (DuPage Mayors and Managers)

DuPage County: Chairman Dan Cronin; Sheryl Markay, Chief Policy & Program Officer; Tom Ricker, GIS

DuPage County Health Department: Karen Ayala, Executive Director; Dr. Rashmi Chugh, Medical Officer; Dennis Brennan, Legislative Manager; Chris Hoff, Director of Community Health; Penny Chanez, Executive Asst.

***Purpose of the call today with Mayors and Managers is to address updated case counts and projections, mapping of cases, recreational guidance, volunteer opportunities and needs assessment.***

DuPage County Health Department Deputy Incident Commander, Chris Hoff facilitated the meeting.

Chairman Cronin – Welcomed everyone and expressed his appreciation of seeing everyone working together, is gratified to see so many people complying with the social distancing directives, encouraged everyone to lead by example, and stated his appreciation for having the best medical advisors and experts in Dr. Chugh and Executive Director Ayala and that DuPage County is seen as a leader in the efforts.

### **COVID-19 Update on Illinois and DuPage County Cases**

Director, Karen Ayala introduced the Health Department's Medical Director, Dr. Chugh who provided the following case updates and remarks.

- Illinois cases to date:
  - 4596 confirmed cases
  - 965 deaths
- DuPage County
  - 275 confirmed cases
  - 7 deaths
- There is evidence of widespread community transmission
- Peak is not expected for at least for two weeks, sometime in mid-April for Illinois
- Will not know peak until it actually occurs.

- COVID -19 could ultimately become a seasonal stream similar to other COVID infections. with the potential for ongoing cycling for months and years, but most significant occurrence is right now.
- Heartened by solidarity and humanity to prevent transmission in our communities.

### **COVID- 19 Mapping of Cases in DuPage County**

Tom Ricker from the DuPage County GIS division provided a map that indicates COVID-19 confirmed cases by municipality.

Director Ayala stressed the following regarding the information provided.

- Information is not complete and only indicates confirmed cases, does not provide a complete picture of COVID – 19 activity within each community
- Information will be updated daily
- Access link to information will posted on the DuPage County Health Department website this afternoon

### **Guidance for Parks, Forest Preserves, Golf courses, etc.**

Dennis Brennan clarified information on open/closures in recreational settings. There was some confusion relating to the Governor’s declaration.

- DuPage County Forest Preserves - open, but buildings are closed. Trails and settings are monitored by the Forest Preserve police. They will close the preserves if the public does not follow Public Health best practices and the rules contained in the Governor’s declaration.
- Park Districts – have individualized rules for their park district settings. They must adhere to the declaration for groups of more than 10. Playground equipment is closed for public use.
- Local and state police enforce other areas
- Morton Arboretum – trails are open, but all buildings are closed.
- April 7 deadline for these guidelines is expected to be extended.

Question from Carie Anne Ergo for clarification to golf rules and settings.

Response: Dennis Brennan – There was confusion on golf courses, but golf course settings are closed by the Governor’s declaration.

### **How to Help (volunteer, donate supplies or money)**

Director Ayala shared that individuals visit the DuPage County Health Department’s website ([www.dupagehealth.org](http://www.dupagehealth.org)) for a list of opportunities where people can volunteer or donate.

### **Needs Assessment**

Itasca – any additional information available to address first responder concerns for known addresses with confirmation of COVID-19 and shared the frustration at the lack of PPE which creates the conflict with the messaging being provided to first responders.

Response, Director Ayala: the recommendation is to assume every household could have potential exposure and adopt and follow PPE guidelines. Staff participate in weekly calls with fire and EMS - vast majority are adhering to these best practices.

Dr. Chugh added that a handful of cases can represent hundreds and hundreds can represent thousands. Activity is broader than it appears on the dashboard.

Chris Hoff added case numbers have ballooned and happening rapidly. It is challenging to give an exact number everyday. Balance what we can do with what we know about community spread.

Naperville question- is there tracking occurring of the rate of positive tests and hospital incoming counts.

Response: Dr. Chugh –

- there is a 40% hospitalization rate
- tracking with IDPH labs is occurring
- tracking with commercial labs has begun

B. Townsend -To confirm, DuPage County will not be sharing confirmed/positive C-19 cases or PUI with 1st responders or 911 centers?

Answer - correct, due to rapid spread, all calls should be treated that a suspected COVID-19 case is present.

2nd question - can Dr. Chugh or Karen address why such a large percentage of total C-19 tests being administered in Illinois are coming back negative? I believe the statistics that I saw showed 80%+ negative.

Response: Dr. Chugh - asymptomatic individuals are being tested also. Recommendation is to only have symptomatic tested.

Response: Chris Hoff -

- PPE from the State of Illinois is being distributed per guidance by IDPH.
- EMS are to go to their resource hospital
- Requests received are for up to 1.5 million pieces of PPE, including: gloves, masks, shields and gowns. Received thousands, but nowhere are we meeting the demand.
- Director Ayala shared that the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has received a robust response to the request for PPE donations.

Doug Krieger of Naperville - We are receiving specific addresses for positive cases from Will County so we can add this info into our CAD system. Why the difference?

Response, Director Ayala: Each Local Health Dept, is making those determinations DCHD following broader guidelines.

Naperville – is receiving emails from senior communities cut off from postal services Can COVID-19 be transferred to an individual from mail?

Response: Dr. Chugh - Recommendation is the practicing of routine hand hygiene when working with mail. It is possible but not likely.

Oakbrook - where can residents to get a quick test? This should be a focus for DuPage County. Are there any drive through facilities for residents?

Response: Dr. Chugh -

- testing by IDPH - prioritize testing for hospital workers and any person with COVID-19 exposure in a congregated setting
- Commercial lab testing – is done at the clinician’s recommendation, an individual should coordinate with their physician. The Health Department does not have the capacity for testing.

Response: Chris Hoff –

- 4 drive through testing sites are primarily focused on health care workers and first responders.
- Test capacity is limited., so it is being prioritized. Link of sites will be sent.
- Winfield commented that their contact with CDH did indicated that have a drive through test center, but they are out of tests.

Director Ayala concluded the meeting and thanked everyone for their participation.

There was no further discussion.

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

For PPE request: <https://www.dupagehealth.org/FormCenter/Contact-Us-5/COVID19-PPE-Request-79>

To view DuPage Cases and dashboard: [www.dupagehealth.org/covid19](http://www.dupagehealth.org/covid19)

A list of Testing sites: <https://chicago.suntimes.com/coronavirus/2020/3/24/21191831/map-heres-where-to-get-tested-coronavirus-chicago-illinois-covid-19>