



Mayors and Managers Meeting Notes from 4.6.2020

Participating: Addison, Bartlett, Bensenville, Bloomingdale, Burr Ridge, Carol Stream, Clarendon Hills, Elmhurst, Glendale Heights, Glen Ellyn, Hinsdale, Itasca, Lemont, Lisle, Lombard, Oakbrook,, Roselle, Schaumburg, Villa Park, West Chicago, Westmont, Wheaton, Willowbrook, Wood Dale, Woodridge, S.Quintell – DuPage Mayors and Managers

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

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, employment settings recommendations, new masking recommendations and general updates.

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

Chairman Cronin Comments: DuPage County continues to be part of communication network; we are fortunate to have a team of experts in place. Addressing COVID -19 requires team effort that include collaboration and sharing information which is important for cohesive messaging. Chairman Cronin shared his appreciation of everyone's efforts in these challenging times.

COVID-19 Update on Illinois and DuPage County Cases

Director, Karen Ayala introduced the Health Department's Medical Officer, Dr. Chugh who provided the following case updates and remarks. Illinois cases to date:

- State of Illinois
 - 11,256 confirmed cases
 - 274 deaths
- DuPage County
 - 647 confirmed cases
 - 22 deaths
- Intensively implemented disease spread control measures is critical at all levels
- Rate comparison:
 - DuPage County 70.6 per 100,000 population
 - Illinois is 89 per 100,000
 - National 103 per 100,000
 - Illinois curve is mirroring national curve
 - New York 633 per 100,000 cases, estimates Illinois is two weeks behind New York.
 - Cannot let up on measures

- Projections: anticipate peak mid to late April in Illinois

Question from Schaumburg – read a report on information and the impact on deaths on certain segments of population particularly minorities. Are deaths with individuals with underlying conditions, being counted as COVID -19 deaths?

- Response, Dr. Chugh: if someone is positive of COVID-19 per CDC guidelines, positive individuals are counted as a COVID -19 related death. If COVID-19 is the primary cause or a contributing cause is not fully understood. DCHD reflects the death as COVID-19 with underlying conditions.

Business Operation Updates – Chris Hoff

Provided update to return to work deadlines.

- No change to the recommendation of: Individual must have no subjected measure of fever, or respiratory symptoms or cough, or sore throat. Must be seven days fever free or 72 hours whichever is longer.
- Change is to work restrictions for critical infrastructure staff. Recommendation was to consider permitting continued work if asymptomatic. Current recommendation is to now be restricted 14 days. DCHD working with IDPH/CDC to determine the guidance since the recommendations are continually evolving.
- Health care workers/EMS asymptomatic after exposure: to maintain essential operation consideration is given to continue to work, if workforce at a critical level. This is a local agency decision. Requirements are spelled out in the CDC guidance.
- Director Ayala – The Health Dept. does not have jurisdiction over businesses.

CASE RELEASE INFORMATION UPDATE

Mr. Hoff also provided an update on confusion surrounding identification of case addresses after the Illinois Attorney General stated that this information could be released. IDPH disagreed. The Health Department will not release individual case addresses to EMS/FIRE/POLICE or anyone. The exception are of those cases in congregated settings in which case EMS/FIRE/POLICE will be notified.

Mayor Grasso stated that Mayors are not receiving information on congregated settings and the number of cases at these locations. Mr. Hoff verified that is correct and that information is only being shared with EMS, fire and police.

- Mayor Grasso added that Metro drive through testing does have more capacity and an individual must meet screening criteria to be tested.

Question, Mayor Veenstra of Addison: How is data is collected for the COVID-19 dashboard case counts provided on the Health Department's website: dupagehealth.org

- Response: Dr. Chugh
 - Electronic lab reporting is the cases
 - DCHD reports in 24 hours intervals

- How are unincorporated any person from municipality is being recorded?
 - Response, Dr. Chugh: Numbers are included with the municipality's numbers.

Hospitals and Guidance – Chris Hoff

- Planning for surge – DCHD working with hospitals
- State is working to procure space
- DCHD is engaged with IDPH and exploring sites i.e.; former Sherman Hospital, McCormick place

Other General Updates

- Cloth face covering - CDC now recommends wearing masks to help from spreading disease, recommendations can be found on the Health Department website, please share this information with residents.

Question, Carol Stream: questioned guidance on masks in an employment setting and suggested that guidance in writing would be helpful for employment settings.

- Response, Dr. Chugh: Communication with IDPH indicated that all persons outside the home should use adhere to universal masking, particularly if they cannot maintain a 6ft distance. Universal masking helps to also reduce stigma in an employment setting. Dr. Chugh to explore language to share per Carol Stream recommendation. DCHD will want messaging to be aligned with state and federal recommendations. *Update, IDPH guidance was shared with DuPage Mayors and Managers to distribute on 4/6/2020.
- Director Ayala shared that Choose DuPage is a great resource to assure businesses know the resources available to them. They will also be hosting a webinar tomorrow on their Choose DuPage website for the business community. Please promote through your social media platforms. <https://choosedupage.com/>
- Mr. Hoff shared that food operation permits and pool licenses invoicing is suspended at this time.
- PPE Update – OHSEM and DCHD continue to receive some supplies from donations, federal stockpile and some state procurement. Requests for PPE is listed on the DCHD website. Priority given to healthcare providers, long term care providers and first responders.

Phone numbers to reach DCHD during regular and after hours/weekends. Please indicate if you need direct consultation from CD/EPI when you call.

DuPage COVID-19 Call Center

If you are in DuPage County and have questions or concerns about COVID-19, contact the Health Department COVID-19 Call Center at (630) 221-7030

After hours/Weekends: (630) 682- 7400