



Mayors and Managers Meeting Notes from 4.20.2020

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

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

DuPage County Health Department Participants: 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, special situation notification, community and business updates and guidance, and PPE updates. DuPage County Health Department Deputy Incident Commander, Chris Hoff facilitated the meeting.

Director Ayala provided opening remarks and introduced Chairman Cronin.

Chairman Cronin Comments: Expressed his continued appreciation and is reviewing where the County is currently with the response and is mindful of both the State and Federal recommendations when making decisions on how best to move forward.

UPDATE ON SPECIAL SITUATION NOTIFICATIONS

Bob Berlin, DuPage County States' Attorney provided the following information on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the DuPage County Health Department, the DuPage County Chiefs of Police Association (DCCPA) and the DuPage County Fire Chiefs Association (DCFCA) for the purpose of providing address information regarding individuals with confirmed coronavirus COVID-19 through the Emergency Telephone System Boards (ETSB) to support first responder safety and health while protecting Individual's privacy in DuPage County.

- MOU is limited in scope and will not provide all information and the system information will not capture all positive cases, only those that have been lab confirmed.
- Health Department will update the system on a daily basis
- Notifications to remain in the system for 14 days
- Based on IL Attorney General's opinion, access to this information is limited to first responders only, it is not for distribution and is also not available to municipality leaders.
- Attorney General considering using DuPage's MOU as model for the state

1. Smart 911 Expansion

Mr. Hoff provided the following comments:

- Allows individuals to voluntarily provide medical information in the system for first responder awareness in the event they need to respond to the individuals home. This can be COVID-19 or other medical information.
- Information available on the Health Department website and social media platforms.
- DuPage ETSB will also provide messaging
- Encourage all Mayors and Managers to readily share this information through their own media platforms

COVID-19 UPDATE ON ILLINOIS AND DUPAGE COUNTY CASES

The Health Department's Medical Officer, Dr. Chugh who provided the following case updates and remarks.

Nationally over 760,000 cases are in the United States and deaths surpassed 40,000.

- State of Illinois
 - 30,000 plus lab confirmed cases
 - 1290 deaths
- DuPage County
 - 1693 lab confirmed cases
 - 87 deaths over half from long term care facilities

Illinois Department of Public Health is now providing long term care facility (LTC) case information on their website. Confusion from LTC's on the numbers being a provided and discussions are occurring to provide the most accurate information.

DuPage County Long Term Care Facility Numbers:

- Over 30 Long term care facilities have reported cases
- Regular outreach occurring with families and staff
- 22% of Illinois deaths are associated with LTC facilities – 296 cases out of 1693
- 60% of DuPage deaths are associated with LTC facilities - 53 out of 83

Mayor Grasso of Burr Ridge expressed his appreciation on the clarification of the percentages as they better match what he is seeing in his community which has 4 facilities. Information sharing is vitally important and that Mayors are kept informed of the centers in their communities which have confirmed cases and the numbers to provide better communication with their residents.

Mayor Grasso also added that Metro testing doctors in his community are looking for COVID-19 recovered patients for plasma draws. Is there a way to get this information? Per Dr. Chugh, not aware of any current process for this and outreach to IDPH for guidance may be the best direction at this time.

COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS UPDATES AND GUIDANCE

1. Needs for Healthcare System

Director Ayala provided an overview of the discussions with leaders from the healthcare systems.

- Felt that they have the capacity to deal with surge, but only if able to discharge individuals who no longer require care
- Discharge rate of 25 individuals per week across all healthcare systems

2. State of Illinois Alternate Housing Plan and request process.

Jason Sanford of the Illinois Emergency Management Association (IEMA) provided information on the State's Alternate Housing Plan and request process.

- FEMA approval on housing reimbursement goes through the Local Health Department.
- FEMA approved alternative housing are for those individuals who have been exposed and are considered negative but need to be quarantined, COVID-19 positive individuals requiring isolation and vulnerable populations, including those over 65 and immune compromised.
- IDPH approval includes local first responders/healthcare workers who have been exposed and do not want to expose family members.
- Municipalities are to follow plan A and if they exhaust resources should reach out to the state for further guidance.
- 2000 rooms are identified for use in the northern part of the state, 500 rooms identified in central and southern Illinois.
- Current activated locations – Embassy Suites and Hyatt in Schaumburg in Cook County. Wrap around services also provided including, food, cleaning etc. to limit risk exposure.
- The Health Department's role in these settings, at most, may be monitoring temperature testing.

Brian Townsend of Schaumburg stated the initial process was not entirely smooth, early communication and outreach is essential when activation is to occur so that community leaders can better address the concerns and questions of their constituents.

3. IL Emergency Workers' Compensation Rule

Mr. Hoff shared that the state enacted an emergency amendment for worker's compensation which states that due to the rapid spread of COVID-19 and uncertainty created within regulated industry to ensure first responders and essential front-line workers, who are most susceptible to exposure to COVID-19, are afforded the full protections of the Workers' Compensation Act in the event they are exposed to or contract the virus.

Chairman Cronin shared that this amendment has caused a great deal of concern from many individuals in the business community and he is currently sitting on a commission with the Chambers' of Commerce

to narrow the scope of the rule to be more appropriately tailored. Chairman Cronin also acknowledged the importance of essential workers and the need to protect them.

4. **Community-wide Testing Cautions**

Mr. Hoff and Dr. Chugh provided updates on the following:

- Community Testing – uptake in requests for locations from providers
- Important to do homework to assure those providing testing are reputable/licensed healthcare providers.
- Testing sites need to be safe and effective.
- Reach out to the Health Department with any questions.

Dr. Chugh also shared that validated testing will be needed for reducing restrictive measures that are currently in place.

In addition, the following needs to occur:

- Case investigate/ tracing
- Treatment
- Sustained reduction in new cases in 14 days. The state and County continues to see increased activity.

5. **Food Business Permit Update**

Mr. Hoff provided an update on the Health Department's invoicing for food permits. Invoicing will begin in May.

PPE UPDATES

Mr. Hoff stated that the Health Department continues its effort with the County's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management on the prioritization of the distribution of personal protection equipment, as well as managing donations of homemade masks.