Mayors and Managers Meeting Notes from 5.26.2020


DuPage County Representatives Participants: Executive Director, Karen Ayala; DuPage County Chairman, Dan Cronin and Board of Health President, Sam Tornatore were not on the call due to a conflict with the County Board meeting

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

Purpose of the call today with Mayors and Managers is to address updated case counts, Community and business updates and guidance. DuPage County Health Department Deputy Incident Commander, Chris Hoff facilitated the meeting.

COVID-19 UPDATE ON ILLINOIS AND DUPAGE COUNTY CASES

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

Nationally United States confirmed cases are exceeding 1.6million
Deaths at 98,228

- State of Illinois
  - 112,017 lab-confirmed cases
  - 4884 lab-confirmed deaths

- DuPage County
  - 7195 lab-confirmed cases
  - 338 lab-confirmed deaths

Dr. Chugh and Chris Hoff provided information on next steps and answers to questions relating to the reopening of DuPage County to assist Mayors and Managers with making informed decisions. The following points were covered:

- Wide distribution of cases is still occurring with the county.
- As of May 25th, testing for DuPage County is at 5025 residents tested per 100,000 or 5.03% of population.
- Contract tracing metrics have not been provided yet from the state. Currently working on internal metrics for DuPage County.
• Community specific long-term facility care numbers – community level and outbreak associated cases can be found on the Health Department’s website/ COVID-19 dashboard. Specific facility numbers are located on the Illinois Department of Public Health website.
• The Health Department is working on educational campaigns and communications that target populations most affected by the virus.

Reopening Guidance

• Outdoor dining – no specific recommendations on the use of fans.
• Indoor restroom usage permissible, signage required on health precautions i.e. proper handwashing.
• Outdoor seating regulations are articulated in the state guidelines.
• The Health Department will continue to work with food establishments to maintain safe and sanitary conditions at all open food establishments.
• Indoor pools, park district pools, saunas, water facilities etc. are not included in the Phase III opening. Therapeutic water facilities with one on one contact in health care environments fall under different regulation/guidance and the Health Department defers to those health care settings on whether these facilities will be open.
• Education and outreach to establishments not following the Governor’s plans will be handled by the Health Department. Strict enforcement is used as a final resort for those establishments who continue to operate outside of the Governor’s reopening plans.

Community-based Testing and Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)

• Chairman Cronin and Director Ayala advocated on behalf of DuPage County for a County community-based testing site which will be helpful towards moving the County to Phase IV. The State has agreed to a site to be located at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. Current projections are to be operational within a couple of weeks.
• There continues to be limitations to the Personal Protection Equipment available for distribution. Some additional supplies were received from the State, but all health systems continue to operate in a conservation mode, reusing PPE that would normally be discarded after one use. Any re-opening plans must take this into consideration.
• Flu reporting status – currently there is a decrease in activity. Low levels currently. End of May is the projected time that the Health Department concludes its reporting activity for seasonal flu activity.

Mr. Hoff concluded the call at 1:35PM with no further discussion. Participants were encouraged to reach out with any other concerns or questions.