



Mayors and Managers Meeting Notes from 6.29.2020

Municipalities Participating: Addison, Bensenville, Burr Ridge, Carol Stream, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Downers Grove, Elmhurst, Glendale Heights, Hanover Park, Itasca, Lemont, Lisle, Naperville, Oakbrook, Oakbrook Terrace, Roselle, Warrenville, West Chicago, Westmont, Winfield, S. Quintell – DuPage Mayors and Managers

DuPage County Representatives Participants: Sheryl Markay, Chief Policy & Program Officer

DuPage County Health Department Participants: Karen Ayala, Executive Director; 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.

Executive Director, Karen Ayala welcomed everyone and reviewed the topics to be discussed on the call.

COVID-19 UPDATE ON ILLINOIS AND DUPAGE COUNTY CASES

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

Globally, COVID-19 counts have exceeded 10 million cases including 500,000 deaths.

Nationally, the United States comprises 4% of the world's population but accounts for approximately 25% of COVID-19 cases and deaths; confirmed cases have exceeded 2.5 million, including 125,000 deaths in the U.S.

- State of Illinois
 - confirmed cases: 141,723
 - deaths: 6,888
- DuPage County
 - confirmed cases: 8,944
 - deaths: 463

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 aligned with Phase 4 of Restore Illinois. The Health Department continues monitoring current trends line indicators.

- All local indicators continue to be stable with a downward trend.
- Age distribution of cases in overall case percentages are occurring in middle aged individuals, with less severity in outcomes.
- Current hospitalizations are occurring at all ages.
- DuPage County is not seeing a surge in cases as other parts of the country, particularly in the South and West, but the age distribution of individuals contracting the virus is similarly trending slightly younger.
- Recovery data for individuals who contracted COVID-19 can be found on the IDPH website (currently at 94%) and will be included on the Health Department's COVID-19 dashboard this week (at www.dupagehealth.org/covid19data).
- The State of Illinois has included on their site a breakdown by county level of cases to pinpoint hot spots within the state (at www.dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics).

The Health Department's Communicable Disease and Epidemiology Unit reviewed data from the last two weeks and compared to all previous data and noted the following observations:

- Average age of cases over time is age 48/ Last two weeks average age is 41
- Average age of those individuals hospitalized over time is 62/ Last two weeks average age is 53
- Average age of deaths over time is 80/ Last two weeks only one death occurred in a case reported in the past two weeks, and the individual was in their 60's

Community Resources and Questions

- In response to a question on potential contributing factors of humidity levels and air conditioning. Dr. Chugh responded that she's not aware of conclusive evidence, but improved ventilation and air exchange rates may help prevent transmission risk indoors. The following links were provided in the chat room by Chris Hoff to help address HVAC concerns toward COVID-19 prevention: www.epa.gov/coronavirus/there-hvac-guidance-building-and-maintenance-professionals-can-follow-help-protect-covid and <https://www.ashrae.org/technical-resources/resources>
- Booking on airlines – recommendation is to following CDC recommendations to limit travel by air and cruises due to increased risk and lack of the ability to social distance. Some entities are asking patrons to sign liability waivers.
- Swimming pool guidance has been updated and can found on the IDPH website. Pools may now open under 50 percent of the maximum capacity limit. Still closure restrictions for other water themed activities.
- The DuPage testing site is open and is seeing an uptick in activity. Two other sites are open in Willowbrook and West Chicago. There is no cost for the testing and is open to anyone regardless of residency. Residency is not checked.
- Drive in movie theatres believed to be open but will need to double check.
- In response to a question on the limits of people gathering in outdoor areas and how to control if over 50 people. Director Ayala responded that recognizing the difficulty in monitoring all situations, there are no specific guidelines for certain unique situations such as commuter platforms at train stations or parking lots. Adherence to the Public Health protocols are the best course that everyone can take to prevent spread.

- The Illinois State Board of Education is working with IDPH on the reopening of schools. A guide to reopening plans was provided and can be found here. <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/Part-3-Transition-Planning-Phase-4.pdf>. In person learning is preferred and is being determined at the local level. The Health Department is working with the Regional Office of Education and local school superintendents on schools reopening plans. Additional state guidance is anticipated over the next few weeks.
- In response to a question on community levels of herd immunity, in the absence of a vaccine or successful therapeutic measures of treatment for the forward movement to Phase V of the reopening plan, Dr. Chugh responded that there are no concrete numbers on what level of exposure is present in the general population.

There will be no meeting on July 6, 2020. Weekly meetings will resume on July 13th through the end of July at which time members we revisit the frequency of meeting.

There was no further discussion. Participants were encouraged to reach out with any other concerns or questions. Director Ayala concluded the call at 10:56AM with no further discussion.