



Mayors and Managers Meeting Notes from 7.13.2020

Municipalities Participating: Addison, Bensenville, Bloomingdale, Burr Ridge, Carol Stream, Clarendon Hills, , Glendale Heights, Hanover Park, Hinsdale, Itasca, Oakbrook, Villa Park, Warrenville, West Chicago, , S. Quintell – DuPage Mayors and Managers

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

DuPage County Health Department Participants: Sam Tornatore, Board of Health President; Karen Ayala, Executive Director; Rashmi Chugh, Medical Officer; Dennis Brennan, Legislative Manager; Chris Hoff, Director of Community Health Resources; Adam Forker, Director for Client Access, 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 and shared the following point with the group on what has occurred since the last call that occurred on June 29, 2020.

- Seeing the effects of wider spread in the community
- The Health Department is currently working with area schools to address their reopening plans
- Articulated the need to have Mayors and Managers help with additional engagement and communications with residents.

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
 - Confirmed cases: exceed 3.3 million
 - Deaths: 135,219
- State of Illinois
 - confirmed cases: 153,916
 - deaths: 7,187
- DuPage County
 - confirmed cases: 9,721
 - deaths: 481
- New cases have increased in the last several days since the lowest point of confirmed cases on June 23rd.

- 81 percent increase in the 7-day rolling average of new cases over the past 3 weeks; increased community transmission is occurring.
- Emphasized the need for continued promotion of public health protocols
- Average age of confirmed cases from
 - March was 47 years of age from
 - 6/29-7/12 is 39 years of age
- Average age of hospitalization cases from
 - March was 62 years of age.
 - From 6/29-7/12 is 52 years of age
- Average age of deaths from
 - March was 80 years of age
 - No recent deaths to report with deceased date in the past two weeks. Hospitalizations and deaths are lagging indicators, meaning recent data may be incomplete due to reporting delays.

Testing Data

- Testing site volume has increased. Positivity rate from testing site is approx. 2%.
- Continued testing operations are also occurring in Willowbrook and West Chicago in addition to the DuPage County Complex site.
- Working with VNA to get a mobile test site in the Bensenville area. More details will be provided when they become available.
- IDPH testing site provides a comprehensive listing of all testing sites. Website <https://dph.illinois.gov/testing>. Link is also provided on the Health Dept. website.
- Director Ayala concurred with the comment that more testing is needed for the NE corner of the County.

Director Ayala also shared that the Health Department issued a statement in support of individuals quarantining 14 days after traveling to other areas in and out of the United States, particularly states with increased case activity (Texas, Florida, Arizona).

Dr. Chugh and Director Ayala provided the following answers to questions that were received by Mayors and Managers and information on contact tracing.

- There has been no change in case definition of COVID-19.
- The Health Department is directing some of the funding received to case investigation and contact tracing.
- Provided details on how contact tracing occurs. An individual is contacted when they had direct contact for 15 minutes or more or lack of social distancing of six feet with an individual who has tested positive. Resistance is occurring with some individuals who have been contacted. Contact tracing is critical to break the transmission of the virus through informing and educating individuals who have come in contact someone who is positive, so they may self-quarantine and symptom monitor for 14 days from their last exposure to a case.
- The Health Department is creating a community wide campaign “Answer the Call” to inform the public on what contact tracing is and what to expect if an individual receives a call.

- Director Ayala also asked that participants on today's call please share this messaging on their social media platforms and in public communications. Contact tracing and education is one of the only resources available to help reduce community wide spread of the virus.

Director Ayala discussed the recent heat and area cooling centers. There were no concerns expressed by participants.

Mayor Grasso of Burr Ridge questioned when information will be available on the severity of the recent infections. Mayor Grasso also shared that Burr Ridge will be implementing a rule mandating the wearing of masks in their community. Director Ayala said the amplification of the message to wear a mask is important in combatting the politicization of this issue.

Dr. Chugh responded that recovery rate data will be added to the Health Department's COVID-19 dashboard this week. The DuPage County rate is approximately 93% and the State of Illinois's rate is approximately 94%.

School Re-openings

Adam Forker shared the following on school re-openings.

- The Health Department is working in a collaborative effort with area school Superintendents.
- DCHD has participated in multiple calls discussing how to apply public health guidelines while addressing the many logistical challenges schools are experiencing.
- Communication includes best practices for school environments, including the discussion of face masks vs. face shields. Current recommendation is for face masks to be the standard expectation for prevention and they are not interchangeable with face shields
- Discussed the need to maintain 6 feet of distance in the classroom setting and how that will look in a classroom environment. Staff will continue to work in partnership with School Leaders, including the DuPage County Regional Office of Education, to assure the highest level of health and safety in the school community. DCHD has no authority to endorse school plans but is able to offer support to schools during this time of transition.
- Discussions are ongoing with the Regional Office of Education.
- DCHD is working with neighboring counties who share school district boundaries. A document will be released from all 4 counties with consistent messaging to assist communities, schools and parents.

Members agreed to continue with weekly meetings in July and will reevaluate the frequency of future meetings during the last call in July.

There was no further discussion. Participants were encouraged to reach out with any other concerns or questions. Director Ayala concluded the call at 10:47AM with no further discussion.