



Mayors and Managers Meeting Notes from 10.5.2020

Municipalities Participating: Addison, Bensenville, Bloomingdale, Burr Ridge, Carol Stream, Clarendon Hills, Elmhurst, Glendale Heights, Hanover Park, Hinsdale, Itasca, Lisle, Naperville, Oakbrook, Oakbrook Terrace, Roselle, Villa Park, Warrenville, Westmont, Wheaton, S. Quintell – DuPage Mayors and Managers

DuPage County Representatives Participants:

DuPage County Health Department Participants: Karen Ayala, Executive Director; Rashmi Chugh, Medical Officer; Dennis Brennan, Legislative Manager; Chris Hoff, Director of Community Health Resources; Adam Forker, Director of 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 shared the following: Today's call will address current DuPage County numbers, trends, metrics and resources including updates on other public health issues, including seasonal influenza and information concerning updates on synthetic opioid overdoses.

COVID-19 UPDATE ON ILLINOIS AND DUPAGE COUNTY CASES

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

Case Counts continues to rise nationally.

- Nationally
 - Confirmed cases: 7,420,206
 - Deaths: 209,811

- State of Illinois
 - confirmed cases: 301,541
 - deaths: 8,791
 - Recovery rate of: 96%

- DuPage County
 - confirmed cases: 18,174
 - deaths: 565

- Recovery rate of: 95.9%

Data/DuPage County Health Department COVID-19 Dashboard Review

Dr. Chugh and Mr. Hoff reviewed with participants the current data trends from the Health Department's COVID -19 dashboard found on the department's website.

- Positivity rate case data
 - DuPage County positivity rates are now just over 5% and continue to fluctuate between the 4 -6 percent range. The Health Department continues to concentrate efforts on maintaining and expanding testing efforts.
- Severe outcomes data
 - Current data show relatively low levels of severe outcomes, however hospital partners within the regional jurisdiction are beginning to report concerning upticks in admissions including ICU admissions. Director Ayala added that this is concerning with the concurrence of the upcoming flu season.
 - COVID-19-related deaths remain low but have increased since the lowest level reported in August.
- Trends by age group:
 - 0-19 age group data indicates a positive downward trend in case activity.
 - Of concern are individuals in the 20-39 and 40-59 age groups where increased case activity is occurring. Dr. Chugh stressed the importance of continued messaging of public health mitigation measures of wearing a mask, washing hands and social distancing.
- School Metrics
 - DuPage County School Metrics for week ending 10/5/ 20 was posted at 10:00AM this morning- and we remain in the MODERATE category.
 - DuPage County remains in the Blue level based on IDPH metrics. Blue indicates that the county is experiencing overall stable COVID-19 metrics.
 - Youth case counts are trending downward, including at the regional level.
- Outbreak Reporting
 - DuPage County Health Dept. Outbreak report is now included on the agency's website COVID -19 dashboard - <https://www.dupagehealth.org/covid19data>
 - Outbreak report includes year-to-date data.
 - Over 40% of outbreaks occurred at long-term care facilities and other workplaces.
 - Recent activity over the last two weeks shows more increased outbreak activity at fitness centers, workplaces and restaurants and under 30% at long term care facilities.
 - Training has been implemented to expand capacity to investigate, assess, and respond to outbreak activity.
- Halloween and Holiday Activities

- The Illinois Dept. of Health released its guidance for Halloween and holiday activities which mirrors the CDC Holiday Celebration guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween> Not anticipating any change – follows CDC
- Vaccinations
 - There is no change to last week's assessment on COVID-19 vaccination information which is as follows: The Health Department continues to monitor all available information on any potential vaccination for COVID-19. Mr. Hoff expressed the importance on setting community expectations on vaccinations. There is still not a concrete date for available vaccinations and when released the quantities are expected to be limited. The earliest prediction of any vaccine is the end of 2020, but this is only an estimation.
 - Dr. Chugh emphasized the importance of the getting a flu shot this year. The majority of this year's flu shot supply is quadrivalent and designed to protect against four different flu viruses. <https://www.dupagehealth.org/DocumentCenter/View/3817/DCHD-News-Release-Health-Department-Emphasizes-the-Importance-of-Getting-A-Flu-Shot-During-COVID-19-Pandemic-Sept-30-2020-PDF>
- Communication Resources
 - The Health Department's Business resource team is available to address any questions or complaints on business requirements and compliance of current requirements. - COVID19Business@dupagehealth.org
 - Failure in compliance through educational measures with non-compliant businesses can result in enforcement actions that may result in suspension of operating permits, business licensures and the implementation of state enforced legal measures.
 - Mr. Hoff and Director Ayala shared their appreciation of the involvement of local officials which has been highly effective in addressing some entities who have persistently disregarded current requirements.
- Educational campaigns and messaging –

Mr. Forker provided information on the agency's recent community educational campaigns and messaging.

<https://www.dupagehealth.org/DocumentCenter/View/3690/COVID-19-Education-and-Outreach-Resources-PDF>

<https://www.dupagehealth.org/DocumentCenter/View/3871/DMMC-Advertising-Snapshot-PPT>

 - The Health Department has begun a messaging campaign on billboards around the county.
 - Wear a mask messaging is now located at local gas stations.
 - The Health Dept. recently partnered with area laundromats to place messaging at their establishments.
 - Cable television and radio advertising just started this past weekend.
 - Digital advertising is occurring, including a presence on social media platforms.

Other Public Health updates

Director Ayala and Mr. Hoff provided information on the recent report about multiple counterfeit opioid pill-related overdoses.

- The following is a link to the Illinois Dept. of Health's recent news alert <https://www.dupagehealth.org/DocumentCenter/View/3861/News-Release-Health-Alert-New-Counterfeit-Opioid-Overdoses-Reported-in-Illinois-Oct-02-2020-PDF->
- Mr. Hoff also provided information on the DuPage Narcan program that is available to police departments and communities. <https://hopedupage.org/171/Training>

Chat box questions:

Mayor Pecak of Lisle:

Last night's MMC call with Mayor Lightfoot, Chicago stated that a larger focus will be put on Antibody and antigen testing. Will that happen in DuPage, and how will it affect our results?

- Response – Dr. Chugh: Currently no, however the Health Department continues to await guidance on antigen testing from IDPH.

Mayor Seuss of Wheaton:

Do we have a breakdown of hospitalizations by age group? Specifically, what level of hospitalizations for those 24 and younger?

- Response – Mr. Hoff: Cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are shown by age group including youth. Cases are shown on the chart on the left side middle. Hospitalizations and deaths are shown on the right middle chart.

Joseph T. Carey

Does this positivity factor individuals who take multiple tests or are those individuals taken out?

- The positivity rate does include individuals who have been tested multiple times. The positivity rate is determined by the total number of positive tests reported divided by the total number of tests reported for that day, multiplied by 100 to arrive at the positivity percent.

The case numbers currently reported by DCHD only count each individual once regardless of how many positive tests they received.

There was no further discussion. Participants were encouraged to reach out with any other concerns or questions. Director Ayala concluded the call at 10:55AM with no further discussion.