



Mayors and Managers Meeting Notes from 10.19.2020

Municipalities Participating: Addison, Bartlett, Bloomingdale, Burr Ridge, Carol Stream, Clarendon Hills, Elmhurst, Glendale Heights, Hanover Park, Hinsdale, Itasca, Lemont, Lisle, Lombard, Naperville, Oakbrook, Oakbrook Terrace, Villa Park, Warrenville, West Chicago, Westmont, Willowbrook, 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.

Director Ayala referenced the press release from Friday which highlighted the current and concerning trend of increased community transmission and COVID-19 activity.

<https://www.dupagehealth.org/DocumentCenter/View/4059/DCHD-News-Release-DuPage-County-Experiencing-Rise-of-COVID-19-Activity-Oct-16-2020-PDF> All key indicators have accelerated in the wrong direction.

Director Ayala shared that these increases are attributed to human behaviors and in order to change direction, Director Ayala emphasized the need for a commitment from the public to adhere to public health measures and for leaders to speak with one unified voice on the importance of practicing public health protocols and to provide reassurance to their communities and their constituents.

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: 8,157,704
 - Deaths: 219,706
- State of Illinois

- confirmed cases: 344,048
- deaths: 9,214
- Recovery rate of: 97%
- DuPage County
 - confirmed cases: 20,175
 - deaths: 596
 - Recovery rate of: 96.2%
- Average age of confirmed cases from
 - March to present was 43 years of age
 - From 10/5 -10/18 is 41 years of age
- Average age of hospitalized cases from
 - March to present was 61 years of age.
 - From 10-/5 -10/18 is 63 years of age
- Average age of deaths related to COVID-19 from
 - March to present was 80 years of age
 - From 10/5 -10/18 is 71years of age

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.

Dr. Chugh stated that current daily case counts exceed the peak of daily case counts that occurred in May and are now over 200 positive cases daily. Individual and collective behavior of Public Health mitigation efforts is waning as people are becoming tired of COVID -19 and this is contributing to the increase in positive case counts.

- Positivity rate data
 - Overall lab activity is indicating an increase in positive case counts
 - Recent positivity rate is approaching 8%
- Severe outcomes data
 - Based on a seven-day rolling average hospitalization data is highest since July 5th. A significant increase has occurred in the last two weeks.
 - Increased activity is being reported across all healthcare systems.
 - Hospitalizations include other medical conditions, but of those newly reported 50 - 75% of the current increase in hospitalizations are COVID-19.
 - Deaths remain at a relatively low level, but recent weeks are indicating a concern in the number of recent deaths reported, particularly given the reporting lag and the increases in positive case activity and hospitalizations.
- Trends by age group:
 - Dramatic rises are occurring in all adult age groups

- Those in the 80 years of age group and older are also seeing a rise in positive cases. This is concerning due to the implications associated with elderly patients as well as residents of long-term care facilities in whom the severe outcomes are most prevalent.
- Pediatric 5-14 years old also has shown a significant rise.
- 0-4 age group also seeing a slight rise.
- School Metrics for Week 41 ending on October 10, 2020
 - New cases per 100,000 per week – 119/100,000 as of Oct. 10th. The threshold is 100/100,000 per week based on the Illinois Dept. of Public Health’s risk metrics.
 - DuPage County as of today is exceeding 200 new case per day, per our seven-day rolling average. Correlation to substantial level of community spread.
 - A significant rise occurred between weeks 40 and 41.
 - Current positivity rate is 6% and trending upwards for week 41, ending 10/10/2020.
 - Regional level case activity is also increasing.
 - School openings are determined by school Superintendents.
- Business Updates
 - Mr. Hoff shared that Health Department staff continues to remain available to assist and provide educational resources to businesses on how to comply with the State of Illinois Restore Illinois Mitigation Plan. Enforcement measures through permitting, licensures and occupancy are the are used as a last resource to get a business to adopt the measures. <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/restore-illinois-mitigation-plan>
- Holiday Recommendations
 - The Illinois Department of Health has provided a set of holiday celebration recommendations. https://www2.illinois.gov/IISNews/22206-IDPH_Issues_COVID-19_Holiday_Season_Safety_Tips.pdf
- COVID -19 Testing
 - Operations at the Community-based testing site have been extended to the end of December based the current need and response from the community. 600 tests are being administered daily.
 - Director Ayala thanked DuPage County Board for the CARES Act funding dollars being used for testing efforts.

Mr. Hoff questioned participants for feedback on effective strategies they are using in their communities.

- West Chicago shared that they have placed community posters with messaging around their community.
- Mayor Grasso added that they are looking at positive ways to keep their community’s spirits up with light displays etc.

There was no further discussion. Participants were encouraged to reach out with any other concerns or questions. Mr. Hoff concluded the call at 10:52AM with no further discussion.