



## **Mayors and Managers Meeting Notes from 11.30.2020**

**Municipalities Participating:** Addison, Bartlett, Bloomingdale, Burr Ridge, Carol Stream, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Downers Grove, Glendale Heights, Hanover Park, Itasca, Lemont, Lisle, Lombard, Naperville, Oakbrook, Oakbrook Terrace, Roselle, Schaumburg, Villa Park, Warrenville, West Chicago, Wheaton, Willowbrook, Woodridge, S. Quintell – DuPage Mayors and Managers

**DuPage County Representatives Participants:** Dan Cronin, County Board Chairman, Sheryl Markay, Chief Policy and 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.

Director Ayala commented that this is an extraordinarily dynamic point in time with a surge in recent case activity and the concerns surrounding post-Thanksgiving Day levels of case activity expected to increase. In addition, there is an increase in fluidity around vaccine production/distribution which is a complex and important part of the recovery and response efforts.

Chairman Cronin – shared his appreciation for participants continued dialogue and shared optimism regarding the recent developments on vaccine.

Board of Health President, Sam Tornatore also shared his appreciation and recognized the pressures that participants are experiencing from many constituents with opposing thoughts.

## **COVID-19 UPDATE ON ILLINOIS AND DUPAGE COUNTY CASES**

The Health Department’s Medical Officer, Dr. Chugh provided updates focused on local levels of positive case count activity.

DuPage County

- confirmed cases: 43,445
- deaths: 729

- Average age of confirmed cases from
  - March to present was 42 years of age
  - From 11/16 -11/29 is 41 years of age
- Average age of hospitalized cases from
  - March to present was 62 years of age.
  - From 11/16 -11/29 is 70 years of age
- Average age of deaths related to COVID-19 from
  - March to present was 80 years of age
  - From 11/16-11/29 is 80 years of age

### **Data/DuPage County Health Department COVID-19 Dashboard Review**

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

- Age Group Data
  - All age groups continue to see increases in COVID-19 cases with adult age groups, particularly 20-39 years and 40-59 years, case counts experiencing the largest increases.
  - There was a significant surge in new cases, averaging over 700 cases per day during the last few weeks. Recently there has been a slight decrease to over 600 new cases per day. This may be due to a reporting lag being experienced due to the buildup of testing. It is anticipated that daily case counts will increase in the coming weeks, especially after the Thanksgiving holiday activities such as travel and gatherings.
- Hospitalizations and Death Data
  - The continuing increases in both hospitalization and death counts are taking a concerning toll on staffing at the hospitals, particularly in intensive care units (ICU).
  - 12 deaths were reported on Sunday 11/29/2020 alone, this weekend.
  - The Health Department focus remains on containment, including recommending isolation for those with symptoms and/or COVID-19 infection (min. 10 days) and quarantine (min. 14 days) for those who came in close contact with an individual who tested positive. Testing and symptom monitoring are also recommended.
  - Daily census data of DuPage County hospitals indicate a dramatic rise in COVID-19 patient admissions. This morning 340 individuals were admitted. This may include individuals who do not reside in DuPage County.
- Tier 3 Mitigation
  - Region 8 is at Tier 3.
  - Enforcement of Tier 3 mitigations – a copy of the administrative code rules is provided in the resources below. There have been areas of confusion on

enforcement capabilities of the Governor's order. Some enforcement measures are codified in the administrative code rules.

- Testing Updates
  - The newest community-based testing site at the Odeum Expo Center located in Villa Park conducted 500 tests per day during its first week.
  - The DuPage County Fairground's community-based testing site has moved to an indoor drive through model beginning today and will continue through the winter months.
  - The Health Department continues to work with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to bring mobile sites to communities.
  - In response to a question on the total number of confirmed cases, the Health Department's dashboard reflects reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) confirmed test cases only. The Health Department does investigate probable cases in addition to confirmed cases. PCR testing is considered the gold standard for diagnosing current COVID-19 infection.
  - Testing is recommended when an individual is experiencing symptoms or when an individual has been in close contact with an infected person, 5-7 days after exposure. Repeat testing after an initial positive diagnostic test is not routinely recommended.
- Vaccine Planning
  - Approval of vaccine is anticipated within the week under the FDA's emergency use authorization.
  - Communication of good, accurate information of vaccine safety and effectiveness and setting expectations is important.
  - Illinois is expected to receive approximately 80,000 doses. This figure does not include the amount to be received in Cook County. Chairman Cronin expressed the need to be diligent on equitable distribution.
  - Large vaccination clinics are not anticipated due to the low amount vaccine expected in the initial distribution.
  - Upon approval, the likely recommendation for use will be first for Tier I health care personnel, essential workers in fire/police, adults with underlying medical conditions that are at greater risk for negative outcomes if contracting the virus and individuals in congregate settings such as long-term care facilities.
  - Initial doses are expected to be in small quantities and people will need to continue to adhere to the public health mitigation measures of distancing, washing hands, wearing a mask, and staying at home except for essential purposes. More broad vaccine distribution is not anticipated for at least 3 - 6 months.

A list of references and resources were provided in the chat box addressing items discussed in today's call.

**ILLINOIS CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES CODE (77 ILL. ADM. CODE 690)**

<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19/77-690RG-E20200807.pdf>

**TESTING**

- **Testing Recommendations - CDC**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/index.html>
- **Testing Information for DuPage County**  
<https://www.dupagehealth.org/601/COVID-19-Testing-in-DuPage-County>

**VACCINE**

- **Vaccine Recommendations- CDC**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/vaccines/recommendations-process.html>

There was no further discussion. Participants were encouraged to reach out with any other concerns or questions. Mr. Hoff concluded the call at 11:00 AM.