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Established in 1945, DuPage County Health Department promotes physical and emotional health; prevents illness injury and disability; protects health from environmental risk factors, and strives to assure the provision of accessible, quality service.

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## **Over 46,000 COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Administered Despite Limited Vaccine Supply**

**DuPage County**—As of today, DuPage County leads the state with 1.39% of the population fully vaccinated. Over 46,000 vaccines have been administered to DuPage County residents, and 12,949 persons have been fully vaccinated with two doses, according to [COVID-19 vaccination data](#). As the number of individuals vaccinated in the Phase 1a category increases to a substantial level, DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) anticipates beginning the transition to Phase 1b starting Monday, January 25. Based on the very limited supply of COVID-19 vaccine across the country and in DuPage County, we anticipate it may take approximately 12 weeks to vaccinate the estimated 268,000 individuals in DuPage County who meet Phase 1b criteria.

Anyone who lives, works, or attends college/university in DuPage County can register for updates about where and when COVID-19 vaccine will be available at [www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine](http://www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine). Over the coming months, people will be able to access vaccine through a health care provider, retail pharmacies, the Health Department, and many other locations. As the vaccine supply increases, much more information will be available from all of these providers about vaccine scheduling.

“While residents wait for their opportunity to receive vaccine, we remind everyone to keep doing everything they can to prevent the spread of this virus — including wearing face masks, physical distancing, and isolating or quarantining when needed,” stated Karen Ayala, Executive Director of DuPage County Health Department.

Healthcare providers in DuPage County have made substantial progress in administering vaccine received into the arms of Phase 1a healthcare personnel. DCHD is receiving and distributing an average total of 13,000 Pfizer and Moderna vaccines per week. The most significant factor in how many vaccines can be administered in DuPage County is the supply

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of vaccine available to us each week. The vaccine supply made available to DuPage County has varied from 10,075 to 23,925 each week.

“We recognize the sense of urgency to vaccinate our residents as quickly as possible. The Health Department team is working tirelessly seven days a week to increase vaccine accessibility and to ensure everyone who wants the vaccine will get it. The demand for vaccine currently exceeds the supply available to us which means it will take time to fully vaccinate those in DuPage County,” said Ayala. “We ask for everyone to understand that we can only administer the vaccine that is available to us each week through both the Health Department and our network of partner providers in the community.”

The Health Department is working diligently with many different partners at all levels, including hospitals, healthcare providers, pharmacies, and community leaders to expand access to vaccine through numerous sites across DuPage County. As vaccine supply increases over time and additional vaccination sites become available, the Health Department expects the rate of vaccination will increase and more information will be available about the specific locations people will be able to contact to schedule appointments for vaccine.

Furthermore, to provide additional support to the expansion of vaccination efforts in the County, the community-based drive-thru testing site in Wheaton will close at the end of this month. The last operating day is Friday, Jan. 29. For more information regarding local testing, please visit [COVID-19 Testing in DuPage | DuPage County Health, IL](#).

DuPage County COVID-19 information and resources are available at [www.dupagehealth.org/covid19](http://www.dupagehealth.org/covid19).

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