Mayors and Managers Meeting Notes from 1.25.2021


**DuPage County Representatives Participants:** Dan Cronin, County Board Chairman, Sheryl Markay, Chief Policy and Program Officer; Joan Olson, Chief Communications 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, 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.

Chairman Cronin – shared that he is confident that the County has enough resources and sites in place when more vaccine becomes available to handle the number of individuals who will need to be vaccinated. Mr. Cronin expressed his continued appreciation of everyone’s efforts.

Board of Health President, Sam Tornatore agreed with Chairman Cronin and echoed his sentiments.

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

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

DuPage County
  - confirmed cases: 67,241
  - deaths: 1,082

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

To provide additional time for participants to ask questions and discussion on vaccination efforts, the dashboard review was shortened. Dr. Chugh and Mr. Hoff highlighted a few updates.

- Dashboard Data
  - The overall COVID-19 case counts are showing an encouraging downward trend; however, the numbers are still higher than the peak case counts that occurred in the spring.
  - Testing volume and positivity graphs are now posted on the Health Department’s COVID-19 dashboard on the website. Testing volume remains at a high level and the positivity rate is moving in the right direction and is now between 7 and 8 percent.
  - Hospitalizations are still higher than two months ago, but current data show a downward trend.
Daily hospital census report indicates that in the last week hospitalizations remain relatively flat at around 200 per day.
Deaths continue to disproportionately affect the elderly, however, there have been two individuals under the age of 40 years who have also recently died of COVID-19.

Resurgence and Metrics Update:
Region 8 consisting of Kane and DuPage counties was moved from Tier 3 to Tier 2. Mr. Hoff reviewed what changes will occur under this transition. A copy of the Illinois Department of Health’s (IDPH) COVID-19 Resurgence Criteria was provided. https://www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics?regionID=8

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates
Mr. Hoff shared a PowerPoint presentation on the most up to date information on DuPage County’s vaccination efforts. A copy of the PowerPoint is included with the meeting notes.

Mr. Hoff reviewed the following:

- Vaccine distribution and DuPage County Health Dept. vaccine goals
- Vaccine allocation numbers by week
  a. Average allocation of vaccine received weekly is 13,000 doses.
  b. Allocation of COVID-19 vaccine to essential workers and persons at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease balances the vaccination program priorities of minimizing societal disruption and preventing morbidity and mortality.
- Prioritization groups
  a. Phases and transitioning between phases.
  b. Transition to Phase 1b begins on 1/25/2021.
  c. There will be no sub prioritization in this group which consists of approx. 300,000 individuals.
  d. Assuming a stable supply of incoming vaccine based on the current average number of doses received in DuPage per week it is estimated to take approx.12 weeks to get through eligible persons in Phase 1b
- Locations of approved vaccination locations
  a. 83 sites currently approved to provide COVID-19 vaccine.
- Planning and progress
  a. Over 54,655 doses administered to DuPage County residents as of 1/25/21

Responses to chat box questions.

- The Health Department is not planning to ration or prioritize further within 1B since the groups are considered equally weighted by the guidelines offered from the Federal and State guidelines. Our notifications for appt. opportunities will seek to reach those who signed up earliest but will ultimately be sent to everyone on the list to allow equal opportunity to access the limited number of appts. available.
- Registrants will receive an email with the instructions necessary for accessing their appt. Opportunities may be with the DCHD clinic but may also be with our local healthcare and pharmacy providers as well. DCHD and partners are most commonly direct registrants to select an appt. time via an online scheduling program of some sort.
• An ideal state would equal one source of information or access point however this is not viable given the current complexities of this public health emergency. Residents should take advantage of every possible opportunity to access this vaccine. This means they should register with DCHD, they should monitor IDPH website and press releases for information about how to access State-sponsored vaccination sites, they should contact their PCP to see if they are offering, and they should check with their local pharmacy to see if they have available appts. for them.
• All vaccine allocated to DCHD is being used.
• DCHD is doing everything possible to screen individuals appropriately at our clinic and have tuned several ineligible individuals away when they do not meet the phased eligibility criteria. It is not possible for DCHD to monitor the registration and screening of all other providers in DuPage. It is also possible that some individuals have found workarounds or misrepresented themselves to access the vaccine in some instances.
• The new COVID-19 variant discovered in the United Kingdom is up to 50% more virulent but further studies are needed and has been discovered in over 20 states including Illinois.
• Public Health mitigation measures of proper hand hygiene, social distancing, and wearing a mask still need to be followed, even with increasing vaccination rates, as additional tools to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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.
The next call is scheduled for 2/1/21.
Facts about COVID-19 vaccines

Vaccines (shots) are one of the tools we have to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

To stop this pandemic, we need to use all of our prevention tools. Vaccines are one of the most effective tools to protect your health and prevent disease. Vaccines work with your body’s natural defenses so your body will be ready to fight the virus, if you are exposed (also called immunity). Other steps, like wearing a mask that covers your nose and mouth and staying at least 6 feet away from other people you don’t live with, also help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are very effective at keeping you from getting COVID-19. Experts also think that getting a COVID-19 vaccine may help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19. These vaccines cannot give you the disease itself.
Even after you get your vaccine, you will need to keep wearing a mask that covers your nose and mouth, washing your hands often, and staying at least 6 feet away from other people you do not live with. This gives you and others the best protection from catching the virus. Right now, experts don’t know how long the vaccine will protect you, so it’s a good idea to continue following the guidelines from CDC and your health department. We also know not everyone will be able to get vaccinated right away, so it’s still important to protect yourself and others.
Vaccine Distribution
DCHD Vaccination Goals

► DuPage population (2019 census): 922,921

► DuPage population over 18 years old (77.5%): 715,263

► 80% of DuPage Population over 18 years old: 572,210

*Evaluation of vaccines for those under 16 is ongoing
Vaccine Distribution

- DuPage County currently receiving an average of 13,000 doses per week
  - 54,655 doses administered
  - 15,012 people fully immunized (2 doses)
  - 1.62% of population fully immunized

- IDPH dashboard to track vaccines administered
  (https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccinedata?county=DuPage)

- DCHD expanding number of sites who are receiving vaccines (Hospitals, Pharmacies, Clinics, DCHD)
# Vaccine Distribution


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<th>County</th>
<th>Administered Vaccines</th>
<th>Persons Fully Vaccinated</th>
<th>Population</th>
<th>% Population Fully Vaccinated</th>
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<td>DuPage</td>
<td>54,655</td>
<td>15,012</td>
<td>928,589</td>
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<td>Mason</td>
<td>1,082</td>
<td>214</td>
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<td>Winnebago</td>
<td>13,798</td>
<td>4,144</td>
<td>284,081</td>
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<td>Perry</td>
<td>1,227</td>
<td>308</td>
<td>21,174</td>
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<td>Richland</td>
<td>981</td>
<td>223</td>
<td>15,763</td>
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<td>Marshall</td>
<td>907</td>
<td>159</td>
<td>11,534</td>
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<td>Adams</td>
<td>9,730</td>
<td>885</td>
<td>65,691</td>
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<td>Knox</td>
<td>4,495</td>
<td>679</td>
<td>50,112</td>
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<td>Stark</td>
<td>332</td>
<td>71</td>
<td>5,427</td>
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<td>Chicago</td>
<td>136,032</td>
<td>31,944</td>
<td>2,705,994</td>
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Total Vaccine Received by Week in DuPage County

- Week 1 (12/13-12/19): 10,000
- Week 2 (12/20-12/26): 15,000
- Week 3 (12/27-1/2): 20,000
- Week 4 (1/3-1/9): 5,000
- Week 5 (1/10-1/16): 25,000
- Week 6 (1/17-1/23): 10,000

Vaccine Distribution
Vaccine Received

1/25/21
### Vaccine Distribution

#### Prioritization Groups

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<th>Phase</th>
<th>Population Group</th>
<th>Examples of individuals in priority groups</th>
<th>Estimated size (DuPage County)</th>
<th>Total Phase Size (estimate)</th>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>High risk workers in health care facilities</td>
<td>Physicians, nurses, respiratory technicians, dentists and hygienists, nursing assistants, assisted living facility staff, long-term care facility staff, group home staff, home caregivers, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), etc.</td>
<td>43,000</td>
<td>1A 58,000</td>
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<td>1A</td>
<td>Residents in Long Term Care (LTC) facilities and Congregate Care Residential Facilities</td>
<td>Adults who live in facilities that provide a variety of services including medical and personal care to persons who are unable to live independently.</td>
<td>15,000</td>
<td>1A 58,000</td>
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<td>1B</td>
<td>Frontline essential workers</td>
<td>First responders, education workers including teachers, support staff and childcare workers, manufacturing, distribution, and agriculture workers, United States Postal Service workers, correction workers and incarcerated people, public transit workers, grocery store workers, shelter and day care workers.</td>
<td>116,952</td>
<td>1B 268,002</td>
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<td>1B</td>
<td>All residents age 65 and over</td>
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<td>151,050</td>
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<td>1C</td>
<td>All residents 16 to 64 years old with medical conditions that increase the risk for severe COVID-19</td>
<td>Conditions include obesity, diabetes, pulmonary disease, heart condition including hypertension, kidney disease, cancer, immunocompromised, sickle cell and pregnancy.</td>
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<td>1C 386,756</td>
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<td>1C</td>
<td>Essential workers</td>
<td>May include: Transportation &amp; Logistics, food service, housing (e.g., construction), finance (e.g., bank tellers), information technology &amp; communication, energy, media, legal, public safety (e.g., Safety Engineers), water &amp; wastewater, public health workers.</td>
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A vaccine will be available to all who are eligible and want it. Since supplies will be limited at first, vaccine will be prioritized through a phased approach:

**Phase 1a:**
Healthcare personnel and congregate care staff and residents.

**Phase 1b:**
Frontline essential workers and those aged 65+.

**Phase 1c:**
Those persons aged 16 to 64 years with medical conditions that increase the risk for severe COVID-19, and other essential workers.

**Phase 2:**
Larger number of vaccines are available. The rest of the population.

Group recommendations may change, depending on the vaccines available, supply, and disease spread in the community.
Transitioning Between Phases

- Demand in current phase is **less** than vaccination capacity
  - For example, appointments for vaccine <80% filled for several days

- Supply **increases** significantly
  - More doses available of current vaccines or new vaccine authorized

- Most persons within current phase **vaccinated** (>60-70%)
Vaccine Distribution

Where will I get my vaccine?

- Federal allocation to Illinois (weekly)
- IDPH allocation to DuPage (weekly)
- DCHD allocation to vaccine providers (weekly)
- Vaccine Providers in DuPage County

Hospitals
- DuPage County Health Department

Outpatient Providers
- Large employers

Pharmacies

Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers (FQHCs)

*83 providers in DuPage County approved as of 1/25
Who can receive vaccine?

Requirements to provide COVID-19 vaccine

- Healthcare providers able to vaccinate per their scope of practice
- Medical oversight and direction for vaccination
- Approved by IDPH in I-CARE (Illinois Comprehensive Automated Immunization Registry Exchange)
  - Agreement to follow prioritization, ability to handle and store vaccine appropriately, capability to vaccinate, monitoring and reporting requirements
- Ability to schedule appointments and to manage vaccine process
- Vaccine available to allocate to the provider
Interim recommendations about the allocation of COVID-19 vaccine are guided by:

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) based on recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

2. Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)
## COVID-19 Vaccination Phase 1b

Persons that have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and frontline workers with higher risk of exposure due to inability to perform work duties remotely and proximity to coworkers or the public

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<th>Eligible individuals</th>
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<td>Elder</td>
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<td>Age 65+</td>
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<td>First Responders</td>
<td>Fire, law enforcement, 911 workers, security personnel, school officers</td>
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<td>Education (Congregate Care, Pre-K through 12th grade)</td>
<td>Teachers, principals, student support, student aids, day care workers</td>
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<tr>
<td>Food and Agriculture</td>
<td>Processing, plants, veterinary health, livestock services, animal care</td>
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<tr>
<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>Industrial production of good for distribution to retail, wholesale or other manufactures</td>
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<td>Corrections Workers and Inmates</td>
<td>Prison/jail officers, juvenile facility staff, workers providing in-person support, inmates</td>
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<td>United State Postal Services Workers</td>
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<td>Public Transit Workers</td>
<td>Flight crew, bus drivers, train conductors, taxi drivers, para-transit drivers, in-person support, ride sharing services</td>
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<td>Grocery Store Workers</td>
<td>Baggers, cashiers, stockers, pick-up, customer service</td>
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<td>Shelters/Adult Day Care</td>
<td>Homeless shelter, women's shelter, adult day/drop-in program, sheltered workshop, psycho-social rehab</td>
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Source: [https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccine-faq](https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccine-faq) (1/8/2021)
ACIP Prioritization

- ACIP’s ethical principles for allocating initial supplies of COVID-19 vaccine, namely, to maximize benefits and minimize harms, promote justice, and mitigate health inequities.

- Allocation of COVID-19 vaccine to essential workers and persons at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease balances the vaccination program priorities of minimizing societal disruption and preventing morbidity and mortality.

- Allocation of vaccine to frontline essential workers in Phase 1b acknowledges their increased risk for occupational exposure compared with other essential worker categories, as well as the benefits to society of maintaining these essential functions.

- Allocation to persons aged ≥75 years is supported by their high risk for COVID-19–associated morbidity and mortality and is anticipated to also reduce hospitalizations in this group, easing the burden on strained health care systems.

Source: https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm695152e2.htm?s_cid=mm695152e2_w
Phase 1c: (Still in draft form based on ACIP and IDPH recommendations. Further updates to be released for Phase 1c for the context of Illinois.

- Persons aged 16 to 64 years old with medical conditions that increase the risk for severe COVID-19. Conditions include obesity, diabetes, pulmonary disease, heart condition including hypertension, kidney disease, cancer, immunocompromised, sickle cell and pregnancy.

- Other essential workers, may include: Transportation & Logistics, Food Service, Housing (e.g., Construction), Finance (e.g., bank tellers), Information Technology & Communication, Energy, Media, Legal, Public Safety (e.g., Safety Engineers), Water & Wastewater, Public Health Workers.
Phase 2: (more guidance to come pending ACIP and IDPH recommendations):
- It is possible that Phase 2 will include the rest of the population aged 16 & up. ACIP will make specific age recommendations as data become available.
Vaccine Distribution
Planning and Progress

Current work being done:

• Over 54,655 doses administered as of 1/25/21

• DCHD is allocating vaccine available to healthcare systems and running vaccination clinics
  • Vaccine clinics through DCHD for ~1,500 per week
  • Expanding availability of vaccine through health systems, pharmacies, and other providers (1000s of appointments per week)

• DCHD is working with health systems and other vaccinators to assure individuals in Phase 1a (healthcare personnel) are vaccinated (about 43,000 in DuPage)

• Transition to 1b (about 270,000 in DuPage) starts 1/25/21
Vaccine Distribution

Public Information

dupagehealth.org/COVID19Vaccine

- Launched COVID-19 vaccine pages

- As more information becomes available additional pages will be added

- Vaccine will be available in more and more locations over the coming weeks

- Sign up for information about vaccine appointments and updates

- As appointments become available through DCHD or partners we will communicate directly to those signed up

1/14/21
Questions?