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## DuPage County Moves to Phase 4 Mitigations

**DuPage County**— Due to the substantial progress DuPage County has made against COVID-19, the State of Illinois is moving Region 8 (DuPage and Kane) to [Phase 4](#) mitigations today. To maintain this progress, DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) urges residents, including persons who have been vaccinated against COVID-19, to continue adhering to the public health measures that help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

As of today, 78,422 COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered to DuPage County residents eligible in the Phase 1a and 1b priority groups. This represents an increase of 19,847 vaccinations over the past week. With 2.32%, or 21,579, of residents now fully vaccinated with two doses, DuPage County continues to lead the Chicago metropolitan counties in this metric. However, vaccine supply is limited, and many eligible residents are experiencing difficulty with scheduling their first vaccine appointment. As the vaccine supply increases, DCHD expects this process will improve for more residents.

“Together with our community partners, including hospitals, medical providers, and pharmacies, we are expanding the infrastructure to vaccinate as many eligible people, as quickly as possible,” said Karen Ayala, Executive Director of DuPage County Health Department. “However, much more vaccine supply is needed to allocate to all of our vaccine partners and open appointments more broadly.”

On average, DuPage County is receiving about 14,000 vaccine doses per week which limit the number of people that can be vaccinated. DCHD continues to increase the number of providers who are receiving vaccine in DuPage County. Currently, 39 sites are receiving vaccine.

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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In addition to the thousands of vaccines administered through vaccine clinics at hospitals, outpatient providers, and pharmacies each week, the DCHD COVID-19 vaccine clinic continues to vaccinate between 1,500 – 2,000 people per week while prioritizing persons in the Phase 1a category. Appointment links for the DCHD vaccination clinic are sent to the Phase 1a or 1b eligible persons registered through the DCHD registration form, in chronological order based on the date they registered. Additional sets of appointments are opened every few days, as vaccine supply allows.

Anyone who lives or works in DuPage County should register for updates about when and where COVID-19 vaccine will be available at [www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine](http://www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine). However, if opportunities become available through pharmacies, healthcare providers, or medical groups, people should also register with those providers and get vaccinated at the first opportunity available. If a person who lives or works in DuPage does not have access to the internet, a computer, or needs support with registering, including language assistance, they should call the Health Department at (630) 682-7400 and a representative will assist them. As vaccine supply increases, the Health Department will share more information about the specific locations people will be able to contact to schedule appointments for the vaccine.

As residents wait for vaccine to be available to them, the Health Department urges everyone to do their part in preventing the spread of COVID-19 by wearing face masks, physical distancing, avoiding large in-person gatherings, washing their hands, and isolating or quarantining when necessary. Everyone, including those who have been fully vaccinated, should continue using these measures to help end this pandemic as we learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions.

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

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