Mayors and Managers Meeting Notes from 2.8.2021


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 his concerns on the challenges surrounding vaccine shortages in DuPage County and the need for a more transparency from the Illinois Department of Health on vaccine allocations. Mr. Cronin shared that DuPage County has repeatedly offered resources and is equipped to handle a larger scale vaccination rate for the residents of DuPage County.

Board of Health President, Sam Tornatore echoed the Chairman’s remarks and added his appreciation of the efforts of the staff at the Health Department in addressing and overseeing the vaccine distribution efforts for the County.

COVID-19 UPDATE DUPAGE COUNTY AND DASHBOARD REVIEW

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

DuPage County Dashboard Review
  o confirmed cases: 69,611
  o deaths: 1132
  o The overall COVID-19 case counts continue to show encouraging downward trend.
  o The positivity rate is currently 4.6%.

COVID-19 Variants

Dr. Chugh provided an updated on new variants of COVID-19.

  • Variant B117, originating in the UK: currently there are 690 cases including 17 cases in Illinois with Florida reporting the most cases. DuPage County does not have any identified variant cases to date.
• Variant B1351, originating in South Africa: there are currently 6 identified cases. There are no cases reported in Illinois.
• Variant P1, originating in Brazil: they are currently 3 identified cases

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Mr. Hoff provided a Powerpoint Presentation (a copy is included with the minutes) with updates on the Health Department’s COVID-19 vaccine response. Mr. Hoff noted the areas where participant’s help is needed in providing messaging to constituents to help manage expectations regarding vaccine distribution. The following are key areas that are impacting vaccine availability.

• There are approximately 270,000 people eligible in Tier 1b and the Health Department is receiving about 10,000 doses of vaccine per week.
• The Health Department receives one week notice on the amount of vaccine to be received for the following week. The amount of vaccine varies from week to week.
• The focus is on assuring broad access to all individuals eligible in 1b and there continues to be a high level of interest from schools, seniors, and groups that want to be added to Tier 1b.
• This week, 53 providers were ready to provide vaccine and had the capacity to administer 44,000 doses. The allocation from IDPH this week was for 10,000. This is an example that indicates the extreme mismatch in the agency’s capability vs the amount allocated to the Health Department. The Health Department has no influence in the amount of vaccine received from the State of Illinois.
• Mr. Hoff shared the need for Mayors and Managers to help in building people’s confidence that the system is working. DuPage County leads metro Chicago in the percentage of population fully immunized.

Responses to chat box questions.

• In response to a question on other providers in the County who are sub prioritizing groups in Tier 1b – Mr. Hoff shared that the Health Department is responsible for the distribution of vaccine to providers in the community and some healthcare systems are focusing on the 65plus age group for vaccinations as they are better equipped to address this population. However, the Health Department continues to work with providers with the understanding that they will need to provide to other individuals in Tier 1b when they have reached a good portion of individuals in the 65plus age group.
• In response to a question as to where the public can see a list of providers in the community who are approved to provide vaccinations, Mr. Hoff shared links on the IDPH website that contains the information of approved providers, but Ms. Ayala cautioned that due to limited quantities of vaccine available, not all sites may have vaccine to provide. IDPH is also providing vaccine to approved providers and the Health Department is trying to ascertain through IDPH what the direct allocations from the State of Illinois are to these providers. Mr. Hoff also added that not all providers are listed. Some smaller providers who are not open to the public are not listed so that they are not overwhelmed with public requests for vaccinations.
• In response to a question for the rationale behind continued use of face coverings and social distancing once an individual has been properly vaccinated? Dr. Chugh responded: due to still
high levels of circulating virus (the vaccine has shown high efficacy at 94-95%, but not 100%) as well as increasing prevalence of new variants, particularly B117 (originated in UK), alongside incomplete data on durability of protection from vaccine.

- In response to the question if providers like Osco, Walgreens, etc. are getting doses direct from the state or feds and if that is how certain mass vaccination sites at high schools are happening? Director Ayala responded that this is exactly how mass vaccination sites are occurring at some schools.

There was no further discussion. Participants were encouraged to reach out with any other concerns or questions. Mr. Hoff concluded the call at 11:10 AM.

There will be no meeting on Monday, February 15th in observance of President’s Day.
Vaccine Distribution Update

February 8, 2021

www.dupagehealth.org/covid19
We need your help

• 270,000 people eligible in 1b and we are only receiving about 10,000 doses per week

• We only know 1 week in advance what our allocation looks like - no idea if it will stay the same, go up, or go down.

• We are focused on assuring broad access to all eligible in 1b - lots of interest from schools, seniors, and groups that want to be added to 1b.

• This week we had 53 providers ready to go who could have used up to 44,000 doses. Our allocation from IDPH this week was for 10,000.

• This extreme mismatch in our capability vs our allocation is not something we have control over. We’ve tried to influence and would welcome your support.

• NEED your help to build people’s confidence that system IS WORKING. DuPage leads metro Chicago in % population fully immunized. It will take time to vaccinate everyone but everyone will have the chance

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COVID-19 Vaccine

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.

After vaccination

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.


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Key Messages

Communications Goals

► Emphasize with residents about their frustration regarding the lack of available appointments due to very limited vaccine supply and recognize demand is severely outpacing supply.

► Promote what residents can be doing now while they wait for the vaccine.

► Communicate to residents that the Health Department and partners are working as hard and fast as possible and build confidence that we are leading the way and have plans in place for community vaccination clinics when more vaccine is available.

► Inform residents about the many provider locations they can register with to receive an appointment for the vaccine.
Key Messages

Vaccine Availability

• Communicate to the public that vaccine is extremely limited. Supplies are controlled by the Federal and State government. State government makes allocations to DCHD.

• DuPage County leads the region with getting vaccines into arms. As of 2/8/21, DuPage County has seen 94,743 vaccine doses administered to residents and 24,985 residents (2.69% of population) have been fully vaccinated.

• As vaccine supply increases, we are confident that the network of providers that we have built in the County will get this life-saving vaccine administered into the arms of residents as quickly and efficiently as possible.
What you can do while you wait for an appointment

► Do your research
  • Check social media and websites of local hospitals, doctors’ offices, and the State of Illinois’s vaccine locator map for updates on vaccine locations. New locations are added weekly.

► Check your eligibility
  • There will be a phased roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine in DuPage County with a very limited supply at the beginning, so certain groups will be prioritized. Know what phase you are eligible for vaccine in.
Register. Register. Register.

- Sign up for the DCHD COVID-19 vaccine pre-registration list at website www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine
- Contact your primary care provider or local retail pharmacy to check for availability.
- The State of Illinois has created a vaccine locator map with all the approved vaccine providers: coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location
- Take the first available appointment at whichever location you can.
- Know that demand far exceeds supply currently and it may take several weeks to get an appointment.

Do not get discouraged; initial vaccine supplies are limited

- Public health officials are working daily to distribute more vaccine countywide.

Protect Yourself. Protect Your Family. Protect DuPage.

- Follow public health measures to ensure the health and safety of the community, continue to wear a mask, watch your distance - avoid large gatherings, wash your hands.
DCHD Vaccine Distribution
Mass Vaccination 2.0

Past

Present
Vaccine Planning Goals and Progress
Where will I get my vaccine?

As of 2/8/21 – 96 approved provider sites in DuPage
Limited Vaccine Supply

Providers registered in ICARE to administer COVID-19 vaccine:

*96 providers approved as of 2/8/2021
### Weekly Vaccine Administration Capacity

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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*47 additional providers will have additional capacity including FQHCs, Medical Practices, Urgent Care, some Retail Pharmacies, and employee health providers.*
## Vaccine Distribution

### Vaccine Received

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**Total Vaccine Received by Week in DuPage County**  
(includes first doses only)  
Total = 105,475  
Average per week = 13,184

*Data only represents vaccine allocated to DuPage. Data does not reflect state or federal vaccine allocation to retail pharmacies in DuPage County.*
Vaccine Planning Goals and Progress

Weekly Vaccine Allocation Process

As of 1/15

DuPage County Health Department

Hospitals

IDPH allocation to DuPage (weekly)

Outpatient Providers

DCHD allocation to vaccine providers (weekly)

Pharmacies

Vaccine Providers in DuPage County

Large employers

Federal allocation to Illinois (weekly)

Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers (FQHCs)

Federal allocation to Illinois (weekly)

As of 1/15
Vaccine Distribution

- DuPage County’s allocation is **10,225** first doses this week
  - 94,743 doses administered
  - 24,985 people fully immunized (2 doses)
  - 2.69% of population fully immunized


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

2/2/21

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## Vaccine Distribution

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<th>County</th>
<th>% Population Fully Vaccinated</th>
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<td>2.69%</td>
<td>94,743</td>
<td>3,288</td>
<td>24,985</td>
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<td>Winnebago</td>
<td>2.56%</td>
<td>26,303</td>
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<td>Cook</td>
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<td>Chicago</td>
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<td>53,438</td>
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You will have a spot to take your shot.

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.
Vaccine Distribution

1B Vaccine Planning

► Goal is to vaccinate 80% of 1b population in 12 weeks (February to April)
  ► Assumes receiving at least 17,866 first doses per week
  ► Assumes at least 2,552 first doses per day

► Vaccination Sites to Include:
  ► DCHD
  ► Retail Pharmacies (Jewel-Osco, Mariano’s, Meijer, Sam’s Club, Walgreens, Walmart)
  ► Hospitals/health systems
  ► Outpatient clinics/providers

► Matching capacity for 2nd doses needed 3-4 weeks later

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Vaccine Distribution
Vaccine for Municipal Frontline Essential

Vaccination Opportunities
1. Take advantage of any opportunity through ISP, hospitals, health systems, school districts, etc. to have your staff included

2. DCHD working with DMMC to schedule municipal 1b employees through DCHD clinics starting week of 2/15

3. Encourage them to sign up individually at www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine or call the DuPage County Health Department at 630-682-7400 if they live or work in DuPage County

4. Encourage individuals to contact and monitor their primary care provider or retail pharmacy (Jewel-Osco, Mariano’s, Meijer, or Walgreens)
   1. Many systems proactively reaching out to their patients about scheduling when available
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
Vaccine Distribution

Communication Tools

- DCHD Vaccine Education and Outreach tools

- DCHD weekly vaccine update media release on Wednesdays

- DCHD weekly vaccine newsletter on Fridays
  (https://www.dupagehealth.org/596/Education-and-Outreach-Materials)
Vaccine Distribution

Partnership with Municipalities

• This week
  • Communication to residents

• Short-term (February/March)
  • Coordinate with schools, pharmacies, and other providers who may be looking for host sites
  • Communicate to residents to ensure access to these opportunities

• Intermediate term (April/May)
  • Prepare vaccination clinic sites and support plans for larger community-based sites
Questions?