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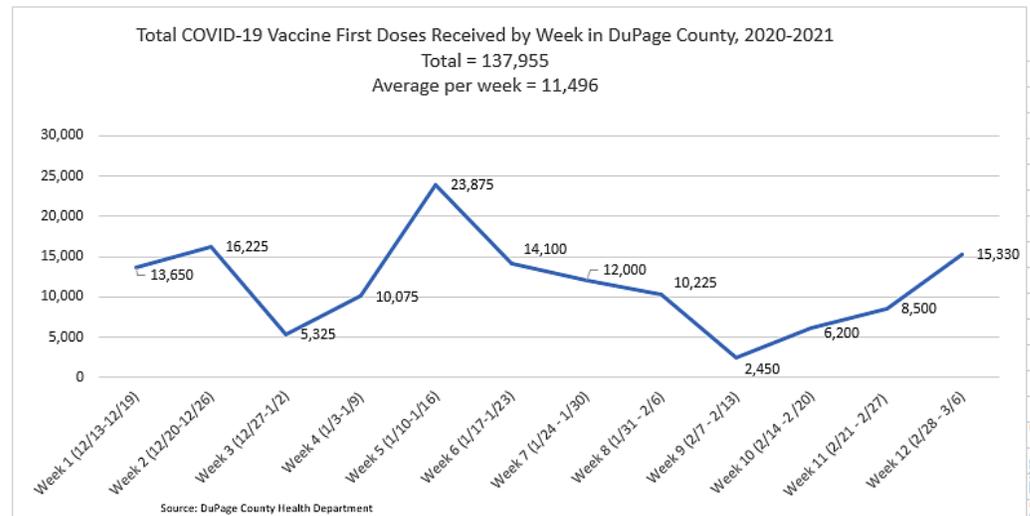
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## Over 10 Percent of DuPage County Residents Are Now Fully Vaccinated

**DuPage County**— Over 271,684 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to DuPage County residents, and 177,631 residents have received at least one dose of vaccine as of today, March 10. Of those vaccinated, 94,053 people, or 10.13 percent of DuPage County residents, are fully vaccinated. This represents the administration of 59,049 doses of vaccine in the past week to DuPage County residents.

This week, DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) received 15,330 first doses of COVID-19 vaccines. From this allocation, 4,710 doses were distributed to medical practices, 200 doses were distributed to Federally Qualified Health Centers, 5,680 doses were distributed to hospitals, 600 doses were distributed to pharmacies, 1,500 doses were distributed to commercial vaccination service providers, 300 doses were distributed to urgent care providers, and 2,340 doses are supplying the DCHD Community Vaccination Clinic. Additional county-specific vaccine data, including first dose allocations by week and allocations by provider type, are available on the COVID-19 Dashboard at [COVID-19: DuPage County COVID-19 Dashboard](#). In addition to the 15,330 first doses allocated to DuPage County this week, retail pharmacies including Jewel, Mariano’s, and Walgreens are receiving approximately 13,600 doses this week directly from state and federal sources.



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“In spite of the relatively low volume of vaccine coming to DCHD and our provider network, we are effectively moving through the current Phase 1b priority groups. Even with that, unless you’ve been successful in scheduling or receiving a vaccine, there is a sense of frustration. We understand that and continue to advocate for more doses of this lifesaving vaccine. We will soon be announcing our timeline for transitioning into the 1b Plus population, and want to assure people in the 1b groups that we will continue to target getting vaccine to you first. Let's please keep this positive momentum going so we can continue to prevent illness and save lives," said Karen Ayala, Executive Director of DuPage County Health Department.

While progress is being made on the overall vaccination efforts, DCHD is closely monitoring reports of variants in our local communities. To date, DCHD has received confirmation of the COVID-19 variant B.1.1.7 detected in three DuPage County residents. Across Illinois, 85 cases have been reported, as of Mar. 9. This variant has been found to spread more easily than other variants. In January 2021, experts in the U.K. reported that this variant may be associated with an increased risk of death compared to other variant viruses, but more studies are needed to confirm this finding. It has since been detected in many countries around the world. This variant was first detected in the U.S. at the end of December 2020. For more information on COVID-19 variants found in Illinois, visit [COVID-19 Variants | IDPH](#).

Notably, this week the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued guidance for people who are fully vaccinated. To learn more about these new recommendations, visit [When You've Been Fully Vaccinated | CDC](#). Even so, as spring break approaches, DCHD reminds residents that postponing travel and staying home is the best way to protect themselves and others from COVID-19, including the new variants. People who choose to travel will still need to follow [CDC requirements and recommendations](#). Additionally, everyone should continue taking precautions and practice the 3Ws by wearing a mask, watching your distance, and washing your hands.

Anyone who lives or works in DuPage County and is eligible for COVID-19 vaccination in Phase 1a or 1b should register on DCHD’s website to be notified of upcoming appointments at [www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine](http://www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine), or call (630) 682-7400 if assistance is needed with registration (i.e., no internet or computer access, language assistance, or have questions). People who previously registered on this list received an email last week requesting additional information to ensure we have the most current and accurate information. DCHD reminds everyone who received this email to submit the additional information requested by Mar. 18. Anyone concerned about their registration should call DCHD to confirm their status. Everyone who is registered is also encouraged to contact their primary care doctor or local retail pharmacy for vaccine and appointment availability and explore additional opportunities through other vaccine providers in their area. For a list of available locations compiled by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), visit <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/vaccination-location>.

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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 in-person gatherings, washing their hands, and isolating or quarantining when necessary. Everyone, including those who have been 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.

Additional COVID-19 vaccine information about County efforts, frequently asked questions, vaccination data, and more is available at [www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine](http://www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine).

For general questions about COVID-19 and Illinois' response and guidance, call 1-800-889- 3931 or email [DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV](mailto:DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV).

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