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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

More Than 25,000 COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Have Been Administered by the DCHD Community Vaccination Clinic as Vaccine Supply Challenges Continue

DuPage County— As of early this week, the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) COVID-19 Community Vaccination Clinic has administered more than 25,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses since operations began in December 2020. This community vaccination clinic represents one of eight COVID-19 mass vaccination sites in DuPage County. These mass vaccination sites are a part of a countywide vaccine network that can vaccinate over 65,700 people per week, but these efforts remain constrained by the limited and varied vaccine supply. Individuals who schedule an appointment at the DCHD Community Vaccination Clinic should visit the [DCHD COVID-19 Community Vaccination Clinic webpage](#) before their visit to find information about what to expect, how to prepare, as well as information and resources related to the vaccine.

DuPage County continues to make progress in vaccinating residents. As of Mar. 17, 326,826 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered to DuPage County residents, and 205,612 residents have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose. Of those vaccinated, 121,214 people, or 13.05 percent, of DuPage County residents are fully vaccinated. This represents the administration of 55,142 doses of vaccine in the past week to DuPage County residents. As more residents are vaccinated, DCHD is assessing the percentage of the Phase 1b population who has been vaccinated, including residents 65 years and older. As of Mar. 17, 60 percent or 92,874 of individuals 65 years and older have received at least one dose. At this time, DCHD anticipates expanding to the Phase 1b Plus group in the next few weeks as the vaccine supply increases and the percentage of individuals 65 years and older vaccinated increases.

“We are grateful to have a strong network of healthcare partners here in DuPage, all of which have been highly committed to administering this lifesaving vaccine into eligible people’s arms as quickly, effectively, and equitably as possible. We have all invested the necessary resources to build

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sufficient capacity within our facilities and continue moving forward with the urgency and purpose to vaccinate the public as quickly as possible,” said Karen Ayala, Executive Director of DuPage County Health Department. “However, we continue facing significant vaccine supply challenges which have been frustrating for all of us, including our vaccine partners and residents.”

This week, DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) received 18,340 first doses of COVID-19 vaccines. From this allocation, 3,840 doses were distributed to medical practices, 7,350 doses were distributed to hospitals, 3,140 doses were distributed to pharmacies, 500 doses were distributed to commercial vaccination service providers, and 3,510 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 the [DuPage County COVID-19 Dashboard](#). In addition to the 18,340 first doses allocated to DuPage County this week, retail pharmacies including Jewel, Mariano’s, and Walgreens are receiving approximately 12,136 doses this week directly from state and federal sources.

As spring break approaches, DCHD reminds parents, teachers, and families that postponing travel and staying home is the best way to protect themselves and others from COVID-19, including the new variants identified in Illinois and DuPage County. People who choose to travel will need to follow [CDC requirements and recommendations](#).

Additionally, everyone should continue taking precautions by consistently and correctly wearing a well-fitted face mask, physical distancing, avoiding in-person gatherings, washing their hands, and isolating or quarantining when necessary. Everyone, including those who have been vaccinated, should continue practicing these measures to help end this pandemic as we learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions.

As a reminder, anyone who lives or works in DuPage County and is eligible for COVID-19 vaccination should register on DCHD’s website to be notified of upcoming appointments at www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine, or call (630) 682-7400 if assistance is needed with registration. Any persons who previously registered on this list received an email requesting additional information last week. DCHD reminds those who received this email to submit the additional information requested by Thursday, 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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Additional COVID-19 vaccine information about County efforts, frequently asked questions, vaccination data, and more is available at 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.

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