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DuPage County Health Department COVID-19 Community Vaccination Clinic Expands Operations with Illinois Department of Public Health Partnership

DuPage County—DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) are partnering to expand the operations of the DCHD COVID-19 Community Vaccination Clinic. This unique partnership will provide an increased vaccine supply and greater access to COVID-19 vaccinations for the residents of DuPage County and Illinois.

The DCHD Community Vaccination Clinic (CVC), located at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, will expand operations as vaccine supply allows. As of Monday, Mar. 22, the vaccination clinic will plan to operate Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.—by appointment only. To date, the DuPage CVC has only been able to operate limited days and hours due to vaccine supply.

“After months of advocating on behalf of DuPage County residents, we are pleased to announce this new partnership with the State of Illinois. Together, we will expand the COVID-19 Community Vaccination Clinic at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton. Per our agreement with the state, DuPage County will receive a separate allocation of vaccine doses for this community clinic moving forward, meaning there will finally be more vaccines available for our residents,” said DuPage County Board Chairman Dan Cronin.

“We have been committed to expanding access to COVID-19 vaccinations for all our residents. This partnership will support our efforts to vaccinate eligible residents as quickly as possible. As we continue to vaccinate more people, we are confident we will slow the transmission of COVID-19 in our communities,” shared Sam Tornatore, DuPage County Board of Health President.

The CVC will continue to be operated and staffed by DCHD employees and volunteers, while the State will provide the vaccine supply necessary. With the additional vaccine, the clinic will have the ability to operate at capacity and

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administer more than 1,000 vaccines per day. Vaccinations will continue to be available by appointment only. To register, please visit www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine.

“Our DCHD COVID-19 Community Vaccination Clinic has been administering vaccine doses since December and recently surpassed the administration of 25,000 doses. We are very proud of the progress we have achieved despite the limited vaccine supply. This partnership will allow our clinic to operate at full capacity, which it had been unable to do. Further, this collaboration builds off of our previous success in partnering with the State for community-based testing,” said Karen Ayala, Executive Director of DuPage County Health Department.

In addition to this community vaccination site, DCHD will continue to work with the countywide COVID-19 vaccine network of partner providers to ensure broad access to vaccine is available throughout the county and to ensure the vaccine is administered into people’s arms as quickly, efficiently, and equitably as possible. Each week, DCHD distributes most of the vaccine allocated to DuPage County to this network of providers to ensure our residents can access vaccines through a number of providers.

For county-specific vaccine data, including first dose allocations by week and allocations by provider type, visit the DuPage County COVID-19 Dashboard at www.dupagehealth.org/covid19data.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine and distribution plans in DuPage County, visit www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine.

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