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One in Four DuPage County Residents Are Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19

DuPage County—As of today, 238,324, or 25.7 percent, of DuPage County residents have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and 369,858, or 39.8 percent, of residents have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose. Additionally, 84.8 percent of DuPage County residents ages 65 years and older have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose. In the past week, more than 84,265 vaccine doses were administered into the arms of DuPage County residents for a total of 608,182 doses administered to date.

“Today, we have reached an exciting community milestone in DuPage County’s COVID-19 vaccination efforts with one in four residents now fully vaccinated against COVID-19,” said Karen Ayala, Executive Director of DuPage County Health Department. “We are very grateful for everyone’s continued commitment to vaccinating eligible residents as quickly and equitably as possible. While we have made great progress, many more residents remain to be vaccinated. Until then, it remains critical for all of us, including those who are fully vaccinated, to continue to protect ourselves and others by wearing a mask, watching our distance, avoiding large in-person gatherings, and washing our hands frequently.”

Over the past two weeks, the number of COVID-19 cases reported per day in DuPage County increased by 42 percent with a seven-day rolling average of 275 cases reported through Apr. 12. As of Apr. 10, the test positivity seven-day rolling average in DuPage County stands at seven percent. These increases indicate a rise in COVID-19 activity throughout the county. Of further concern, COVID-19-related hospitalizations are rising as well. Today, local hospitals reported 121 COVID-19 related hospitalizations in daily census reports, representing a more than doubling of daily hospitalizations and tripling of ICU admissions (now at 27) reported since Mar. 12.

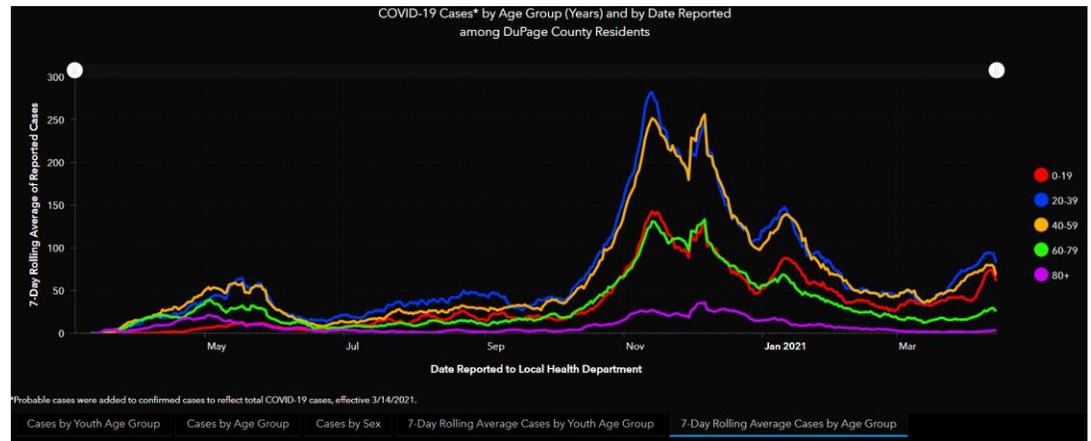
The highest case increases are observed in youth aged 5-19 years as well as adults in the 20 to 39-year-old and 40 to 59-year-old age groups. Additionally, DCHD is closely monitoring reports of COVID-19 variants in the county. These variants are

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classified as COVID-19 variants of concern (VOC) as they spread more easily and quickly than other variants and likely cause more severe disease based on hospitalizations and case-fatality rates. Based on national and state-level genomic surveillance efforts to date, 65 cases of B.1.1.7, six cases of P.1, and three cases of B.1.427/B.1.429 variants have been identified in DuPage County. In Illinois, 794 cases of B.1.1.7, 164 cases of P.1, and 80 cases of B.1.427/429 variants have been reported as of Apr. 13.



Source: www.dupagehealth.org/covid19data Accessed on 4/14/2021.

As the virus continues to spread, DCHD urges residents to continue practicing the critical measures that will limit the spread of this virus and its variants. Per the above graph, previous upticks in cases have resulted in surges of case activity, which have been followed by increases in hospitalizations and tragic increases in COVID-19-related deaths; acting now can help prevent these severe outcomes. These critical measures include wearing a well-fitted mask consistently and correctly, physical distancing, avoiding in-person gatherings, washing hands frequently, isolating or quarantining when necessary, and getting the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you are eligible.

This week, DCHD received 20,000 first vaccine doses, which was a decrease of 1,110 doses from last week. From this allocation, 4,740 doses were distributed to medical practices, 400 doses were distributed to occupational health centers, 8,950 doses were distributed to hospitals, 800 doses were distributed to pharmacies, 500 doses were distributed to Federally Qualified Health Centers, 1,100 doses were distributed to urgent care centers, 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 www.dupagehealth.org/covid19data.

Notably, as of Apr. 13, DCHD has paused the use of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 vaccine following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and as

required by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). For more information, please refer to [DCHD Johnson & Johnson Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine Update 04-13-21](#).

All DuPage County and Illinois residents ages 16 years and older can register for vaccination appointments in DuPage County at www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine, or call (630) 682-7400 if assistance is needed with registration. However, DCHD may still prioritize appointment opportunities for eligible individuals in earlier phases. This prioritization will help ensure individuals at higher risk of exposure and severe health outcomes are provided with opportunities to be vaccinated. With some providers receiving vaccine directly from the state or federal government, DCHD encourages eligible residents to contact their primary care doctor, local retail pharmacies, and other vaccine providers in their area for other vaccine appointment opportunities. For a list of available locations, visit www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccinelocations.

Additional COVID-19 vaccine information about local 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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