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DuPage County Announces Goal to Have 80 Percent of Eligible Residents Fully Vaccinated Against COVID-19 by July 1

DuPage County—The DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) today announced a county vaccination goal while outlining the ongoing strategies and partnerships to vaccinate residents. As of Apr. 29, more than 34 percent of DuPage County residents have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Of the DuPage County residents currently eligible, over 60 percent have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose. Additionally, 88 percent of DuPage County residents ages 65 years and older have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose.

“DuPage County is at the head of the pack in vaccination efforts. Based on our track record, today I announce that DuPage County has set a goal to fully vaccinate at least 80-percent of our eligible residents by July 1,” said DuPage County Chairman Dan Cronin.

“We are committed to ensuring vaccine is available to anyone who wants to be vaccinated. So far, more than 445,000 DuPage County residents have received at least one dose, and we are working to assure that all the roughly 739,000 residents currently eligible to be vaccinated have convenient access to the vaccine,” shared Karen Ayala, Executive Director of DuPage County Health Department.

As part of this effort, the DCHD COVID-19 Community Vaccination Clinic at the DuPage County Fairgrounds will begin offering walk-in vaccinations as of Monday, May 3, to provide convenient opportunities to anyone age 16 years and older. Walk-in opportunities will be available Monday through Saturday between 8:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. Individuals are encouraged to register any time before their visit at www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccineregistration.

Additional strategies to vaccinate residents include, coordinating with schools and businesses to arrange vaccination clinics, partnering with hospitals and health systems to expand access to vaccines, promoting vaccine confidence by providing education and addressing residents’ concerns, as well as offering walk-in opportunities at the DCHD Community Vaccination.

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“We are proud to partner with the DuPage County Health Department to safely deliver the COVID-19 vaccine to residents in DuPage and the surrounding counties,” said Donald Hoscheit, MD, DuPage Medical Group Chief Medical Officer. “The COVID-19 vaccine has been proven to be safe and effective in the fight against COVID-19; nothing is more important than the health and safety of our communities and the vaccine will allow us to protect ourselves, loved ones and those around us who are at risk for severe illness from the virus. As opportunities to receive the vaccine become more widely available, this is Our Shot DuPage; we must continue to come together to save lives, help end the pandemic and ultimately reach herd immunity.”

“Advocate Aurora Health has recently expanded access to anyone over the age of 16, and we encourage those who are not yet vaccinated to visit our website at aah.org/vaccine to book an appointment,” said Dr. Megan Corrigan, Director of Pharmacy Services at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove. “As a community health provider, Advocate Good Samaritan’s greatest priority is delivering the COVID-19 vaccine, which is our one shot towards a brighter future. Get the shot for yourself, for your loved ones and your community.”

All DuPage County and Illinois residents ages 16 years and older are encouraged to register for vaccination in DuPage County at www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine, or call (630) 682-7400 if assistance is needed with registration.

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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