



## **Mayors and Managers Meeting Notes from 4.26.2021**

**Municipalities Participating:** Addison, Aurora, Bartlett, Bensenville, Burr Ridge, Carol Stream, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Downers Grove, Elmhurst, Glendale Heights, Glen Ellyn, Hanover Park, Hinsdale, Itasca, Lisle, Lombard, Naperville, Oak Brook, Oak Brook Terrace, Roselle, Villa Park, Warrenville, Westmont, Wheaton, Woodridge, S. Quintell – DuPage Mayors and Managers

**DuPage County Representatives Participants:** Dan Cronin, DuPage County Board Chairman, Sheryl Markay, Chief Policy and Program Officer

**DuPage County Health Department Participants:** Sam Tornatore, Board of Health President, Karen Ayala, Executive Director; Rashmi Chugh, Medical Officer; Dennis Brennan, Legislative Manager; Chris Hoff, Director of Community Health Resources, Adam Forker, Director of Client Access, Penny Chanez, Executive Asst.

***Purpose of the call today with Mayors and Managers is to address updated case counts, Community and business updates and guidance.*** DuPage County Health Department Deputy Incident Commander, Chris Hoff facilitated the meeting.

Director Karen Ayala shared that the today's call will include updates on vaccines and current case trends.

Board of Health President, Sam Tornatore shared his continued appreciation of the efforts by the staff at the Health Department for their ongoing COVID-19 response efforts.

## **COVID-19 UPDATE DUPAGE COUNTY AND DASHBOARD REVIEW**

The Health Department's Medical Officer, Dr. Chugh provided updates focused on local levels of case activity.

Dr. Chugh reviewed the following data:

- Average age of confirmed cases from
  - March 2020 to present was 41 years of age.
  - From April 12 -April 25 the average age was 34 years of age.
- Average age of hospitalized cases from
  - March 2020 to present was 61 years of age.
  - From April 12 -April 25 the average age was 55 years of age.
- Average age of deaths related to COVID-19 from
  - March 2020 to present was 80 years of age.
  - From April 12 -April 25 the average age was 74 years of age.

## **Data and current trends**

- Total COVID-19 cases: 87,747 (confirmed cases: 80,767 /probable cases: 6,980)
- Community transmission level remains at substantial.
- Total COVID-19-related deaths:1,319 (confirmed deaths: 1,252 / probable deaths: 67). Data may be incomplete due to reporting lags.
- Positivity rate is at approximately 5.1% based on a seven-day rolling average. This current percentage indicates a slight downward trend.
- The highest numbers of positive case counts continue to be in those aged 20-39 years of age, followed by those aged 40-59 years of age.
- Dr. Chugh stressed the need for everyone to continue with public health mitigation measures of wearing a well-fitted mask correctly and consistently, maintaining 6 feet physical distance, good hand hygiene, avoiding large gatherings and obtaining a vaccine as eligible particularly in light of the increase in positive cases in unvaccinated populations.
- Hospitalization numbers continue to remain high as of April 23, with an average of 100 admissions daily to area hospitals. Most hospitalizations and deaths are now occurring in unvaccinated individuals.
- **NEW** – data is now included on the Health Department’s COVID-19 dashboard which provides information on cases by vaccination status. [www.dupagehealth.org/covid19data](http://www.dupagehealth.org/covid19data)

## **COVID -19 Vaccine Update**

Mr. Hoff provided a PowerPoint Presentation (a copy is included with the minutes) with updates on the Health Department’s COVID-19 vaccine response. Mr. Hoff shared the following key messages and highlights of the call.

- As of April 26, 2021, 304,635 (32.81%) of DuPage County residents are considered fully vaccinated.
- As of April 26, 2021, 430,459 DuPage County residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- The allocation of first doses is 23,650 for the week of April 26, 2021.
- As of April 26, 2021, 125,991 (87.5%) persons aged 65 and older in DuPage County received one dose of vaccine.
- As of April 26, 2021, 113,084 (78.6%) persons aged 65 and older in DuPage County are fully vaccinated.
- The State of Illinois has not yet met all of the qualifying metrics to move to the Bridge Phase which will lead to full reopening under Phase 5.
- DuPage County continues to lead the way in vaccination efforts in the collar counties reporting 32.81% of the population as fully vaccinated.
- There are 210 vaccination sites/providers in the County and last week was the first week where vaccine allocations were close to meeting provider requests.
- The Health Department continues to focus on vaccination efforts and building vaccine confidence in underserved communities. Dr. Chugh noted that more work is especially needed in Hispanic populations throughout the County.
- Outreach to vaccinate students aged 16 and older is ongoing and districts are prioritized based on the percentage of their students who receive free and reduced lunch program is also a focus to

ensure equitable distribution throughout the County. The Pfizer vaccine is the only approved vaccine for this age group.

- In response to a question on County sponsored vaccine clinics days of operation, Mr. Forker shared that the DuPage County mass vaccination site in Wheaton is open 6 days a week. Advocate Healthcare's site is open 7 days a week and DuPage Medical Group's site is open 6 days a week.
- Demand for vaccinations has started to decline from a peak of over 1000 registrations a day to approximately 600 registrations a day.
- Mr. Forker also shared that the mass vaccination site in Wheaton is now offering drive up vaccinations to individuals who are mobility impaired.
- The State of Illinois continues to operate under the Gubernatorial Emergency Declaration. Ms. Markay will research when this current declaration expires.

There was no further discussion. Participants were encouraged to reach out with any other concerns or questions. Mr. Hoff concluded the call at 10:47AM.