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Nearly 62 Percent of Eligible Residents Vaccinated Against COVID-19 with at Least One Dose

More Than One in Three DuPage County Residents are Fully Vaccinated

DuPage County—As of today, over 37 percent, or 346,628, of DuPage County residents have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Of the DuPage County residents currently eligible, nearly 62 percent, or 458,162, have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose. Additionally, 89 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 36,000 vaccine doses were administered into the arms of DuPage County residents for a total of 804,790 doses administered to date.

“As Mother’s Day approaches this weekend, we encourage everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated to protect themselves and their loved ones,” shared Karen Ayala, Executive Director of DuPage County Health Department (DCHD). “The sooner we all get vaccinated, the sooner we can put an end to this pandemic and get back to the people and places we love.”

This week, the DCHD COVID-19 Community Vaccination Clinic at the DuPage County Fairgrounds began offering walk-in vaccinations to provide convenient opportunities to anyone 16 years and older. Walk-in hours have been extended and will be available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To save time, individuals are encouraged to register at [this link](#) any time before their visit. For information about what to expect and how to prepare, visit www.dupagehealth.org/688/COVID-19-Vaccination-Clinic-DuPage-Count.

DCHD continues to work towards achieving the goal of vaccinating 80-percent of eligible DuPage County residents by July 1. To help do so, DCHD is partnering with municipalities, businesses, and community-based organizations to bring smaller COVID-19 vaccine clinics closer to individuals who have not yet been vaccinated. These smaller COVID-19 vaccine clinics can administer a scalable number of vaccines depending on the demand at a particular event and day/time.

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Established in 1945, DuPage County Health Department promotes physical and emotional health; prevents illness injury and disability; protects health from environmental risk factors, and strives to assure the provision of accessible, quality service.

Clinics are available for 10-50 individuals or 51-200 individuals. To request an on-site mobile vaccination clinic, please complete [this form](#) or learn more at www.dupagehealth.org/692/COVID-19-Vaccine-Organizations.

Any individuals, 16 years and older, who are homebound or who cannot safely leave their residence to visit a vaccination clinic are eligible to be vaccinated through our homebound vaccination program and should register at www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccineregistration, or call (630) 682-7400 for assistance. When registering, the form will provide an opportunity to indicate you require homebound services.

As vaccination efforts continue throughout DuPage County, residents are reminded of the substantial COVID-19 community transmission levels. The highest case activity continues to be observed in unvaccinated adults 20 to 39-years-old and 40 to 59-years-old as well as youth 5 to 19-years-old. Additionally, DCHD is closely monitoring reports of COVID-19 variants in the county. These variants are 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, 226 cases of B.1.1.7, 33 cases of P.1, and 39 cases of B.1.427/B.1.429 variants have been identified in DuPage County as of May 5. In Illinois, 2,832 cases of B.1.1.7, 1,036 cases of P.1, and 399 cases of B.1.427/429 variants have been reported as of May 4.

To help limit the spread of this virus and its variants, all residents should continue practicing preventive measures which include wearing a well-fitted mask consistently and correctly, physical distancing, avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces, washing hands frequently, and getting the COVID-19 vaccine. In addition, to help interrupt community spread, persons with COVID-19 infection need to self-isolate (e.g., stay home except for medical care) and their close contacts need to self-quarantine unless they have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or have had COVID-19 infection within three months of exposure. Updated recommendations on masking based on vaccination status and setting are available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>.

For DuPage 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.

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. ###