



## **Mayors and Managers Meeting Notes from 6.7.2021**

**Municipalities Participating:** Addison, Bensenville, Bloomingdale, Burr Ridge, Carol Stream, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Downers Grove, Elmhurst, Glendale Heights, Hanover Park, Hinsdale, Itasca, Lemont, Lisle, Naperville, Oak Brook, Oak Brook Terrace, Warrenville, Westmont, Willowbrook, S. Quintell – DuPage Mayors and Managers

**DuPage County Representatives Participants:** Dan Cronin, DuPage County Board Chairman, Joan Olson, DuPage County Chief Communications 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.

Chairman Cronin reiterated his continue gratitude on the collaborative effort of working together. President Tornatore echoed Chairman Cronin’s sentiments.

### **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 May 24–June 6 the average age was 35 years of age.

Average age of hospitalized cases from:

- March 2020 to present was 61 years of age.
- From May 24 – June 6 the average age was 57 years of age.

Average age of deaths related to COVID-19 from:

- March 2020 to present was 80 years of age.
- From May 24– June 6 the average age was 71 years of age.

Dr. Chugh noted that data continues to indicate cases and severe outcomes skewing younger and is reflective of the higher percentage occurring in unvaccinated individuals who are younger.

### **Data and current trends**

- Total COVID-19 cases: 92,119 (confirmed cases: 84,343 /probable cases: 7776)
- Based on declining COVID-19 cases in DuPage County, the Community transmission level decreased from “Substantial” level to “Moderate” as of June 7.

- Total COVID-19-related deaths:1,381 (confirmed deaths: 1,309 / probable deaths: 72). Data may be incomplete due to reporting lags.
- Positivity rate is at approximately 1.9% as of 6/6/2021 and is based on a seven-day rolling average.
- All indicators are moving in the right direction. Severe outcomes are also encouraging.
- Daily Hospital Census report as of June 7, reports under 30 individuals admitted and/or are in ICUs for COVID-19
  - Data was reviewed on the Health Department’s COVID-19 dashboard which provides information on cases by Ethnicity, Race, Severity, Long-term Care Facility (LTCF) Outcomes, Underlying Medical Conditions, Doubling Time, Recovery Rate, and Outbreaks by Setting
  - <https://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.

**NEW - As of June 6, 50.27% of all residents in DuPage County are fully vaccinated. DuPage County is the first county in Illinois to hit 50%.**

- As of June 3, 58% of eligible DuPage County residents have been fully vaccinated.
- As of June 6, 2021, 466,814 DuPage County residents are considered fully vaccinated.
- As of June 6, 2021, 527,694 DuPage County residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- As of June 6, 2021, 133,504 (92.1%) persons aged 65 and older in DuPage County received one dose of vaccine.
- As of June 6, 2021, 126,012 (87.5%) persons aged 65 and older in DuPage County are fully vaccinated.
- The Health Department continues to enroll new vaccine providers, particularly with the addition of eligible individuals ages 12-15. Vaccine is available to meet all requests.
- **NEW** – vaccine providers can now order directly through the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the Health Department is no longer responsible for vaccine allocation and distribution.
- There are multiple opportunities for individuals to receive a vaccine outside of a mass vaccination site including vaccinations for those in a homebound setting, Community -based vaccine clinics in partnerships with municipalities and mobile clinics.
- Successful strategies were noted for increasing vaccinations including evening and Saturday hours at the mass vaccination site, mobile clinic sites, incentive programs such as the free Great America admission tickets that were offered at the mass vaccination site and which resulted in a bump in walk ins at the site.
- Statewide reopening metrics have all been met and June 11 is the prospective date for possible Phase 5 reopening which consists of a full reopening if the metrics remain stable and or continue to improve.
- In response to a question, Director Ayala responded that the Health Department is not investigating the origins of COVID-19 and is leaving this investigation to the national/international organizations with the resources to do so. Director Ayala noted that this

pandemic has revealed the need for a much more robust public health system to avoid another national/global crisis such as we have just endured.

- Mr. Hoff shared a link in response to a question on public meetings for Government entities and how to address individuals who are not vaccinated. IL DCEO "Frequently Asked Questions" document updated 5/26/21 for organizations/businesses working through the guidance about vaccination status.  
<https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/Documents/Tier%203%20Mitigation%20FAQ.pdf>
- In response to a question on Alameda County revising their COVID statistics downward by 25% over the weekend. Dr. Chugh responded she does not anticipate any such revisions in the State of Illinois as the State was revising data on an as needed basis to correctly reflect any changes in data collected.
- Dr. Chugh answered a question on if there have been any side effects in those aged 12-15 who recently became eligible for a vaccination. Dr. Chugh stated that no unusual reactions have been noted locally. Mr. Forker who oversees the mass vaccination site added that they have not encountered any unusual reactions in this age demographic.

The following was shared by Dr. Chugh:

- **COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence:** Please post and share widely with your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and community members as relevant, this recently posted brief (1:34) video featuring the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "[Dr. Walensky On The COVID-19 Vaccine, Pregnancy, And Fertility](#)"
- **Slide #24 in PowerPoint Presentation:**

Understanding vaccine safety, efficacy, and vaccination efforts in DuPage County

## COVID-19 Vaccine and FERTILITY CONCERNS

**Question:** "I am planning to get pregnant, should I get the COVID-19 Vaccine?"

**Answer:** "Yes!"

- No mixing of DNA
- No persistence of vaccine materials in the body
- No adjuvants or preservatives in the vaccines
- No chance to get COVID-19 from vaccines
- No increased risk of miscarriage in data thus far

**COVID-19 illness and complications in pregnancy are KNOWN risks (increased risk of preterm birth, maternal hospitalization, ICU admission, death).**

Source: Adapted from <https://www.idsociety.org/globalassets/idsa/media/04-10-21-clinician-call-slides-2.pdf> (slide 40)

There was no further discussion. Participants were encouraged to reach out with any other concerns or questions. The next meeting will be on 6/21/21 at which time a final decision will be made as to whether to reduce meetings to once a month. Mr. Hoff concluded the call at 10:53AM.