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Over One Million COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Administered to DuPage County Residents

DuPage County— Since COVID-19 vaccines became available in DuPage County on December 17, 2020, 1,005,620 COVID-19 vaccine doses have now been administered to DuPage County residents. DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) remains committed to educating and encouraging all eligible residents who are not yet vaccinated against COVID-19 to get their vaccination as soon as possible as Illinois prepares to move to [Phase 5](#) of the Restore Illinois Plan and fully reopen on Friday, June 11.

As of June 9, more than 51 percent, or 480,551, of all DuPage County residents have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Of the DuPage County residents 12 years and older who are currently eligible to be vaccinated, 70 percent have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, and 61 percent have been fully vaccinated. Additionally, 90 percent of DuPage County residents aged 65 years and older have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, and 87 percent are fully vaccinated. In the past week, more than 27,000 vaccine doses were administered into the arms of DuPage County residents for a total of 1,005,620 doses administered to date.

“DuPage County continues to be one of the leaders in the state in getting residents vaccinated with more than 50 percent of all residents fully vaccinated, and 70 percent of eligible residents aged 12 years and older receiving their first vaccine dose,” said Karen Ayala, Executive Director of DuPage County Health Department. “In turn, COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths have dramatically declined, which confirms the safe and effective protection vaccines provide. I encourage anyone who has not been vaccinated against COVID-19 to get vaccinated to help us all safely get back to enjoying the people and places we love.”

To encourage new first dose vaccinations at the DuPage Community Vaccination Clinic in Wheaton, DCHD offers daily walk-in hours, including evening and

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weekend hours, as well as incentives supplied by the State. Beginning today, June 9, everyone 12 years and older receiving their first COVID-19 vaccination will receive a free admission ticket to Six Flags Great America while supplies last. Youth aged 12 to 17 years old must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Visitors are encouraged to save time by [pre-registering](#). For more information, visit www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccineclinic.

For the first time this year, DuPage County has transitioned to “moderate” level of COVID-19 community transmission as case numbers, positivity rates, and deaths continue to decline. However, DCHD reminds residents that more than 99 percent of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths reported since December 15, 2020 have occurred in residents who were not fully vaccinated. Therefore, residents who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or who are immunocompromised should continue practicing preventive measures to stay safe, including 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>.

DCHD continues to support mobile vaccination efforts that take COVID-19 vaccines into neighborhoods to reach people who may have limited ability or time to get to a vaccination site. DuPage County municipalities, businesses, and community-based organizations interested in requesting an on-site mobile vaccination clinic for their community should complete [this DCHD form](#) or learn more at www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccinemobile. DuPage County residents 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.

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.