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Over 100,000 COVID-19 Vaccinations Administered at the DuPage County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

DuPage County—The DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) reached a momentous vaccination milestone after administering its 100,000 COVID-19 vaccination at the DuPage County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic this week. As COVID-19 vaccination progress continues in DuPage County, DCHD strongly encourages residents who are not yet vaccinated against COVID-19 to help protect themselves and others by getting vaccinated at the earliest opportunity as more transmissible variants are on the rise.

“Providing more than 100,000 COVID-19 vaccinations at our community vaccination clinic is an incredible achievement and one that would not have been possible without a true team effort. I want to thank our wonderful staff for their unwavering commitment to keeping the people of DuPage County safe and protected against this deadly virus,” said Karen Ayala, Executive Director of DuPage County Health Department. “As a reminder, I strongly encourage everyone to get fully vaccinated as soon as they can. Trends indicate the majority of COVID-19 cases are among those who are unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated against COVID-19.”

As of June 16, more than 53 percent, or 500,834, 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, 71 percent have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, and 63 percent have been fully vaccinated. Additionally, 90 percent of DuPage County residents ages 65 and older have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, and 88 percent are fully vaccinated. In the past week, more than 24,000 vaccine doses were administered into the arms of DuPage County residents for a total of 1,035,246 doses administered to date.

Notably, due to the increased COVID-19 vaccine availability across the community and the higher vaccination rates among residents and visitors of DuPage County, the DuPage COVID-19 Community Vaccination Clinic has modified its hours of operation. Beginning Monday, June 21, the DuPage

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Community Vaccination Clinic in Wheaton will operate three days per week, including Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Everyone 12 years and older is welcome, and those receiving their first COVID-19 vaccine dose 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](#). To view the complete schedule or learn more, visit www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccineclinic.

The COVID-19 community transmission level in DuPage County remains at a “moderate” level as case numbers, percent positivity, and deaths related to COVID-19 continue to decline. However, individuals who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are now at greater risk of contracting the more transmissible variants, some of which are more likely to lead to severe outcomes. In DuPage County, more than 99 percent of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths reported since December 15, 2020 have occurred in residents who were not fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Therefore, residents who are not fully vaccinated or are immunocompromised should continue practicing [preventive measures](#) to stay safe. 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.

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. ###