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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **DuPage County Ranks in the Top 2 Percent of U.S. Counties with Eligible Residents Vaccinated against COVID-19**

**DuPage County**—According to the latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 vaccination data, DuPage County ranks 47<sup>th</sup> out of 3,283 counties, or the top 2 percent, among U.S. counties with the highest percentage of eligible residents vaccinated with at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose. As of July 7, more than 80 percent of eligible residents 12 years and older have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, and 64 percent are fully vaccinated. Additionally, 98 percent of DuPage County residents ages 65 years and older have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, and 82 percent are fully vaccinated.

“With so many residents vaccinated against COVID-19, the spread of this deadly virus has remained relatively low throughout the county,” said Karen Ayala, Executive Director of DuPage County Health Department (DCHD). “We are confident that vaccination not only prevents people from getting sick, it also prevents the spread of COVID-19 and saves lives. We continue to urge residents, visitors, and workers in DuPage County, who are eligible, but have not been vaccinated against COVID-19, to get vaccinated as soon as possible to protect themselves, their family, and their community.”

This week, the DCHD Care Van is providing free COVID-19 vaccinations to communities in Lombard and West Chicago. The clinic is open to all people 12 years or older and offers the Pfizer or Johnson and Johnson vaccine. View this week’s mobile clinic schedule [here](#). 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 [dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccinemobile](http://dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccinemobile).

Additionally, the DuPage COVID-19 Community Vaccination Clinic at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton continues to welcome walk-ins Thursday through Saturday. Visitors are encouraged to save time by pre-registering. To view the clinic hours or learn more, visit [dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccineclinic](http://dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccineclinic). Any DuPage County residents who are homebound or who cannot safely leave their residence to visit a vaccination

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clinic are eligible to be vaccinated through our homebound vaccination program and should register at [dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccineregistration](https://dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccineregistration), or call (630) 682-7400 for assistance.

Notably, as of July 9, 2021, DCHD will transition from daily to weekly issuing of COVID-19 case count news releases and DuPage County COVID-19 Dashboard updates, which will occur on Fridays. To view the DuPage County COVID-19 dashboard, visit [www.dupagehealth.org//covid19data](https://www.dupagehealth.org//covid19data).

Currently, COVID-19 community transmission in DuPage County remains at a “moderate” level. Still, individuals who are not fully vaccinated or are immunocompromised should continue practicing [preventive measures](#) as they are at greater risk of contracting the more transmissible variants, some of which are more likely to lead to severe outcomes. As the more dangerous Delta variant is rapidly spreading in the United States and Illinois, there is an increasing urgency for people to get vaccinated against COVID-19 to help protect themselves and others.

In addition, to help interrupt and prevent 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 and get tested 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 [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html).

Additional COVID-19 vaccine information about local efforts, frequently asked questions, vaccination data, and more is available at [www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine](https://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](mailto:DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV).

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