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## **A Decline in Reported COVID-19 Cases Moves DuPage County to “Medium” COVID-19 Community Level**

**DuPage County** – Due to a decline in the number of reported COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents over the past 7 days, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), DuPage County is now at the “Medium” Community Level for two consecutive weeks.

When the COVID-19 community level is “Medium,” if you are at high risk of getting sick, wear a high-quality mask or respirator when indoors in public and if you have household or social contact with someone at high risk for getting very sick, consider self-testing to detect infection before contact.

“It is encouraging to see a decrease in the number of COVID-19 cases in DuPage County,” said Karen Ayala, Executive Director of the DuPage County Health Department “fewer cases of COVID-19 in our community lowers the risk of infection and severe outcomes for everyone. Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 and being up to date with any recommended boosters reduces the chance of being hospitalized with severe illness due to COVID-19 complications.”

The Community Level is considered “Medium” when a county reports fewer than 200 new COVID-19 cases and less than 20 new COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 residents (7-day total) or if COVID-19 patients are occupying less than 15 percent of intensive care unit beds (7-day average). As of August 28, 2022, DuPage County is reporting 171 cases per 100,000 residents over the past 7 days.

COVID-19 can affect anyone, and the disease can cause symptoms ranging from mild to very severe. We know that certain things can make people more likely to get very sick with COVID-19. We also know that certain settings and activities can make you more likely to get infected with the virus that causes COVID-19.

[Understanding the risk](#) of COVID-19 for yourself and those around you can help you make informed decisions to keep you safe and healthy. If you have risk factors, have a [COVID-19 plan](#) in place in case you get sick, and discuss that plan with your healthcare provider and those close to you.

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Learn what extra precautions you can take to [protect yourself and others](#) in settings that make you more likely to be exposed to COVID-19. Click [here](#) for more information on COVID-19 resources in DuPage County.

DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) reminds residents that we have the tools to manage and prevent severe illness related to COVID-19 as we approach Labor Day weekend, such as:

- [Staying up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines and boosters.
- Wearing a mask indoors when community transmission is “Medium” or “High,” especially if you are at high risk for severe illness.
- Staying home and getting tested if you have symptoms.
- If you test positive for COVID-19, talk to your doctor about [treatment options](#) right away.
- Washing your hands often or using a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.

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