



CCH/CCDPH COVID-19 Vaccination Program & Contact Tracing Update

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Get Vaccinated

vaccine.cookcountyil.gov
1-833-308-1988

Cook County is currently in Phase 1b which includes individuals 65 and over and front line essential workers. Vaccine supply is extremely limited at this time. Please be patient.

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Vaccine Sign-Up Hotline: [833-308-1988](tel:833-308-1988) M-F 7am-7pm CT

[Sign-up](#) [COVID-19 FAQs](#) [Top Ten Reasons to Be Vaccinated](#) [Pfizer EUA](#) [Moderna EUA](#)



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Community Vaccine Program

- **Goals**

- Vaccinate all Cook County (CC) residents, with particular focus in underserved communities.
- Vaccinate CC residents at Cook County Health (CCH) lead community vaccination access points and via Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) partner locations.
- Partner with state and local governments, community colleges, school districts, and other community entities for both CCH and CCDPH partner access points.
- Provide an environment to safely administer and monitor vaccinated Cook County residents in a controlled environment for potential adverse or allergic reactions.



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Community Vaccination Access Points*

**Capacity based on availability of vaccine*

- **CCH Community Health Centers**
 - 13 ACHN Locations
 - 6 in suburban Cook County
 - 7 in Chicago
- **Large & Mid-Sized Vaccination Sites**
 - Tinley Park Convention Center, Tinley Park, IL
 - additional sites continue to be identified and evaluated with a focus on equity
- **CCDPH Mobile Unit**
 - suburban Cook County Board Districts prioritized based on COVID cases and economic indicators
- **CCH/CCDPH Strike Teams**
 - homeless shelters, home-bound populations, low-wage work locations, hard-to-reach populations
- **Community Drive-Thru Vaccination Locations**
 - Cook County Forest Preserve District sites



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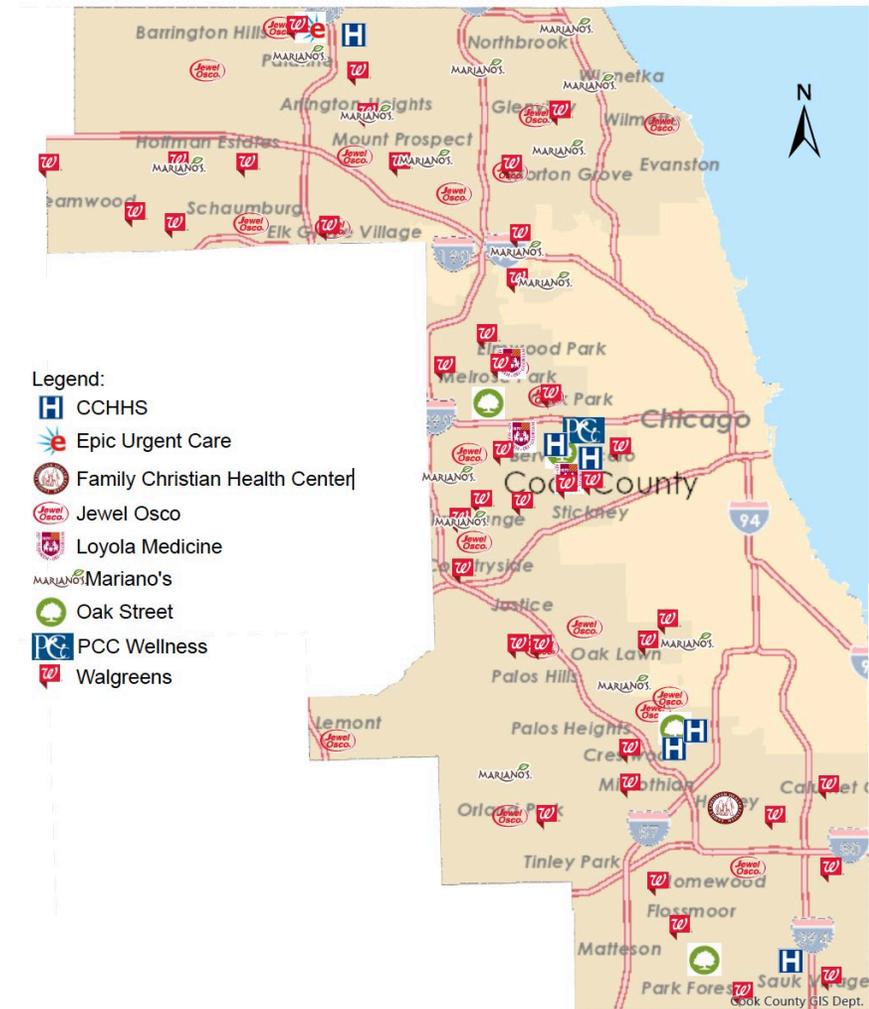


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CCDPH Partnership Vaccination Access Points *

**Capacity based on availability of vaccine*

- **Federal Pharmacy Program**
 - Partnership with CVS and Walgreens to provide vaccine to Long Term Care Facilities
- **Hospitals**
 - Vaccinated hospital personnel, some EMTs/Paramedics
 - Loyola, Advocate vaccinating 1a and beyond from community
- **Pharmacies**
 - Jewel-Osco, Walgreens, Mariano's providing vaccine for Phase 1a and beyond at select sites
- **Community Healthcare Providers**
 - Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Oak Street Health
- **Schools + EMS/Fire – Hyperlocal sites**
 - Planning for frontline essential workers a local level



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Vaccine Eligibility – CDC/ACIP* Recommendations

**Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices*

- **Phased Approach for Vaccine Allocation**

- **Phase 1a**

- Healthcare Personnel
- Long-term care facility (LTCF) residents

- **Phase 1b**

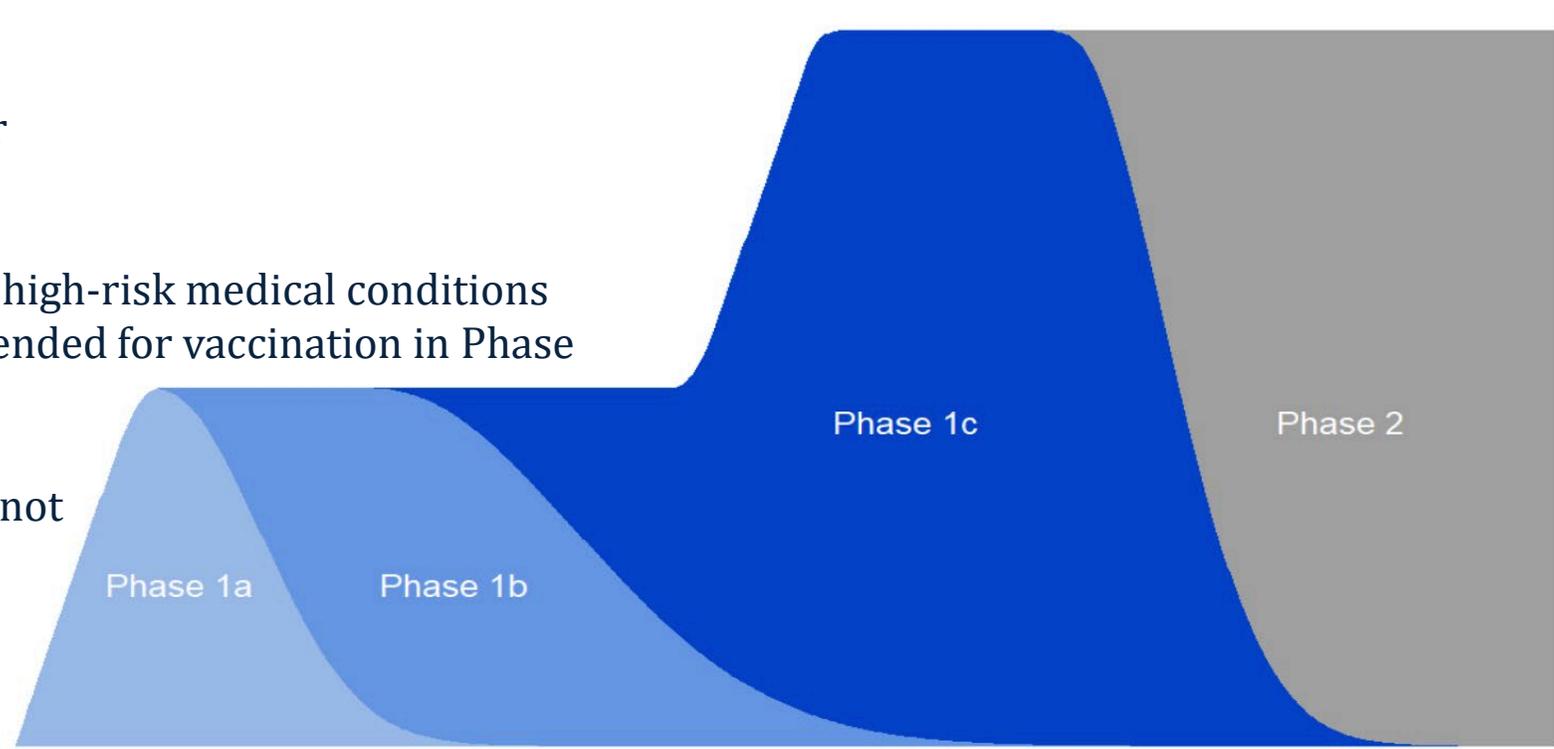
- Frontline essential workers
- Persons aged 75 years and over

- **Phase 1c**

- Persons aged 65-74 years
- Persons aged 16-64 years with high-risk medical conditions
- Essential workers not recommended for vaccination in Phase 1b

- **Phase 2**

- All persons aged over 16 years not previously recommended for vaccination



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Source: https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm695152e2.htm?s_cid=mm695152e2_w 1.1.21

Vaccine Eligibility – IDPH* Guidance

**Illinois Department of Public Health*

Vaccine Distribution

- **Phase 1a**
 - Frontline healthcare workers
 - Long-term care facility residents and staff
- **Phase 1b**
 - Residents aged 65 and over
 - Frontline essential workers
 - First Responders
 - Education
 - Food & Agriculture
 - Manufacturing
 - Corrections Workers & Inmates
 - USPS Workers
 - Public Transit Workers
 - Grocery Store Workers
 - Shelters and Day Care Staff



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COVID-19 Vaccination Phase 1b

Persons that have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and frontline workers with higher risk of exposure due to inability to perform work duties remotely and proximity to coworkers or the public

	Eligible individuals	Examples
Elder	Age 65+	
Frontline workers	First Responders	Fire, law enforcement, 911 workers, security personnel, school officers
	Education (Congregate Child Care, Pre-K through 12 th grade)	Teachers, principals, student support, student aids, day care workers (<i>see more details in backup</i>)
	Food and Agriculture	Processing, plants, veterinary health, livestock services, animal care
	Manufacturing	Industrial production of good for distribution to retail, wholesale or other manufactures
	Corrections Workers and Inmates	Prison/jail officers, juvenile facility staff, workers providing in-person support, inmates
	United State Postal Services Workers	--
	Public Transit Workers	Flight crew, bus drivers, train conductors, taxi drivers, para-transit drivers, in-person support, ride sharing services
	Grocery Store Workers	Baggers, cashiers, stockers, pick-up, customer service
	Shelters/Adult Day Care	Homeless shelter, women's shelter, adult day/drop-in program, sheltered workshop, psycho-social rehab

Equity Focused Outreach

- Marketing campaign focused on acknowledging and addressing vaccine hesitancy
- Messaging through community-based organizations
- Engaging community leaders directly to gain buy-in for mass vaccination sites
- Programming focused in communities with greatest disparities



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CCDPH Contact Tracing Initiative

Hiring Update

- **Hired as of January 22, 2021**
 - 154 Contact Tracers
 - 43 Case Investigators
 - 7 Leadership Staff
 - 6 Supervisors
- **COVID-19 Positive Case Investigations (January 1-22, 2021)**
 - 55,202 actionable COVID positive cases in suburban Cook County
 - Of those cases, 34.7% were called & 23% were interviewed
 - Of those called, 66% were interviewed
- **Close Contact Outreach (January 1-22, 2021)**
 - 82% of close contacts were called & 71% were reached & interviewed



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COVID-19 Community Supports Program

- **Suburban Cook County**

- Six-month project period (December 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021)
 - Nearly \$5 million awarded to 42 community-based organizations
 - Aims are to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and lessen the health, social and economic impacts
 - Supports community-based organizations in sharing timely and evolving COVID-19 information and provide resources to communities and populations in suburban Cook County – especially those most impacted by the pandemic



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Accomplishments – December 2020

- ✓ **Amplified key messages of the #MaskUp campaign**
 - *Wear a Mask; Watch your Distance; Wash your Hands*
- ✓ **Provided Masks & Care Packages to Suburban Cook County Residents**
- ✓ **Referred Suburban Cook County Residents to Resources**
 - Food & Groceries
 - Unemployment Benefits
 - Primary Care
 - Behavioral & Mental Health Services



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