

Monthly COVID-19 Vaccination Program Update

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Important Updates – Transmission and Personal Protective Measures

- Cook County Department of Public Health’s (CCDPH) suburban jurisdiction has moved back to “low” transmission status. The entirety of Cook County, including the city of Chicago, has been in “medium” for several weeks.
- Cook County Health and CCDPH continue to raise public awareness about the ongoing threat of COVID19 and
 - encourage all residents to take personal protective measures, including:
 - *staying up to date on booster shots,*
 - *wearing a high-quality face mask when in close proximity to others, and*
 - *taking an at-home COVID-19 test before socializing with others.*
- Wastewater surveillance helping us better understand how COVID is moving through communities; shift away from contact tracing now that vaccination widely available.
- Co-infection -- Flu activity is decreasing in suburban Cook County, but remains elevated for all age groups. RSV in children under 5, which reached historic highs in the fall, has also been declining.



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Important Updates – Vaccination

- CCH & CCDPH continue to urge all individuals to protect themselves and their loved ones by receiving their COVID and flu vaccinations and offer bivalent vaccines to all eligible individuals who have completed their primary series.
- In CCDPH's jurisdiction only about 18% of suburban residents are up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines.
- While vaccination coverage for the two-dose series is over 90% in older adults, less than half of people age 20 and younger have received those vaccinations.
- Individuals can make appointments for a COVID-19 vaccine at CCH by visiting vaccine.cookcountyil.gov or by calling the CCH COVID Hotline at 833-308-1988 between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm Monday through Friday.



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Important Updates – CCDPH Media Campaigns Boost-Up & Here to Hear You

'Boost Up Cook County Campaign

- Launched in November and runs for 6 months
- Promotes the importance of COVID-19 boosters
- Ads running on billboards, Pace buses and iHeart radio, unique events
- Community organizations canvassing, distributing materials to build awareness, esp in south suburbs

Here to Hear You Cook County Campaign

- Launched in January with and hot chocolate bars were hosted at Chicago Ridge and River Oaks Malls
- Focused on the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on mental health, especially for high-risk groups (ex: those between the ages of 18 and 34, Black women, those who are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity, those who identify as LGBTQ+)
- Multi-lingual radio spots to bring attention to mental health issues and available resources through the National Alliance on Mental Illness, a CCDPH partner organization



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Boost Up Cook County Campaign

Boostupcookcounty.com

Big Jam 2022



Event photos of Cook County sponsorship at WGCI's annual Big Jam concert



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Sample of campaign assets



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Here to Hear You Campaign

namichicago.org



**LET'S WARM UP TO HAVING
A CONVERSATION ABOUT
MENTAL HEALTH.**

COVID-19 pandemic has significantly affected the mental health of adults and children. In a recent study, nearly half of Americans surveyed reported recent symptoms of an anxiety or depressive disorder, and 10% of respondents felt their mental health needs were not being met. Rates of anxiety, depression, and substance use disorder have increased since the beginning of the pandemic.

**VISIT NAMICHICAGO.ORG
OR CALL 833-NAMI-CHI**

WE'RE HERE TO HEAR YOU.



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**HAVING TROUBLE COPING?
YOU ARE NOT ALONE.**

Problems may come and go. It's important to know when to ask for help. Please call NAMI Chicago 833-NAMI-CHI if you or someone you know is experiencing any of the following problems, especially if a problem is making it hard to get through the day or is getting worse.

- Eating or sleeping too much or too little
- Pulling away from people and things
- Having low or no energy
- Feeling numb or like nothing matters
- Having unexplained aches and pains
- Feeling helpless or hopeless
- Smoking, drinking, or using drugs more than you should
- Feeling unusually confused or forgetful; on edge, angry, or upset; or worried and scared
- Fighting with family and friends
- Unable to get rid of troubling thoughts and memories
- Thinking of hurting or killing yourself or someone else
- Unable to perform daily tasks like taking care of your kids or getting to work or school.

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Shots in Arms – As of January 19, 2023

Total Shots Administered by Cook County Health

| Total Persons Vaccinated | First Dose | Second Dose | Booster (1 st) | Booster (2 nd) | Total Doses |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| 557,096 | 486,318 | 443,830 | 93,883 | 3,274 | 1,027,305 |



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case counts as of January 18, 2022

CCDPH continues to monitor cases closely in suburban Cook County. CCDPH is in regular contact with CDPH and IDPH to discuss cases and potential mitigation strategies should the trends indicate the need.

CCDPH's jurisdiction moved back to the 'low' community level recently.

The entirety of Cook County (CCDPH's suburban jurisdiction, other suburbs, + Chicago) are still in "medium"

As of January 18, 2023:

79

Cases per 100,000 Last 7 Days



7.1

Hospital Admissions per 100,000
Last 7 Days



6.4%

Hospital Beds Occupied by COVID-19 Patients



Low

Suburban Cook Community Level*

<https://ccdphcd.shinyapps.io/covid19/>



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Mpox Virus Update



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- **The World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended using Mpox to refer to the Monkeypox virus**
- As of January 12, the City of Chicago has recorded 1,116 confirmed cases of Mpox and suburban Cook County has recorded 138
- Rates of new cases are declining substantially and the risk to the general public is low.
- Cook County residents can make an appointment for the Mpox vaccination and learn more about accessing testing and treatment resources through:
 - monkeypox.cookcountyhealth.org
 - 833-308-1988 for appointments Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm



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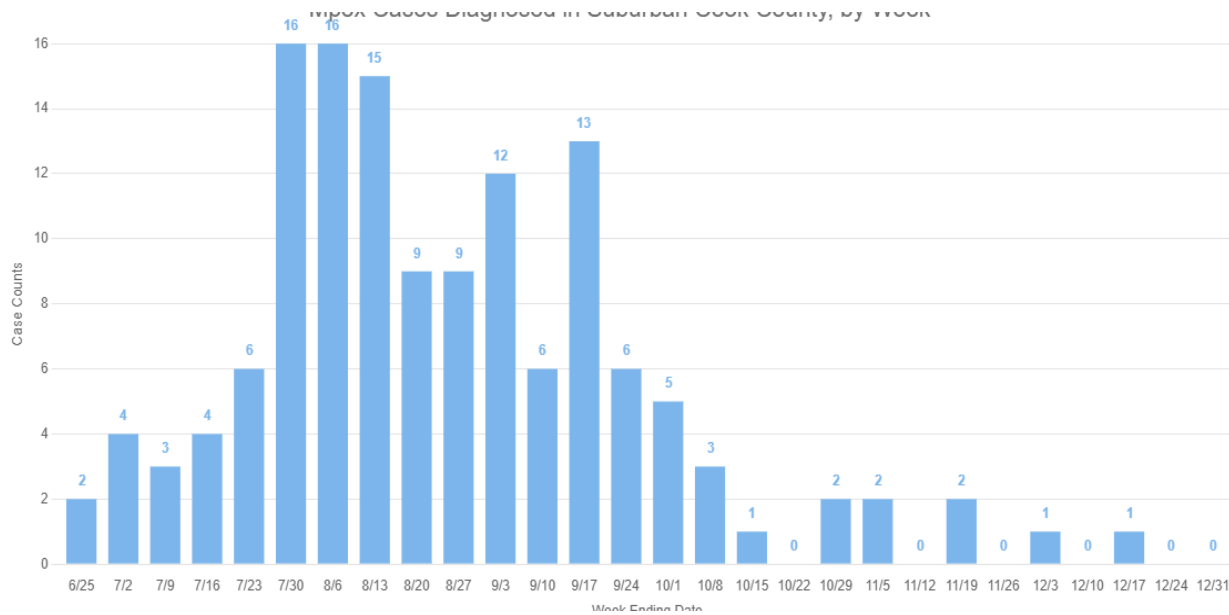


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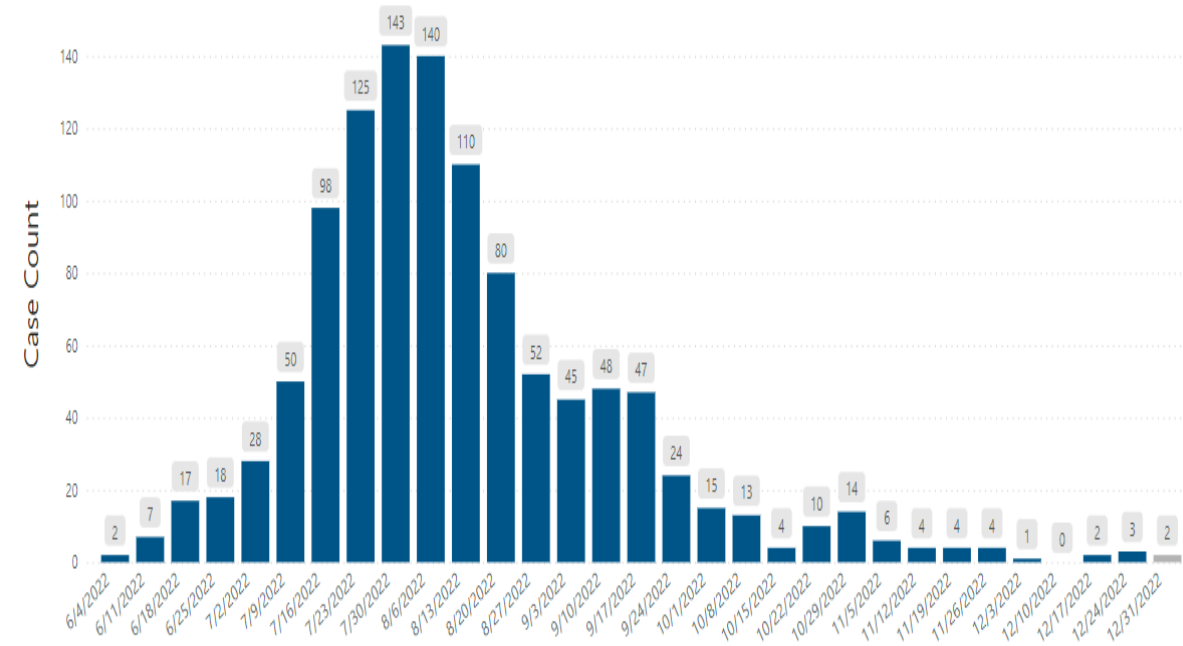
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The Numbers - Cases

Mpox Cases Diagnosed in Suburban Cook Residents, by Week



Mpox (Monkeypox) Cases Diagnosed in Chicago Residents, by Week



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<https://cookcountypublichealth.org/communicable-diseases/monkeypox/>

<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/monkeypox/home/data.html>

Thank you



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