



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Health & Hospitals Committee

Monday, August 8, 2022

2:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

NOTICE AND AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Authorization as a virtual public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, email address, phone number, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized virtual public speakers shall be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at:

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings> or in a viewing area at 69 W.Washington Street, 22nd Floor Conference Room F, Chicago, IL. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A MEETING OF THE COOK COUNTY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ON MPV (MONKEYPOX) IN SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, in May 2022, cases of MPV started appearing in Europe with the first case appearing the U.S. on May 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the virus has spread globally and cases have totaled 3,591 cases in the U.S. by July 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared MPV a global health emergency on July 23, 2022 and;

WHEREAS, in the U.S., Illinois has consistently been in the top three states with the highest cases since the start of this outbreak with a concentration in the Chicago area; and

WHEREAS, MPV is a viral zoonosis (a virus transmitted to humans from animals) with symptoms similar to those seen in the past in smallpox patients, although it is clinically less severe. Human-to-human transmission can result from close contact with respiratory secretions, skin lesions of an infected person or recently contaminated objects. Transmission via droplet respiratory particles usually requires prolonged face-to-face contact.; and

WHEREAS, a two-dose vaccine is available for MPV that was previously developed and is highly effective in reducing severity of illness but supplies remain limited; and

WHEREAS, the limited supply of vaccine, at this time, has reduced eligibility for receiving the vaccine to very few individuals with confirmed cases or known exposure from close contacts; and

WHEREAS, at this time, a disproportionate amount of cases have affected the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, given the history of stigma and discrimination against LGBTQ+ people during the 1980s/90s HIV/AIDS crisis, all public health entities need to prioritize combatting misinformation and disinformation

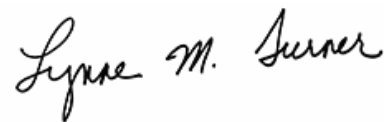
that can perpetuate the targeting of a marginalized community; and

WHEREAS, although MPV is not spread in the same way nor has it caused deaths in the U.S. thus far, public health officials should nonetheless use every resource acquired and every lesson learned from the COVID-19 pandemic to combat this virus and control its spread; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Health and Hospitals Committee convene a meeting to discuss the Cook County Department of Public Health's MPV response for Suburban Cook County and coordination with the Chicago Department of Public Health; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Department of Public Health, Chicago Department of Public Health and community-based organizations working to combat this virus attend this meeting to discuss their MPV response and planning.

Legislative History : 7/28/22 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Health & Hospitals Committee



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