



COVID-19 Chicago Long Term Care Roundtable

09-15-2022



Agenda

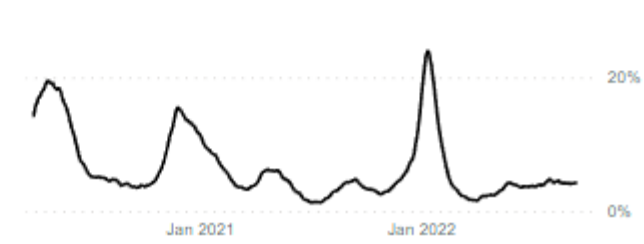
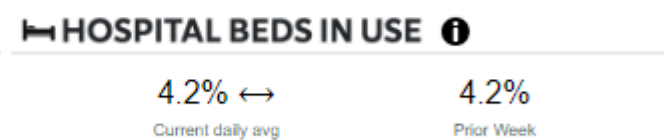
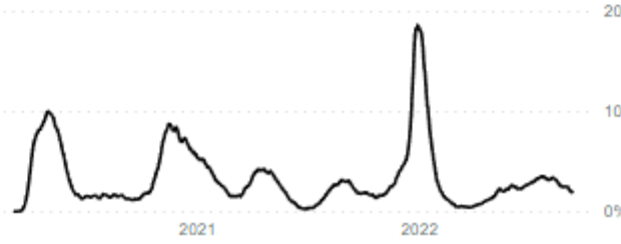
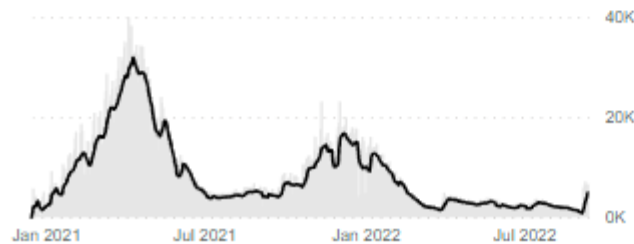
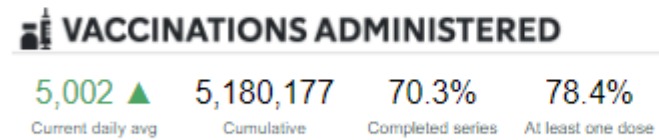
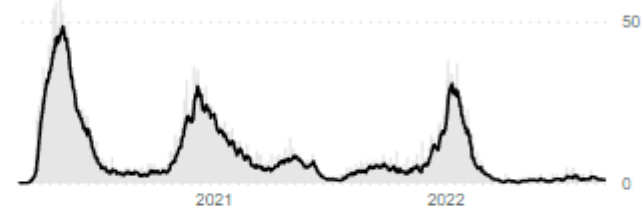
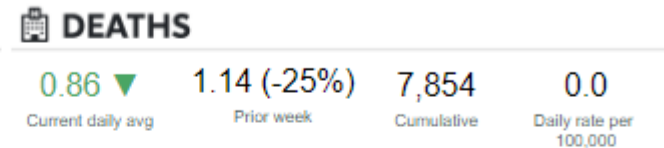
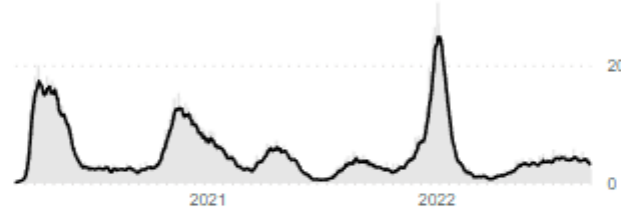
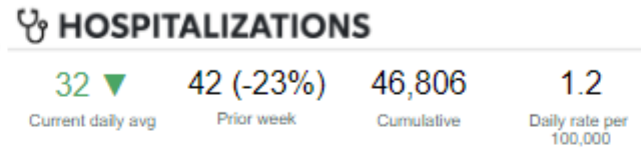
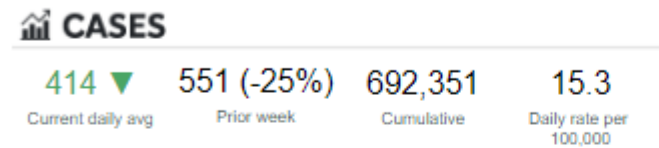
- COVID-19 Epidemiology
- COVID Reminders, Updates, and FAQs
- Project Firstline Update
- Questions & Answers

Chicago Dashboard



CHICAGO | COVID-19 Summary Data current as of Sep 14, 2022.
Data are updated M-F at 5:30 p.m., except for City holidays.
All data are provisional and subject to change.

SUMMARY CASES CASES BY ZIP TESTS VACCINES VACCINES BY ZIP Learn how to use this dashboard.

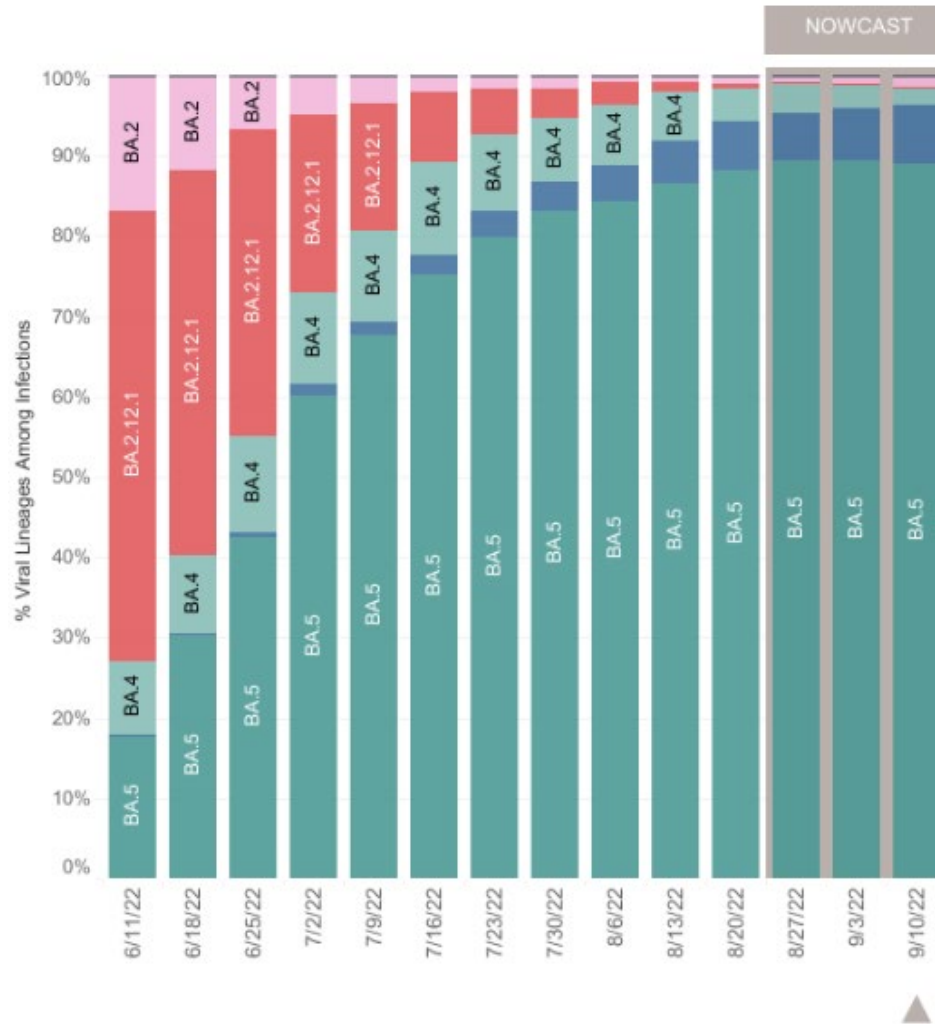


COVID-19 Variant Proportions



HHS Region 5: 6/5/2022 – 9/10/2022

HHS Region 5: 9/4/2022 – 9/10/2022 NOWCAST



NOWCAST

Region 5 - Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin

WHO label	Lineage #	US Class	%Total	95%PI
Omicron	BA.5	VOC	89.1%	87.6-90.4%
	BA.4.6	VOC	7.2%	5.9-8.8%
	BA.4	VOC	2.2%	2.0-2.4%
	BA.2	VOC	1.5%	0.9-2.4%
	BA.2.12.1	VOC	0.1%	0.1-0.1%
	B.1.1.529	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
	BA.1.1	VOC	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Delta	B.1.617.2	VBM	0.0%	0.0-0.0%
Other	Other*		0.0%	0.0-0.0%

* Enumerated lineages are US VOC and lineages circulating above 1% nationally in at least one week period. "Other" represents the aggregation of lineages which are circulating <1% nationally during all weeks displayed.
 ** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates
 # AY.1-AY.133 and their sublineages are aggregated with B.1.617.2. BA.1, BA.3 and their sublineages (except BA.1.1 and its sublineages) are aggregated with B.1.1.529. For regional data, BA.1.1 and its sublineages are also aggregated with B.1.1.529, as they currently cannot be reliably called in each region. Except BA.2.12.1, BA.2 sublineages are aggregated with BA.2. Except BA.4.6, sublineages of BA.4 are aggregated to BA.4. Sublineages of BA.5 are aggregated to BA.5.

★ Reminder: CDC COVID Data Tracker

Indicator - If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected	Low Transmission Blue	Moderate Transmission Yellow	Substantial Transmission Orange	High Transmission Red
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days	0-9.99	10-49.99	50-99.99	≥100
Percentage of NAATs ¹ that are positive during the past 7 days	0-4.99%	5-7.99%	8-9.99%	≥10.0%

CDC COVID Data Tracker: Cook County



COVID-19 Community Level

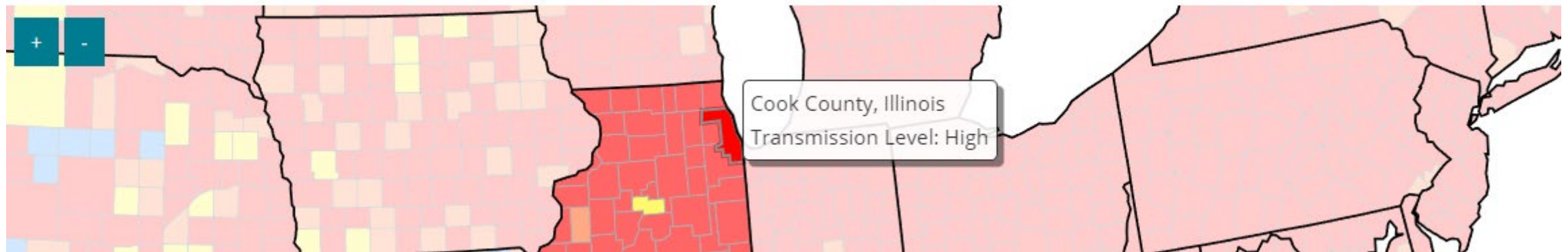
● Medium ← **Don't look at this**

Recommended actions based on current level

Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines. [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms. Wear a mask if you have symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19. Wear a mask on [public transportation](#). You may choose to wear a mask at any time as an additional precaution to protect yourself and others. If you are at [high risk for severe illness](#), consider wearing a mask indoors in public and taking [additional precautions](#).

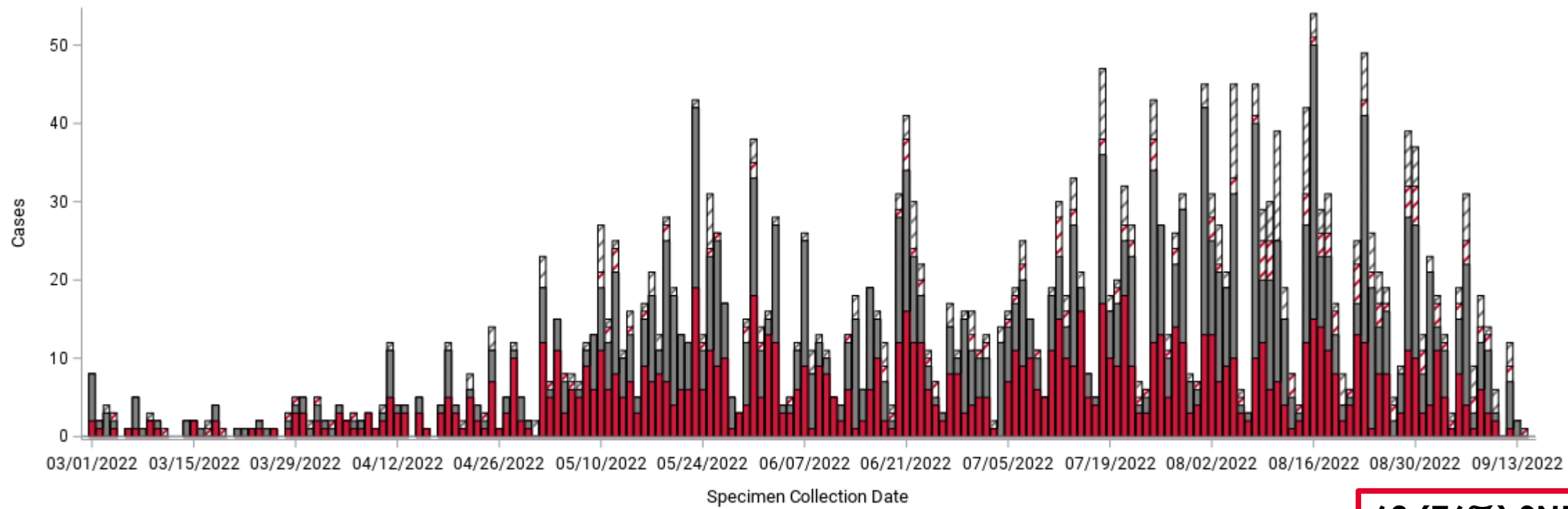
Weekly Metrics Used to Determine the COVID-19 Community Level

Case Rate per 100,000 population	129.08
New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population	10.2
% Staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed COVID-19	4.2%



★ Small Decrease in Skilled Nursing Home Cases

(Mar. 1, 2022 – Sep. 14, 2022)



Legend:
 [Diagonal lines] Not Fully Vaccinated Resident
 [Red with diagonal lines] Not Fully Vaccinated Staff
 [Grey] Fully Vaccinated Resident
 [Red] Fully Vaccinated Staff

Data Sources: INEDSS (Illinois state) and REDCap (facility self report)
A fully vaccinated case occurs when the positive test specimen was collected at least 14 days after the individual completed their COVID vaccination
Fully vaccinated cases may be underestimated due to delayed reporting

60 (76%) SNFs have active outbreaks



Reminder: Minimum Routine Staff Testing Frequency

Vaccination Status	Community Transmission Level	Testing Frequency
Not up to date*	High	2x a week
	Substantial	2x a week
	Moderate	1x a week
	Low	No required routine testing*
Up to date	All	No required routine testing*

Based on Illinois Executive Order and related Emergency Rules

* An individual has not received all COVID-19 vaccinations for which they are eligible

** Unless symptomatic, had a high-risk exposure, or your facility is in outbreak and performing unit/broad-based testing.



Reminder: Minimum Routine Resident Testing Frequency

Vaccination Status	Community Transmission Level	Routine Testing Frequency
Unvaccinated*	All	No required routine testing**
Partially vaccinated*	All	No required routine testing**
Vaccinated but not up to date*	All	No required routine testing**
Up to date*	All	No required routine testing**
New and readmissions, regardless of vaccination status	Low & Moderate	No required routine testing**
New and readmissions, regardless of vaccination status	Substantial & High	Must be tested upon admission (unless tested within the 72 hours prior to admission) <u>and</u> at 5-7 days post-admission

*Excluding new/readmissions when community transmission is substantial or high

**Unless symptomatic, had a high-risk exposure, or your facility is in outbreak and performing broad-based testing.



Update: SmartSheet Reporting Link for LTCs that are not required to report into NHSN

- IDPH updated the link to the reporting portal where licensed LTC facilities who do not report to NHSN (e.g., Assisted Living facilities) must report vaccination and testing data.
- The new link is:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/717f6caf3fad44fdad5f3b6d190e4a5d>
- Facilities that are required to report to NHSN (e.g., SNFs) do not need to report using the above link and should continue their NHSN reporting as usual.

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LTC COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Reporting

The Illinois Department of Public Health is requiring all licensed long-term care facilities that are not required to report COVID-19 vaccination and testing aggregate data into the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) to report this data to the department weekly utilizing this form. For answers to frequently asked questions, please visit this link:
<https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/long-term-care/ltc-reporting-faq.html>

Facility Name *
Please select your facility name from the dropdown. If your facility name is not listed or the facility name has changed, please select "OTHER" from the dropdown menu.

Facility License Number (User Entry) *

Point of Contact *

Point of Contact Phone Number *

Point of Contact Email *

Vaccinations

Has your facility scheduled booster or additional dose clinics? *
 Yes



Update: Bivalent Booster is Now Available

- The bivalent booster is now authorized for those 12+ who received the last shot in the primary series or a previous booster shot at least 2 months ago.
- The new booster targets the original SARS-CoV-2 strain and the currently circulating strains (BA.4 & BA.5)
- The previous booster is no longer authorized for those 12+
 - Still authorized for those aged 5-11

★ Update: Bivalent Booster Schedule

Vaccination history	→	Next dose
Primary series	At least 2 months →	1 bivalent booster dose
Primary series + 1 booster	At least 2 months →	1 bivalent booster dose
Primary series + 2 booster	At least 2 months →	1 bivalent booster dose



FAQ: Is the bivalent booster considered when determining whether someone is up to date?

- Yes.
 - As per CDC, “You are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines if you have completed a COVID-19 vaccine primary series **and received the most recent booster dose recommended for you by CDC.**”



FAQ: Do we need to quarantine new/readmissions who have not received the bivalent booster?

- Yes, unless they have received the last shot in their primary series or a previous booster <2 months ago or had COVID within the prior 90 days.



FAQ: A resident tested positive and their roommate received their second booster three months ago. Do they need to quarantine?

- Yes, the roommate would no longer be considered up to date, so they must quarantine for 10 days.
 - Exception: If the roommate had COVID within the prior 90 days, they would not need to quarantine



FAQ: Do we have to test staff who have not received the bivalent booster?

- Yes, unless they have received the last shot in their primary series or a previous booster <2 months ago or had COVID within the prior 90 days
- Reminder that this applies to **all** staff, not just those who are 50+



FAQ: Is the new bivalent booster mandated?

- No, staff can choose not to receive the bivalent booster, but they must be tested at the prescribed frequency for staff who are not up to date based on the community transmission level for Cook County



FAQ: Is the primary series mandated for staff?

- Yes, unless someone has an approved medical or religious exemption
- Staff who have not completed the primary series **and** do not have an approved medical or religious exemption are not allowed to work



FAQ: We haven't had a COVID case in our facility for a month. Do we have to test our residents who have not received the bivalent booster?

- No, unless they are a new/readmission and Cook County is experiencing substantial or high community transmission.

FAQ: We have a number of staff and resident COVID cases throughout our building. Do we have to test our residents who have not received the bivalent booster?

- Yes, but you also need to test your up to-date residents.
 - Residents, excluding those who have had COVID within the prior 90 days, should be tested every 3-7 days for at least 14 days, with the final round of testing occurring on or after 14 days from the most recent case.

Vaccine Question 1

Does your vaccine provider currently have access to the bivalent boosters?

- A. Yes
- B. Not yet
- C. Not sure

Please write your answer in the chat and include the name of your vaccine provider.

Vaccine Question 2

Have you offered the bivalent booster to your residents and staff?

- A. Yes, we have already had a clinic
- B. No, but we have a clinic scheduled within the next two weeks
- C. No, but we have a clinic scheduled over two weeks from now
- D. No, and we do not have an upcoming clinic scheduled

Update: Special IDPH Q&A Session

- IDPH will be holding a special session on testing and quarantine updates from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. tomorrow
 - [Registration link](#)

★ FAQ: What should we look for when purchasing surgical masks for the staff at our facility?

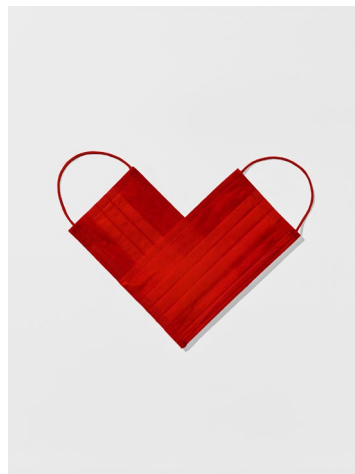
- Steer clear of products that state “not for medical use”
- Purchase masks that are rated by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)
 - Three levels (higher levels are more protective against particulates, splashes, and sprays)



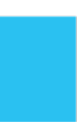


LTCF PPE KITS

To help LTCFs plan and optimize the use of PPE in response to COVID-19, *The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) Preparedness and Emergency Response Bureau & the CDPH Hospital Preparedness Program* would like to **deploy a cache of PPE to your facility**. This will better prepare for the potential shortage of critical supplies during future planned and unplanned events & emergencies.



A survey will be sent out via the HAN this afternoon. Please complete this brief survey to help us determine your facility's needs. Only one survey per facility is required. And we will be in contact with you soon to schedule the delivery of your LTCF PPE Kit(s).



Poll Questions



COVID Poll Question 1

Since Cook County is experiencing high community transmission, are we required to wear face shields throughout the **entire** building?

- A. Yes
- B. No

 **Answer**

No!

You **are** required to wear eye protection on patient care units or when interacting with residents in other areas of the building, but you are **not** required to wear eye protection when you are off a patient care unit and don't have resident contact (e.g., in a staff meeting).

COVID Poll Question 2

I have a resident who got the old booster a month ago.
Is he considered up to date?

A. Yes

B. No

 **Answer**

Yes

The minimum spacing between a previous booster and the current bivalent booster is two months. Since the resident received the last booster one month ago, they are not yet eligible for the bivalent booster.

COVID Poll Question 3

We have a flu clinic scheduled for next week. Can our residents and staff get the new booster at the same time as the flu shot?

A. Yes

B. No

 **Answer**

Yes!

The flu shot and a COVID vaccine can be administered at the same time.

COVID Poll Question 4

We had an up-to-date resident go out on pass for the weekend with his family. Do we need to test him when he gets back?

A. Yes

B. No

 **Answer**

Yes!

This resident would be considered equivalent to a readmission since they were out of the building for >24 hours. As Cook County is currently experiencing high transmission, the resident must be tested upon readmission and 5-7 days later. Since the resident is up to date, they do not need to be quarantined upon return.

★ Project Firstline Webinar Series

- CDPH is releasing an *Infection Prevention Essentials* webinar series for frontline healthcare workers!
 - Nursing CE credits are offered
 - Content designed for frontline staff
 - Please forward to your IPs, nursing educators and EVS managers to distribute!
 - Runs September 13th-October 27th 2022
- Collaboration from CDC's Project Firstline and the Illinois Health and Hospital Association.
- Register here:
<https://web.cvent.com/event/d1aa7450-181e-4764-89b8-22a584727d90/summary?RefId=13Sept22t hru27Oct22ProjectFirstline>



- For more information, please reference our HAN page:
<https://www.chicagohan.org/en/web/han/hai/pfl>



Tuesday, September 13 at 10:00am	Session 1:	Introduction to Project Firstline & the Concept of Infection Control
Wednesday September 21 at 12:00pm	Session 2:	Risk Recognition in Healthcare
Tuesday September 27 at 2:00pm	Session 3:	Monkeypox Virus (MPV) Infection Control Basics
Thursday October 6 at 9:00am	Session 4:	How Germs Make People Sick
Tuesday October 11 at 3:00pm	Session 5:	Recognizing Risk Using Reservoirs
Wednesday October 19 at 11:00am	Session 6:	Where Germs Live: Body Reservoirs
Thursday October 27 at 2:00pm	Session 7:	Where Germs Live: Healthcare Environment Reservoirs





Questions & Answers

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<https://www.chicagohan.org/covid-19/LTCF>