



# Behavioral Health COVID-19 Guidance Updates

Senior, Youth, and Behavioral Health



# ★ Agenda

- Introductions ~5 minutes
- Guidance Updates ~20 minutes
- Other Reminders ~10 minutes
- Q&A Session ~25 minutes



# Introductions: SYB Team

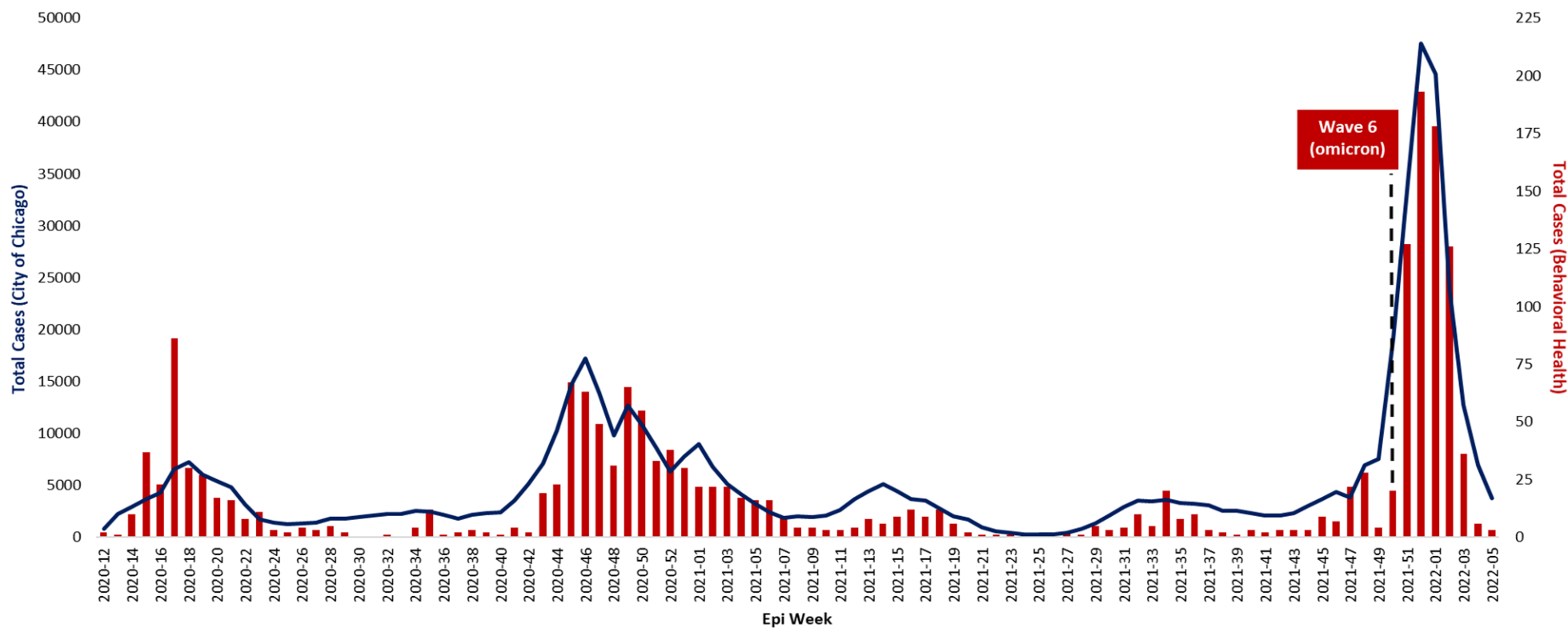


- Dr. Erica Taylor– Medical Director
- Ernie Brown-Gomez– Program Director
- Anne Schultz– Infection Prevention Specialist
- Jourdan Howard- Epidemiologist
- Margaret DiSalvo– Public Health Nurse
- Mary Jo Scarlette-- Public Health Nurse





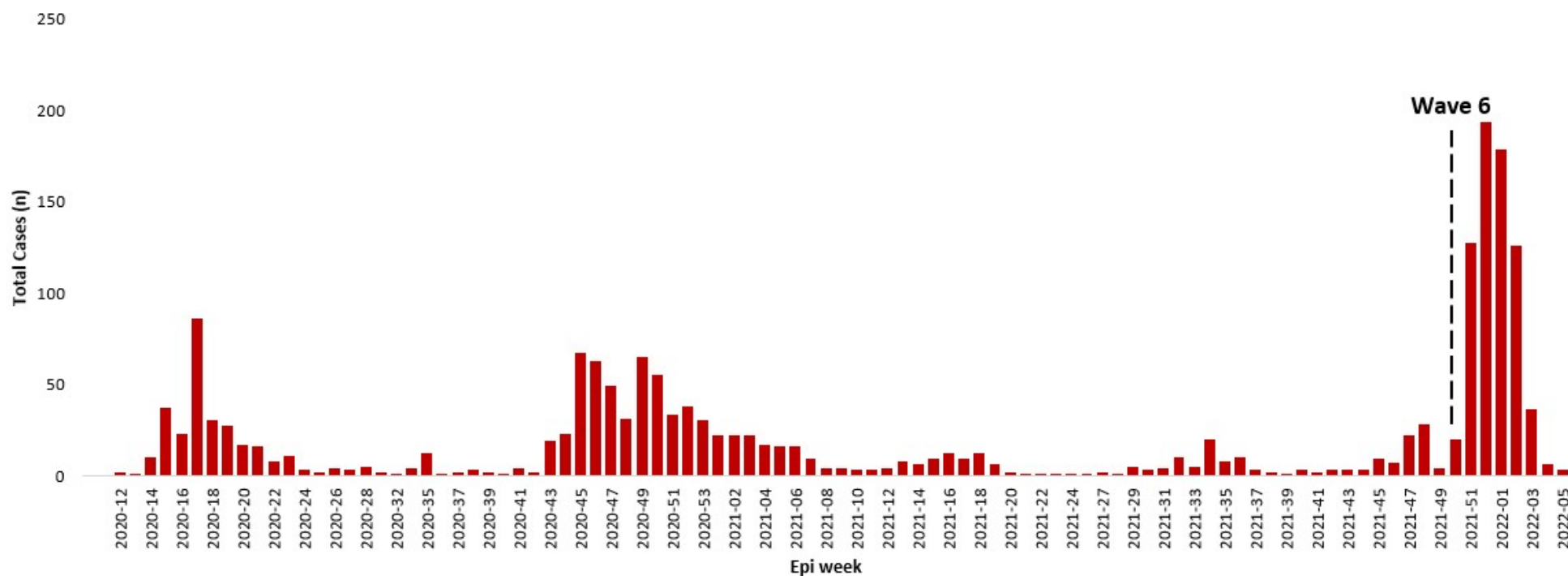
# COVID-19 cases among Chicago Residents and Staff at Behavioral Health Facilities



\*Data Source: Redcap Upload, INEDSS  
\*Preliminary analysis/ values subject to change  
\*Total cases= confirmed + probable  
**Note:** only includes cases that are I-NEDSS confirmed cases



# Increase in confirmed and probable cases reported during Wave 6






# Quarantine Guidelines for Residents

- *Close contact is still as follows: within 6 feet for 15 cumulative minutes in 24-hours*
- Residents with high-risk exposures must quarantine for 14 days from last exposure if not up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations\*
- Residents should be tested immediately after an exposure (but not sooner than 24-hours post-exposure)
- Continuing to contact trace efficiently is still best practice

**\*Up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccination means a full series has been completed at least 14 days prior and a booster dose has been given, if eligible.** (Eligibility comes 5 months after second dose of Pfizer, 5 months after second dose of Moderna and 2 months after first dose of Johnson and Johnson.)



# Quarantine Guidelines for Staff



- Close contact is still as follows: within 6 feet for 15 cumulative minutes in 24-hours
- Staff members with high-risk exposures must quarantine for 10 days from last exposure if not up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations\* and can return without a negative COVID-19 test on day 11

OR

- Staff members with high-risk exposures can return after day 7 if they receive a negative test result no more than 48 hours prior to return and have remained asymptomatic. (date of exposure=day 0)
- Staff should be tested immediately (not sooner than 24-hours post-exposure) after an exposure

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# Isolation Guidelines for Residents and Staff

- Residents and Staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 should isolate for 10 full days from test or symptom on-set (whichever came first)
- Cases can come out of isolation after day 10 if:
  - Symptoms have improved
  - Are fever free for 24-hours w/o fever reducing medications
- Residents and Staff are not eligible for shortened isolation and quarantine periods\*

*\*contingency staffing guidance to follow*

*Day 0 = Date of symptom onset or positive COVID-19 test.*





# Contingency Staffing

- Contingency staffing (allowing staff to return to work sooner than 7 days after exposure or 10 days from positive test) should not be used as standard practice
- If facilities are concerned regarding their ability to maintain conventional staffing, **they must reach out to their LHD to determine whether contingency staffing is appropriate.** There are several protocols that need to be followed prior to contingency staffing is allowed, including the pause of new admissions.



# Testing Timelines



Table 1: Testing trigger	Staff	Residents
<b>Symptomatic</b>	Test immediately regardless of vaccination status (but not sooner than 24-hours post exposure)	Test immediately regardless of vaccination status (but not sooner than 24-hours post exposure)
<b>Outbreak</b>	Test vaccinated and unvaccinated staff as per outbreak guidance below	Test vaccinated and unvaccinated residents as per outbreak guidance below
<b>Close contact exposure</b>	Test immediately (but not sooner than 24-hours) and again in 5-7 days if first test negative, regardless of vaccination status  Additional testing recommendation for HCW exposed in the home, above	Test immediately (but not sooner than 24-hours post exposure) and again in 5-7 days if first test negative, regardless of vaccination status
<b>Routine testing</b>	Test unvaccinated staff as per table 2	Not recommended unless the individual leaves the facility frequently

Table 2: Testing Intervals of Unvaccinated HCP by Community Transmission Level

Minimum Testing Frequency of Unvaccinated Staff\*

LOW

Per Illinois COVID-19 Executive Order testing is required at a minimum of weekly

MODERATE

Once a week

SUBSTANTIAL

Twice a week

HIGH

Twice a week



# Visitation

- Visitation for all residents **is allowed at all times** as long as Core Principles of Infection Prevention and Control are utilized to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Residents who are on transmission-based precautions (TBP) can still receive visitors. In these cases, visits should occur in the resident's room and the resident should wear a well-fitting mask. Visitors should be made aware of the potential risk of visiting and the precautions necessary in order to visit the resident.
- **Visitor testing:** While not required, facilities are encouraged to offer testing to visitors when the county is in substantial or high transmission, if feasible, or encourage visitor testing before their visit.





# Continue to Reinforce COVID-19 Policies

- Continue to enforce mask wearing and social distancing in communal spaces for both staff, residents, and visitors (consider face shields for residents who are unable to keep a mask on)
- Anyone who is ill should stay home, regardless of COVID-19 test result
- Clean high touch surfaces and commonly used areas multiple times a day
- Staff should be wearing proper PPE based on current outbreak status





## Other Reminders

- Please continue to upload line lists with new cases of COVID-19 within your facility to the Redcap link below:  
<https://redcap.dph.illinois.gov/surveys/?s=TAAMLJRYC8>
- **AND** weekly reports must be submitted either to **NHSN** or **IDPH** based on CMS certification. Submit for IDPH at:  
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/fa2d7abfb102490b9d2622a2ba490744>
- Non-CMS certified facilities must report point of care tests at:  
<https://www.simplereport.gov/>
- Continue to promote COVID-19 vaccination in your community
- View the Current Status of COVID-19 in the City of Chicago at:  
<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home/covid-dashboard.html>





# Q&A Session

- Please drop your questions into the chat box and we will address them in order as they come.





# Thank You for Attending!



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