



**COVID-19 Question and Answer Session
for Long-Term Care and Congregate Residential Settings**

August 6th, 2021

Housekeeping

- All attendees in listen-only mode
- Submit questions via Q&A pod to **All Panelists**
- Slides and recording will be made available later

Agenda

- Upcoming Webinars
- New IDPH website – LTC Facility-level COVID-19 Data
- NHSN Data Quality Reminders
- Ultrasound Gel Recall
- Outbreak Duration for LTCF vs. Local Health Department
- Vaccinations and Masking
- Open Q & A

IDPH webinars

Upcoming Friday Brief Updates and Open Q&A 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Friday, August 13 th	https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?MTID=e5d5ed606542b0833bfe9aa1523aa7501
Friday, August 20 th	https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?MTID=e0126a739a506f4d326923e7e17b8033d
Friday, August 27 th	https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?MTID=ebdd71e46e988773f3e457c4b747e135b

Previously recorded webinars can be viewed on the [IDPH Portal](#)

Slides and recordings will be made available after the sessions.

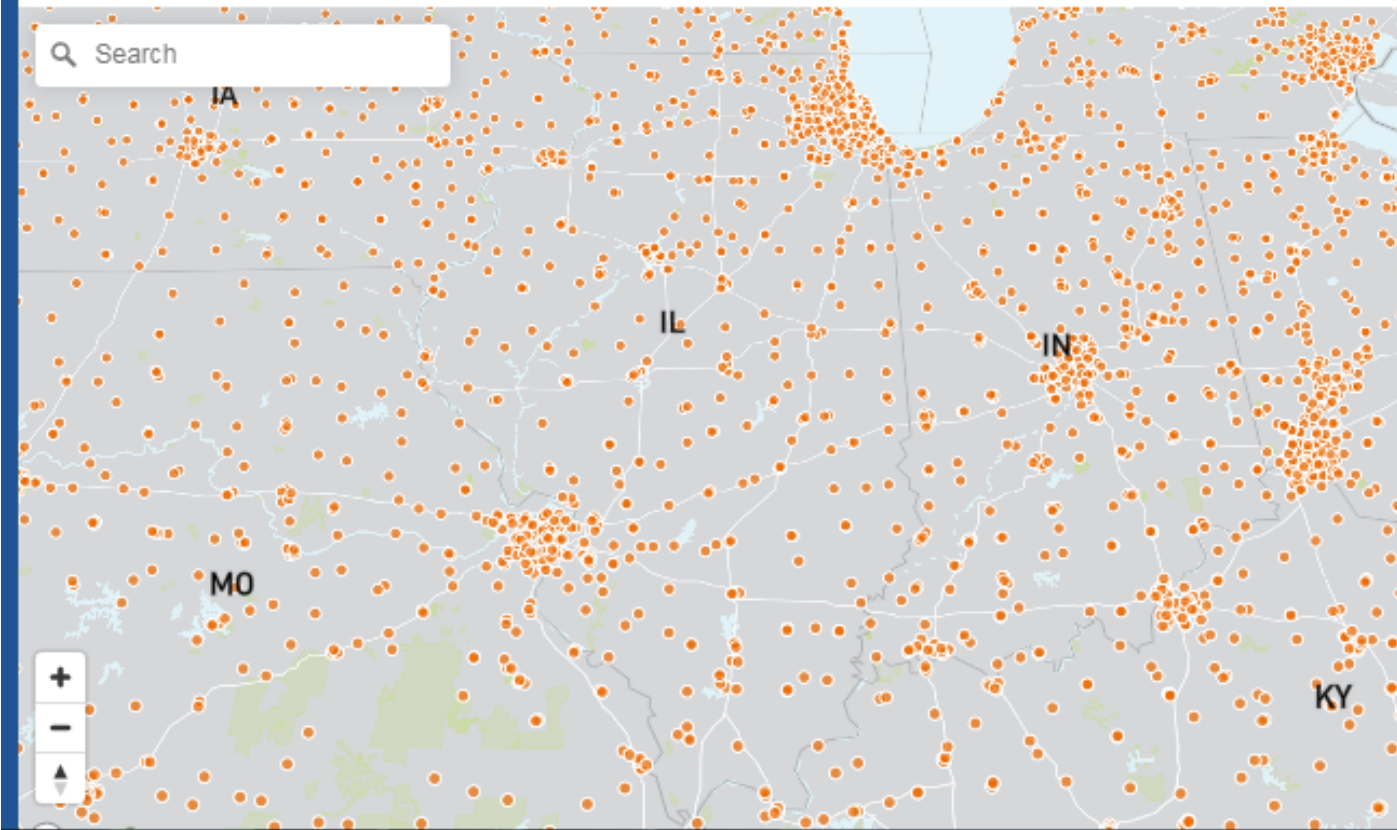
CMS website – Facility-level data map

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You can find a Nursing Home by using the Search box or by zooming in on the map. You can enter a city, state, and/or ZIP Code in the Search box, and hover over one of the dots to show data about the Nursing Home. Please note certain providers may not be displayed.

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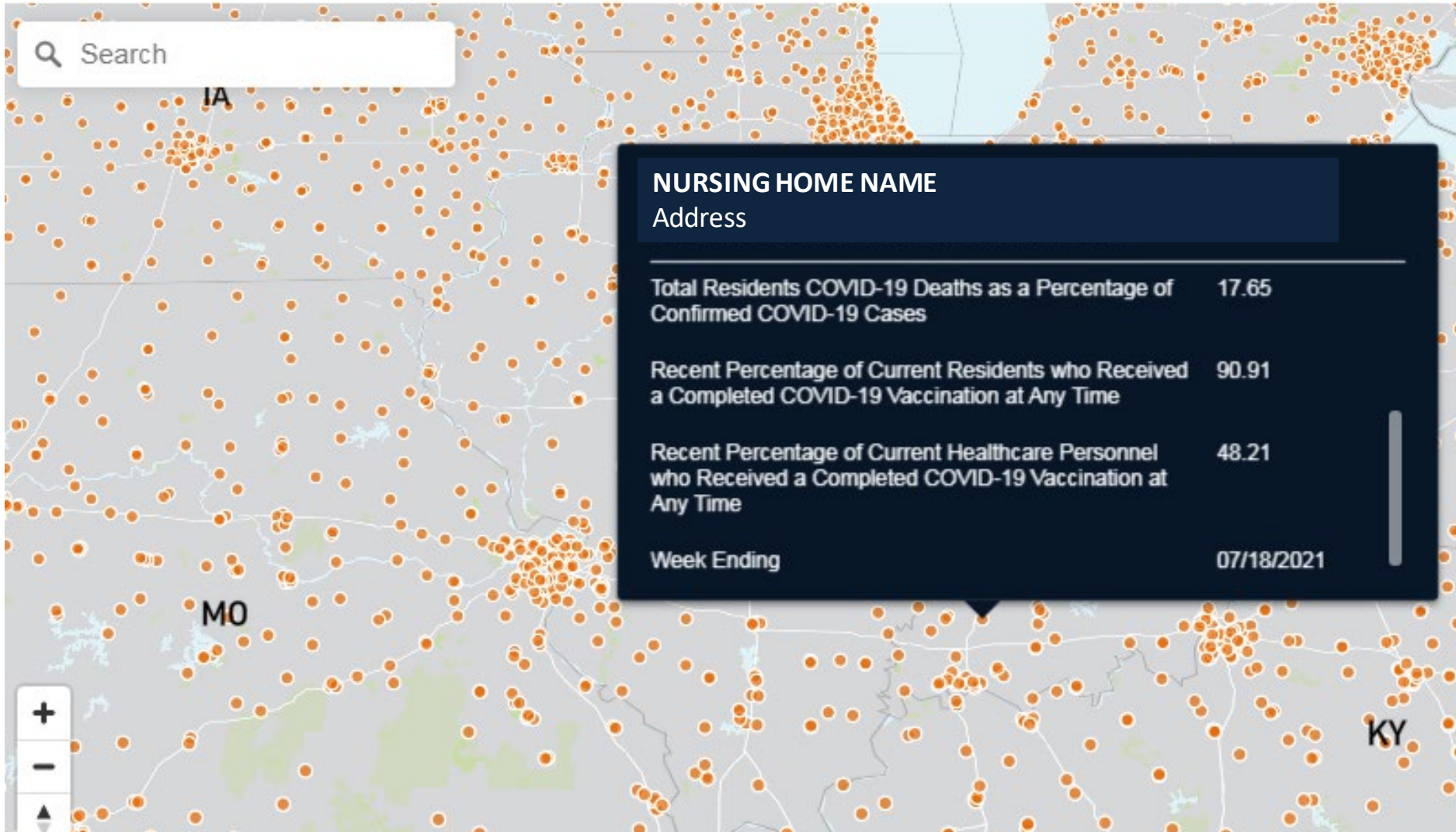


Uses NHSN data → only CMS-certified skilled nursing facilities included.

<https://data.cms.gov/covid-19/covid-19-nursing-home-data>

CMS website – Facility-level data map

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New IDPH website – LTC Facility-level COVID-19 Data



NEWS RELEASE

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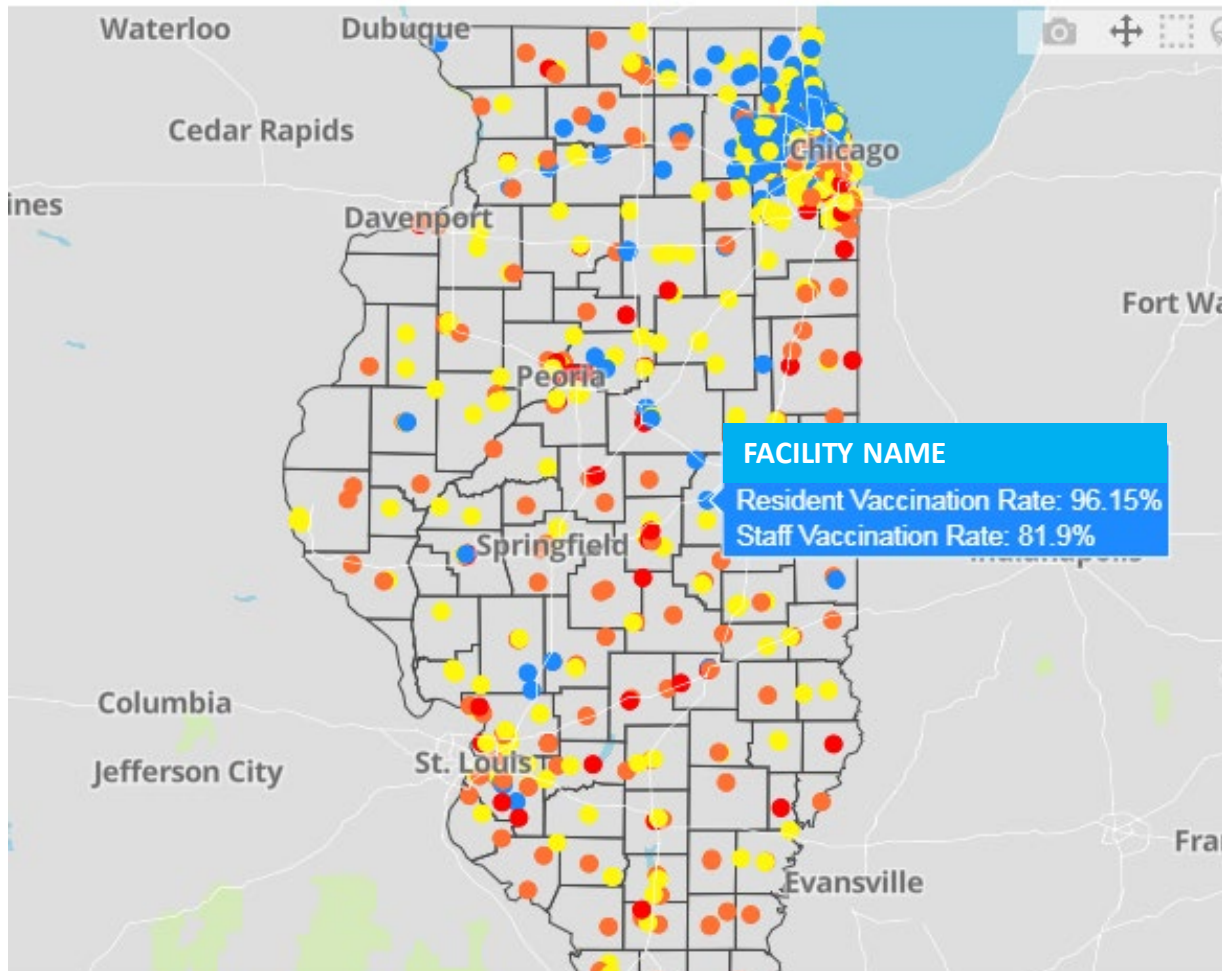
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With Cases on the Rise, Illinois Launches Site to Share Vaccination Data in Long-Term Care Facilities

SPRINGFIELD – To help ensure transparency, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced today that COVID-19 vaccination data for both residents and staff in long-term care (LTC) facilities is now available on the IDPH website at <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/long-term-care-facility-data>. Given that LTC facilities have experienced a significant portion of COVID-19 deaths, particularly early in pandemic, this resource will be critical for tracking COVID-19 vaccinations for both staff and residents in facilities across state.

New IDPH website – Facility-level vaccination rates

Staff Vaccination Rates



Uses same NHSN data as CMS map.

Important to ensure accuracy when reporting to NHSN!

<http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/long-term-care-facility-data>

IDPH website – Facility-level case/death/vax

Select County:

Apply

FACILITY NAME

**Address
County**

Residents
Weekly Confirmed Cases: 0
Total Confirmed Cases: 35
Weekly COVID-19 Deaths: 0
Total COVID-19 Deaths: 6
Vaccination Rate: 86.93%

Staff
Weekly Confirmed Cases: 0
Total Confirmed Cases: 85
Weekly COVID-19 Deaths: 0
Total COVID-19 Deaths: 2
Vaccination Rate: 82.31%

FACILITY NAME

**Address
County**

Residents
Weekly Confirmed Cases: 0
Total Confirmed Cases: 21
Weekly COVID-19 Deaths: 0
Total COVID-19 Deaths: 9
Vaccination Rate: 96.97%

Staff
Weekly Confirmed Cases: 0
Total Confirmed Cases: 21
Weekly COVID-19 Deaths: 0
Total COVID-19 Deaths: 0
Vaccination Rate: 78.13%

FACILITY NAME

**Address
County**

Residents
Weekly Confirmed Cases: 0
Total Confirmed Cases: 1
Weekly COVID-19 Deaths: 0
Total COVID-19 Deaths: 0
Vaccination Rate: 82.86%

Staff
Weekly Confirmed Cases: 0
Total Confirmed Cases: 3
Weekly COVID-19 Deaths: 0
Total COVID-19 Deaths: 0
Vaccination Rate: 42.31%



NHSN VACCINE MODULE – DATA QUALITY REMINDERS

- Check that numbers of partially and fully vaccinated individuals are in their respective boxes
- Avoid delayed reporting
 - CMS looks at a Monday-Sunday reporting week and pulls the data soon after
- Registering an additional NHSN user may be helpful
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/covid19/lctcf/add-user-508.pdf>

COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

Eco-Med Pharmaceutical Issues Voluntary Recall of Eco-Gel 200

- EcoGel 200, by Eco-Med (Canada)
- MediChoice Ultrasound Gel, by Owens & Minor (United States)
- MediChoice Ultrasound Gel, by Mac Medical Supply Co Inc. (United States)
- EcoGel 200, by Active Crystal Inc (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by Agencia Matamoros (Honduras)
- EcoGel 200, by Cardinal Health Canada
- EcoGel 200, by CMCC Supply Centre and Bookstore (Canada)
- EcoGel 200 Blue, by Christie Innomed Inc. (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by Dectro International (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by Medline Canada
- EcoGel 200, by Dunbar Medical (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by Eastern Medical Supply Ltd (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by Global Medical Solution (NZ) LTD (New Zealand)
- EcoGel 200, by Good-link Electronics Ltd. (Hong Kong)
- EcoGel 200, by Henry Schein Arcona (Canada)

- EcoGel 200, by Maranda Lauzon Inc (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by Medi's Part Ltd. (Thailand)
- EcoGel 200 Blue, by MJM Distributing (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by Ortho Canada (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by So medico SDN BHD (Malaysia)
- EcoGel 200 and EcoGel 200 Blue, by STAT Healthcare Corporation (Canada)
- EcoGel 200 and EcoGel 200 Blue, by The Stevens Company Limited (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by Trimedica Supply Network Ltd. (Canada)
- EcoGel 200, by Vitality Depot (Canada)
- Chattanooga Conductor USA, by DJO Global (United States)
- Conductor Australia, by DJO Australia
- DJO Conductor, by DJO Global (United States)
- Liquasonic, by Athena Medical Products Inc. (United States)
- Medico, by Medico Inc. (Canada)
- Medline, by Medline Industries Inc. (United States)
- NDC Eco-Gel 200 Ultrasound Gel, by NDC Inc. (United States)
- Omni, by Accelerated Care Plus Leasing Inc. (United States)
- Red Medical Ultrasound Gel Blue, by Red Medical Supplies Ltd. (Canada)
- Smart 200, by Smart Technology and Product Co., Ltd (Thailand)

Eco-Med has initiated this recall and quarantine due to bacterial contamination in the affected lots of ultrasound gel with *Burkholderia cepacia* complex (Bcc). The source(s) of

Outbreak Duration for LTCF vs. Local Health Department for COVID-19

- For LTCF outbreaks
 - Facility needs to follow the LTC guidance for outbreak response, starting with one case.
 - Facility outbreak response has different time frames of 14 days for considering an outbreak response completed
 - If facility goes 14 days with no new cases, then the facility may move out of outbreak response
- For Local Health Departments
 - LHD report into ORS, outbreak duration for COVID-19 outbreak is two incubation periods or 28 days before the LHD considers the outbreak over
 - For ORS, the outbreak stays open until 28 days with no new cases.
- Case Study,
 - A facility has a positive case, and tests every 3-7 days for 14 days with no new cases
 - They have a new case 5 days after completing that first 14-day period
 - The facility has to initiate new outbreak response measures again as per LTC guidance
 - But LHD can keep the same outbreak open in ORS because they didn't go 28 days without a new case
- So even though LTC outbreak response measures may have to be implemented several times, until the facility goes 28 days with no new cases, the LHD would keep the same outbreak open in ORS.



General Vaccine Administration



Source Control / PPE



cdc.gov/COVID19



Detection, Isolation



Screening and Surveillance



Hand Hygiene



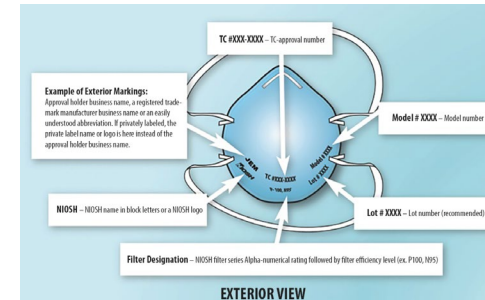
Surface Cleaning / Disinfecting

The National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory (NPPTL)

NIOSH-Approved Particulate Filtering Facepiece Respirators

NIOSH-approved N95 Particulate Filtering Facepiece Respirators

Updated July 22, 2021



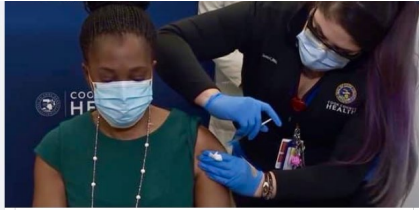
Respiratory Protection / Ventilation

Core Infection Prevention Practices



Vaccinations are our strongest and best tool

Vaccination prevents severe illness and deaths



Governor JB Pritzker 18h · 🌐

The COVID-19 vaccines are a safe and effective way to get us all a little closer to the other side of this pandemic.

Today, I'm proud to see [Illinois Department of Public Health \(IDPH\) Director Dr. Ezike](#) continue to lead the way by getting vaccinated! [#VaxUpIL](#)

“Pandemic of the Unvaccinated”



[#ABCNewsUpdate](#) [#Hospitalized](#) [#Virginia](#)
ABC News Update: Hospitalized Virginia man urges others to get vaccinated

Vaccinations and Masking

- Children under 10 being hospitalized now account for 15% of all persons hospitalized
- Children 10-19 hospitalized for COVID-19 no account for 23% of all persons hospitalized
- Delta variant has been predominate strain
- Community masking is important
- Vaccinations are our strongest and best tool

COVID-19 spreading rapidly in Illinois

Upward movement has occurred almost entirely among the unvaccinated.

10x

increase in cases since
summer low

2x

increase in hospitalizations and
ICU rates since summer low

96%

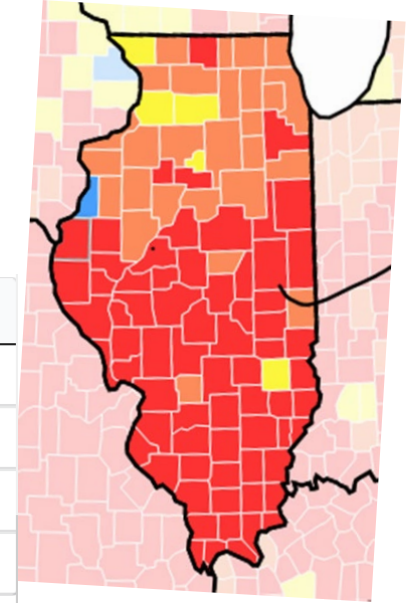
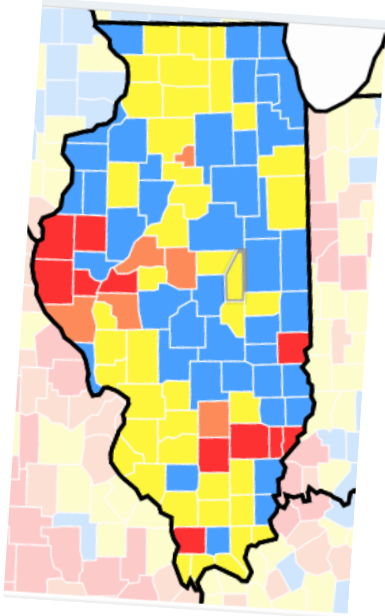
hospitalized COVID-19
patients are unvaccinated

State of Illinois
COVID-19 Update
August 4, 2021

Variants are Spreading Quickly

June 29, 2021 to July 5, 2021

July 29, 2021 to August 4, 2021



Level of Community Transmission	Number of U.S. Counties at this Level	Percent of U.S. Counties at this Level	Percentage Point Difference Since 7 Days Ago
High	2161	67.11%	14.94%
Substantial	580	18.01%	0.9%
Moderate	332	10.31%	-12.7%
Low	146	4.53%	-3.14%

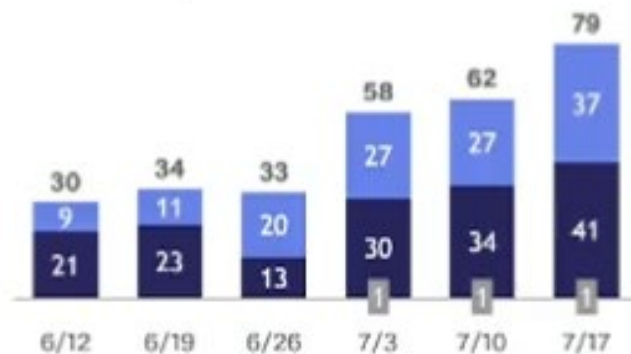
Indicator - If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected	Low Transmission Blue	Moderate Transmission Yellow	Substantial Transmission Orange	High Transmission Red
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days	0-9.99	10-49.99	50-99.99	≥ 100
Percentage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

Breach of Safety and Healthcare Responsibility Not to Help Protect Residents and Coworkers with Vaccination: Do No Harm

Employees test positive, but residents develop severe cases

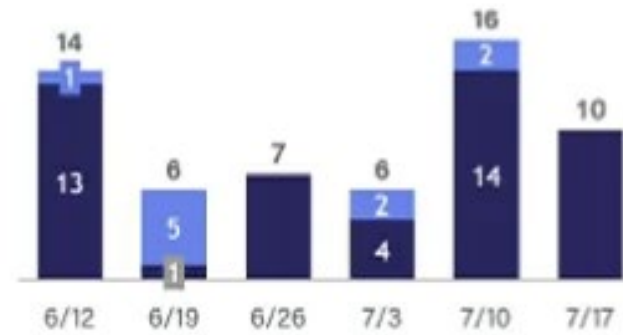
Half of of COVID cases in LTCs over the last several weeks are driven by employees

Weekly COVID-19 Cases from LTC Facilities



LTC residents are mostly the ones getting hospitalized due to exposure to COVID

Weekly COVID-19 Hospitalizations from LTC Facilities



Employee Resident Other/Unknown

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Three Key Steps to Protect Illinois from Variants

- Masks required indoors for all daycares, and preschool through grade 12 (P-12) students and teachers
- Require vaccinations for State employees working in congregate care settings (State VAs, Correctional Facilities, Department of Human Services Developmental Centers, and State Psychiatric facilities)- Effective October 4, 2021
- **Universal Mask mandate required for all residents, staff, and visitors** in congregate care/long term care of Congregate care/Long Term Care

Residents and Visitors

- Cloth Face Covering (Launder)
- Procedure Mask (Change frequently, discard if soiled or damaged)

FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO PROPERLY WEAR YOUR FACE MASK



Wash your hands before and after touching the mask.



Touch only the bands or ties when putting on and taking off your mask.



Make sure the mask fits to cover your nose, mouth and chin. If you adjust the mask to cover those areas, wash your hands before and after.



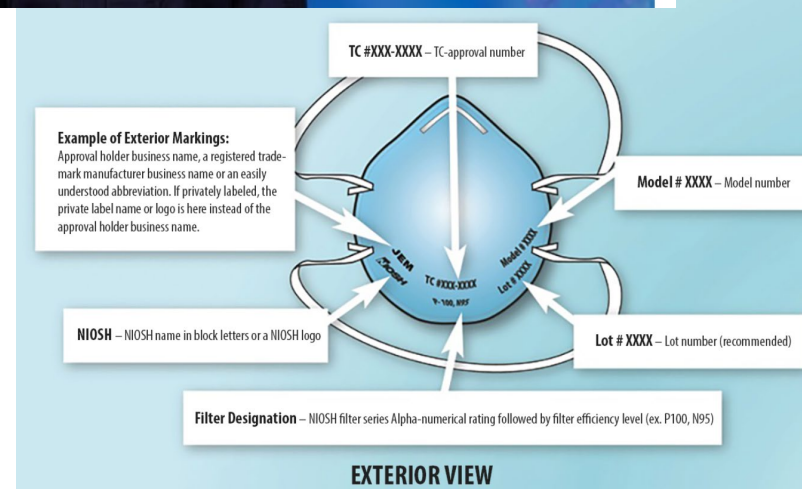
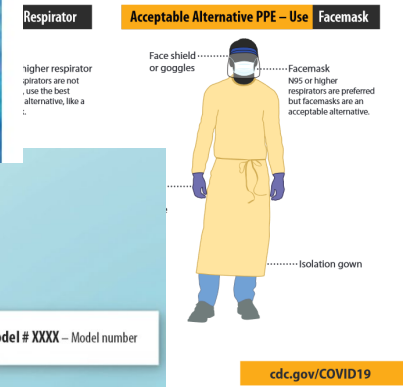
Make sure you can breathe and talk comfortably through your mask.



Wash reusable masks after each use. If the mask is disposable, discard it when visibly soiled or damaged.

Staff/HCP

- Procedure/surgical Mask (Discard if removed, soiled, or damaged)
- Respirator



Vaccination and Masking

Vaccines work

Masks work as both source control and PPE

Ventilation works

Outdoor activities have the lowest risk of transmission

Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2 risk is greater if you are not vaccinated

Modifications of the guidance in final review

Open Q&A

Submit questions via Q&A pod to **All Panelists**

Please do not resubmit a single question multiple times

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Reminders

- SIREN Registration
 - To receive situational awareness from IDPH, please use this link to guide you to the correct registration instructions for your public health related classification: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/siren>

- NHSN Assistance:
 - Contact Telligen: **nursinghome@telligen.com**