



# COVID-19 VACCINE BRIEFING REPORT

September 13, 2021

## Vaccine Boosters

Cook County Health is following CDC guidance with regards to boosters for the COVID-19 mRNA vaccines and is offering boosters to eligible individuals. Currently, boosters are recommended for moderately to severely immunocompromised people. This includes individuals who have:

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response

People should talk to their health care provider about whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for them.

Currently, boosters are only being given to those eligible individuals who have received Moderna or Pfizer vaccines. A person who qualifies for a booster, should receive the same brand of vaccine they received for their first and second doses.

Information about booster shots for those who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine as well guidelines for wider distribution of the COVID-19 booster shot have not been released and are expected soon. CCH continues to prepare for the widespread rollout of boosters.

## CCDPH Update

Cook County Department of Public Health continues to focus on a hyperlocal strategy with a special focus on the "Eleven to Elevate" communities. These are the municipalities that have the lowest rates of vaccine uptake; each of the communities is in the south suburbs. We have held or supported 31 vaccine events in the last week. We have 63 scheduled vaccination events moving forward and another 33 potential events, pending confirmations.

We have utilized our "M1" mobile vehicle at recent vaccination events, including outside the courthouse in Markham and at a vaccination event in Hazel Crest. The vehicle has given the department's efforts much greater visibility and, therefore, increased trust within the community. The vehicle will next be deployed in River Oaks mall in Calumet City, where we will be holding a multiple-day vaccine event.

These "priority events" are also being supported by door-to-door campaigns in conjunction with community-based organizations, by social media posts, and often by appearances by on-air talent from WGCI, the dominant radio station for the young adult Black and African American demographic in suburban Cook County.



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## CCDPH Travel Guidance

The Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) weekly COVID-19 Travel Advisory now includes every state and territory in the U.S., as COVID-19 continues to surge across the country, driven by the more contagious Delta variant.

Vermont was the only state not on the Travel Advisory last week, but it has now surpassed 15 new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents per day and joined the rest of the states, as well as the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, on the CCDPH list. As part of the Travel Advisory, unvaccinated travelers should be tested for COVID-19 before and after travel and should quarantine upon return home. Click here to view [the CDC's travel recommendations for unvaccinated individuals](#).

## According to the Illinois Department of Public Health

As of September 10, 1,477,037 residents in CCDPH's jurisdiction (64.9%) have received at least one dose, including 1,196,577 individuals (52.6%) who have been fully vaccinated.

## COVID-19 Case Counts

CCDPH continues to monitor cases closely in suburban Cook County. Suburban Cook County has seen an increase in case counts, week over week, with a 410 rolling 7-day average, a decrease from 473 the previous week and 419 two weeks prior. CCDPH is in regular contact with CDPH and IDPH to discuss cases and potential mitigation strategies should the trends indicate the need.

## Contact Tracing Initiative

*Data unavailable at time of distribution*

Date	Cases Reported
9/6	270
9/7	398
9/8	481
9/9	530
9/10	609
9/11	239
9/12	337
7-Day Average	410
Prev 7-Day Avg.	473



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## This Week's Pop-Up/Mobile Sites

Below is a list of mobile pop-up vaccination clinics scheduled for this week. The clinics listed as "open" are clinics that can be accessed by anyone in the community, while those that are "closed" are in settings where only those residents, employees, or service recipients are eligible for vaccine. These closed sites are not open to the public and typically short term unless otherwise noted. This list includes sites operated by CCH and sites operated by CCDPH in partnership with others.

Date	Facility/Organization	Town	Open/Closed
9/13/2021	Cosmetology Chicago @ Rosemont Convention Center - Day 3	Rosemont	open
9/13/2021	Prairie-Hills Jr. High	Markham	open
9/13/2021	Schaumburg Community Church	Schaumburg	open
9/13/2021	Thornridge High School - Day 1	Dolton	open
9/13/2021	Thornton High School - Day 1	Harvey	open
9/13/2021	Thornwood High School - Day 1	South Holland	open
9/13/2021	Zion Buds of Promise Christian Academy	Harvey	open
9/14/2021	North Northfield United Methodist Church	Northbrook	open
9/15/2021	Oakton College, Skokie Campus - Day 1	Skokie	open
9/15/2021	South Suburban College - Day 2	South Holland	open
9/16/2021	South Suburban College - Day 3	South Holland	open
9/17/2021	Thornridge High School - Day 2	Dolton	open
9/17/2021	Thornton High School - Day 2	Harvey	open
9/17/2021	Thornwood High School - Day 2	South Holland	open
9/18/2021	Corn & Dog Roast - Sauk Village	Sauk Village	open
9/18/2021	Glory of Divinity Fellowship Organization - Day 4	Glenwood	open
9/20/2021	Prairie State Community College - Day 2	Chicago Heights	open
9/25/2021	Dining on the Green/Music on the Lawn: House of Prayer Ministries by Faith	Park Forest	open
9/25/2021	Glory of Divinity Fellowship Organization - Day 6	Glenwood	open
9/25/2021	Palos CCSD 118: Palos South Middle School	Palos Park	open



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## Shots In Arms (as of 9/10/21)

### Vaccine (1st & 2nd doses) at CCH PODs

CCH Chicago PODs*	Total	CCH Suburban PODs**	Total
Austin Health Center	7,089	Arlington Heights Health Center	39,121
Dr. Jorge Prieto Health Center	5,706	Blue Island Health Center	15,365
Englewood Health Center	5,930	Cottage Grove Health Center	10,505
Logan Square Health Center	6,861	North Riverside Health Center	33,484
Sengstacke Health Center	17,291	Robbins Health Center	11,020
Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center	11,428		
Stroger Hospital	11,428		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>65,733</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>109,495</b>

\*Vaccine Distributed to CCH by the Chicago Department of Public Health.

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### Vaccine (1st & 2nd doses) Administered at Mega & Targeted PODs

Mega PODs	Total	Targeted PODs	Total
Tinley Park Convention Center <i>(sunset 5/28)</i>	135,829	Thornton Fractional South HS <i>(concluded 6/5)</i>	23,982
Triton College <i>(sunset 5/28)</i>	60,477	Morton East Health Center	21,968
South Suburban College <i>(sunset 5/28)</i>	71,828	West Leyden <i>(concluded 6/11)</i>	5,568
Des Plaines <i>(sunset 7/21)</i>	184,370	Thornton Township HS <i>(concluded 6/26)</i>	716
Forest Park <i>(sunset 7/21)</i>	137,629	Summit Priority POD <i>(concluded 5/24)</i>	7,449
Matteson <i>(sunset 7/22)</i>	34,844		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>624,977</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>59,683</b>

### Vaccine (1st & 2nd doses) Administered to Specific Populations

Population	Total Doses (first & second)	Unique Individuals
Cook County Health Employees & Contractors	12,787	6,611
Dept. of Corrections and JTDC Employees & Contractors	4,558	2,357
Cermak Health Services Patients	10,938	6,347
Cook County Government Employees* (excluding CCH)	734	502
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29,017</b>	<b>15,817</b>



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## CCH Vaccination Strategy

CCH has developed a multi-pronged approach to vaccine administration to expand capacity, ensure an equitable distribution of vaccine in vulnerable communities and to help safely restore critical public services to the community. **Updates from previous week in bold.**

POD Type	Definitions	Location(s)
CCH PODs	<p>As indicated in the March 22<sup>nd</sup> briefing, CCH is transitioning its community health centers to a pre-COVID state to ensure CCH patients are able to see their physicians in a timely fashion. Vaccines are being provided to CCH patients daily.</p> <p>Those sites indicated with an * remain open to CCH patients and the general public who meet current eligibility. Morton East is serving as both a targeted POD as well as a CCH POD. By appointment and/or walk-in depending on site. Scheduling for these sites is done through <a href="http://vaccine.cookcountyil.gov">vaccine.cookcountyil.gov</a> or 1-833-308-1988 M-F 7AM – 10PM and Saturdays 8AM-10PM.</p>	<p><i>Suburban Locations:</i>            Arlington Heights Health Center            Blue Island Health Center            Cottage Grove Health Center            Morton East High School – Cicero *            North Riverside Health Center*            Robbins Health Center</p> <p><i>Chicago Locations:</i>            Austin Health Center            Dr. Jorge Prieto Health Center            Englewood Health Center            Logan Square Health Center            Provident Hospital            Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center            Stroger Hospital</p>
Partner PODs	<p>CCDPH has distributed vaccine* to more than 150 partner locations consisting of Jewel-Osco, Walgreens, Marianos, FQHCs, hospitals. Scheduling is done by each partner organization.</p> <p>*Since December, 2020. Distribution can be one-time events or ongoing</p>	<p>New Trier High School – Northfield  <i>Jewel-Osco (20 locations)</i>  <i>Walgreens (40 locations)</i>  <i>Mariano’s (15 locations)</i>  <i>FQHCs (15 locations)</i>  <i>Hospitals (includes LTACs) (19)</i>  <i>Others (65)</i></p>
Pop-Up PODs/Mobile Efforts	<p>Short-term, hyper-targeted efforts to reach vulnerable communities.</p>	<p>Sites/Events to date: <b>345</b> (includes group homes, senior centers, long term care facilities, homeless shelters, workplaces)</p>