

# Suburban Cook County COVID-19 Vaccine Town Hall



# Agenda

- Introductions
- Vaccine landscape
- Receiving a vaccine
- Questions

*Note: This presentation and answers to questions sent in advance will be made available after tonight. We will provide the contact information for our offices at the end if you have additional questions.*



# Introductions



# Who is tonight for?

- People who live and work under the jurisdiction of the Cook County Department of Public Health. ***This doesn't include Evanston, Skokie, or Chicago.***
- People interested in the suburban Cook County vaccination process. We will provide links to FAQs for those who have medical questions about the vaccine.



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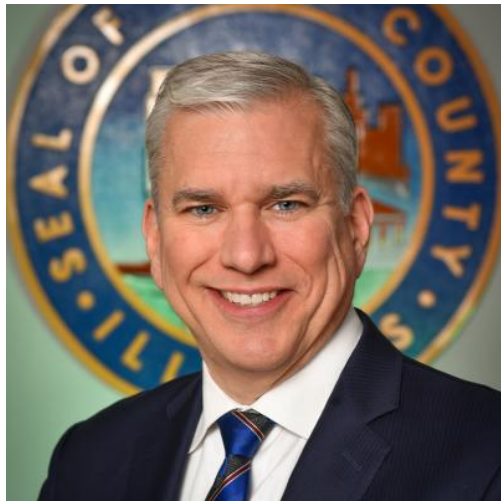
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# Vaccine landscape



# COVID vaccine in Illinois vs. nationally

Illinois has distributed the sixth most doses of any state.

Name	Pct. of people given		Doses distributed *	Shots given	Doses used
	At least one shot	Two shots			
<b>U.S. Total*</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	1.8%	<b>49,936,450</b>	<b>32,222,402</b>	<b>65%</b>
California	7.2%	1.5%	5,666,550	3,453,284	61%
Texas	6.9%	1.7%	3,659,550	2,496,232	68%
Florida	7.8%	1.5%	3,396,350	2,005,378	59%
New York	7.8%	1.8%	2,932,775	1,927,665	66%
Federal agencies	—	—	2,637,525	1,690,420	64%
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	—	—	1,367,700	963,346	70%
Dept. of Defense	—	—	816,175	485,125	59%
Indian Health Service	—	—	423,600	210,664	50%
Bureau of Prisons	—	—	30,050	31,285	104%
Pennsylvania	7.0%	1.8%	1,976,925	1,134,185	57%
Illinois	6.4%	1.7%	1,696,575	1,054,814	62%
Ohio	7.1%	1.5%	1,553,900	1,004,624	65%
Georgia	7.4%	1.2%	1,449,800	930,517	64%
North Carolina	7.8%	1.5%	1,423,475	975,743	69%

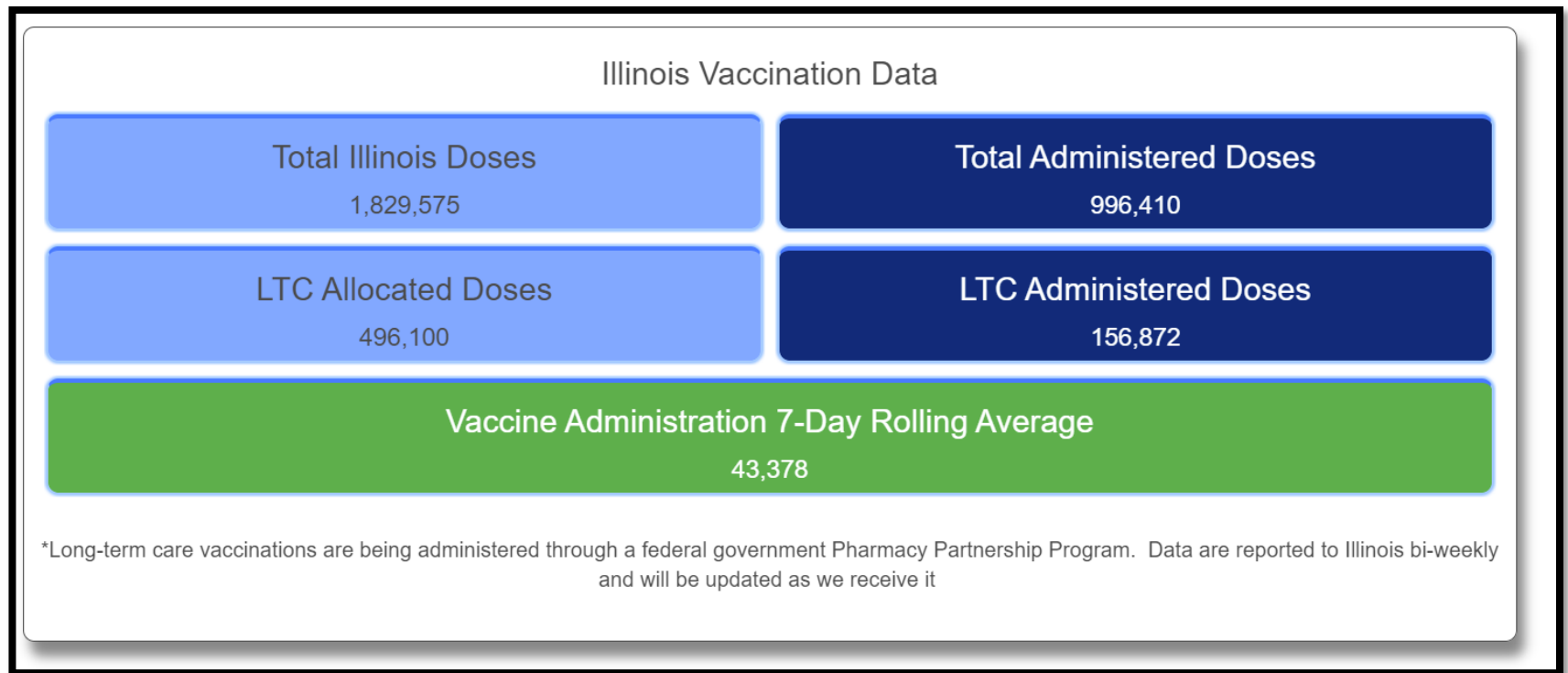
Source: [nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/covid-19-vaccine-doses.html](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/covid-19-vaccine-doses.html)

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# Illinois vaccine snapshot

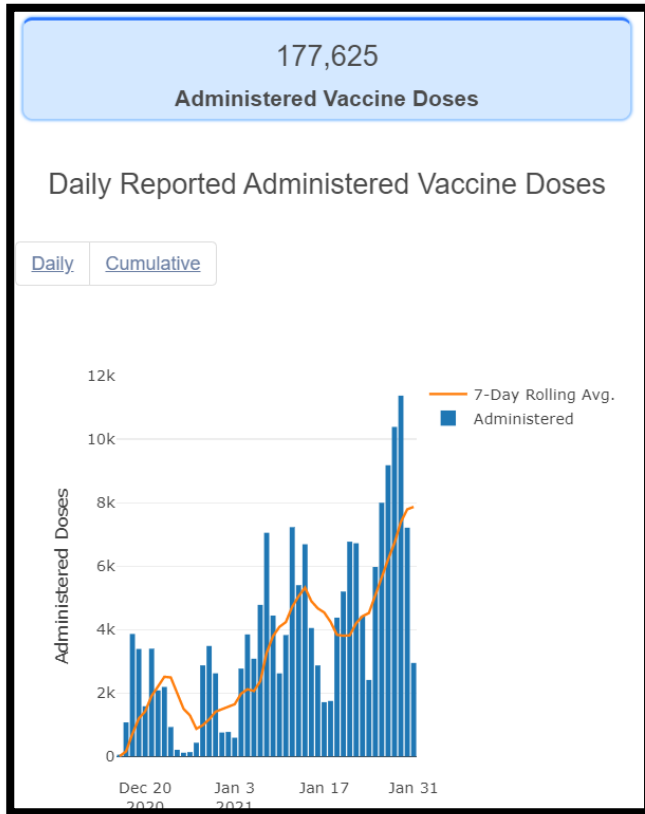


Source: [dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccinedata?county=Illinois](https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccinedata?county=Illinois)

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# Suburban Cook County vaccine snapshot



42,041  
# Population Fully Vaccinated

1.70%  
% Population Fully Vaccinated

2,474,499  
Population

Source: [dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccinedata?county=Illinois](https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccinedata?county=Illinois)  
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# How are we doing compared to other areas?

Jurisdiction	Total Reported Inventory	Administered Vaccines	Administration 7-Day Rolling Avg.	Persons Fully Vaccinated	Population	% Population Fully Vaccinated
Illinois	290,806	996,410	43,378	219,367	12,741,080	1.72%
Chicago	N/A	193,590	7,737	44,328	2,705,994	1.64%
Suburban Cook	82,357	177,625	7,865	42,041	2,474,499	1.70%
DuPage	23,292	72,855	2,476	19,975	928,589	2.15%
Kane	9,430	27,840	924	6,842	534,216	1.28%
Lake	21,595	38,668	1,548	9,083	700,832	1.30%
Will	6,775	41,162	1,730	11,736	692,310	1.70%

Source: [dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccinedata?county=Illinois](https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccinedata?county=Illinois)

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# Receiving a vaccine



# Vaccine stages

1a	1b	1c
Health care personnel	Persons aged 65 years and older	Persons aged 16 to 64 years old with high-risk medical conditions
Long-term care residents	Frontline workers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First responders</li> <li>• Corrections</li> <li>• Food and Agriculture</li> <li>• Postal Service</li> <li>• Manufacturing</li> <li>• Grocery Stores</li> <li>• Public Transit</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Shelters/Adult Day Care</li> </ul>	Other essential workers, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Food Service</li> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Finance</li> <li>• Information Technology</li> <li>• Energy</li> <li>• Media</li> <li>• Legal</li> </ul>

For more information on vaccine eligibility, go to [cookcountypublichealth.org/communicable-diseases/covid-19/covid-vaccine/covid-vaccination-phases/](https://cookcountypublichealth.org/communicable-diseases/covid-19/covid-vaccine/covid-vaccination-phases/)



# How can I sign up w/ the government?

***Due to increased demand, most of these websites do not have appointments. You should still register with your health department and check back regularly.***

**Suburban Cook County residents (minus Evanston or Skokie): [vaccine.cookcountyil.gov/](https://vaccine.cookcountyil.gov/)**

**Chicago residents: [covidcoach.chicago.gov/](https://covidcoach.chicago.gov/)**

**Evanston residents: [surveymonkey.com/r/27LBXZK](https://surveymonkey.com/r/27LBXZK)**

**Skokie residents: [surveymonkey.com/r/SDQV98T](https://surveymonkey.com/r/SDQV98T)**



# How can I sign up w/ a pharmacy?

***Due to increased demand, most of these websites do not have appointments. You should still register for where you are eligible and check back regularly.***

**CVS:** [cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine](https://cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine)

**Jewel-Osco:** [mhealthappointments.com/covidappt](https://mhealthappointments.com/covidappt)

**Mariano's:** [marianos.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine](https://marianos.com/i/coronavirus-update/vaccine)

**Walgreens:** [walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19](https://walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19)

**Walmart:** [walmart.com/cp/1228302](https://walmart.com/cp/1228302)



# How can I sign up with my health care provider?

***Please contact your health care provider or visit their website.***

**Northshore:** [northshore.org/covid-19-information-resources/covid-19-vaccine/](https://northshore.org/covid-19-information-resources/covid-19-vaccine/)

**Rush:** [rush.edu/patients-visitors/covid-19-resources/covid-19-vaccines/schedule-covid-19-vaccination](https://rush.edu/patients-visitors/covid-19-resources/covid-19-vaccines/schedule-covid-19-vaccination)

**Advocate:** [advocateaurorahealth.org/coronavirus-disease-2019/covid19-vaccine/](https://advocateaurorahealth.org/coronavirus-disease-2019/covid19-vaccine/)

**Northwestern:** [nm.org/conditions-and-care-areas/covid-19-resource-center/covid-19-vaccines](https://nm.org/conditions-and-care-areas/covid-19-resource-center/covid-19-vaccines)

**AMITA:** [amitahealth.org/covid-19/vaccine](https://amitahealth.org/covid-19/vaccine)





# When will I get my vaccine?

Currently, there are more people who want the vaccine than vaccines available.

Suburban Cook County 1b population: 650,000 people  
Vaccines received by Cook County last week: 15,000

***This process will require patience and vigilance.***



# Teachers

- Teachers who have already been vaccinated are largely due to unused long-term care vaccines
- The Cook County Department of Public Health is working closely with local school districts to ensure teachers are vaccinated



# Seniors

- Long-term care facilities such as Belmont Village, Covenant Living, Solstice Senior Living and The Moorings all have dates on the calendar for residents to receive their vaccines
- These facilities are vaccinated per federal contracts with Walgreens and CVS
- Homebound seniors will be vaccinated via a community approach leveraging local and non-profit resources



# Equity-centered vaccine outreach

## **Barrier 1: Technology access and literacy**

- Everyone should have equal access to vaccines
- Technology should not be a barrier
- Please reach out to our offices if you need assistance in registering. We cannot promise helping you make an appointment

## **Barrier 2: Vaccine Hesitancy**

- Public communication and engagement to acknowledge and address vaccine hesitancy
- Messaging through community-based organizations
- Engaging community leaders directly to gain buy-in for mass vaccination sites
- Programming focused in communities with greatest disparities



# Questions



# Vaccine medical questions

## **Centers for Disease Control**

[cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html)

## **Cook County Department of Public Health**

[vaccine.cookcountyil.gov/COVID-19-Vaccine-FAQs-Community-1-19-2021.pdf](https://vaccine.cookcountyil.gov/COVID-19-Vaccine-FAQs-Community-1-19-2021.pdf)

## **Illinois Department of Public Health**

[dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccine-faq](https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccine-faq)



# But I read/saw on Facebook that...

There are numerous rumors about people seemingly “skipping” the line. Some of these stories are true. Some are false. Right now, there is a lot of panic and fear.

There are not enough vaccines right now, but there will be eventually.

***This process will require patience and vigilance.***



# Common questions: Sign up

- Why is it so difficult to sign up?
- Can I sign up with more than one place?
- I don't have/can't use a computer. How do I sign up?
- Can your offices help me sign up?
- How does the Cook County website work? Is there a queue or is it first come first serve?
- Are there two Cook County websites to sign up?
- I am homebound. How do I get vaccinated?
- Why can't I reserve a vaccine appointment a month from now instead of having to keep checking the website?





# Common questions: Sign up

- Will Cook County prioritize people based on health condition? How is priority being determined within 1b?
- Are the only people getting the vaccines “connected”?
- I received my first vaccine dose, but can’t schedule the second dose. What do I do?
- Are all Cook County health centers offering the Pfizer vaccine?
- Can I get a vaccine in a different county?
- Can I receive a leftover vaccine that would otherwise be discarded?
- Why don’t we have one centralized sign-up system?
- Why have some teachers/schools already been vaccinated?



# Common questions: Distribution

- Why is there only one Cook County vaccine location in the northern suburbs?
- Why do Evanston and Skokie get to distribute vaccines?
- Can my school/church/community center be a distribution center?
- Can health care providers ignore the state's 1b guidelines and give the vaccine to someone outside of 1b with a very serious medical condition?
- Why don't the pharmacies in the suburbs have any vaccines to distribute?
- What are the authorization codes at Walgreens and CVS?



# Common questions: Big picture

- Why are there so few vaccines? Who decides how many Illinois gets?
- What are the barriers to speeding up distribution?
- Where is Illinois in relation to other states?
- What steps are being taken to improve the process?



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