Chicago Department of Public Health Expands Community Efforts with Hyper-local Vaccine Events as Chicagoans Encouraged to Get Vaccinated Through the Holiday Weekend

Community vaccine efforts are an extension of the Protect Chicago Plus program

CHICAGO—The Chicago Department of Public Health is hosting dozens of COVID-19 vaccination pop-ups and special events throughout the city this week and into the Memorial Day weekend with a continued focus on communities where vaccine up-take remains low. Events are being held at parks, beaches, farmers markets, churches, food pantries and more, with the special vaccine buses (the Vaccination Station) also appearing at convenient neighborhood settings so residents can easily access the vaccine right in their communities.

A complete calendar of pop-ups and special events is on the City’s vaccine website at https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid19-vaccine/home/calendar-of-events.html. New events are added weekly that will include door-to-door canvassing, with people being trained as vaccine ambassadors to go out into communities.

“This hyper-local approach is the next stage in our vaccination strategy—bringing vaccine directly to communities and events where people are, even right to their homes,” said CDPH Commissioner Allison Arwady, M.D. “Our goal is to make it as easy as possible for Chicagoans who have not yet been vaccinated to get their vaccine.”

The effort is an extension of the City’s Protect Chicago Plus program, an initiative that initially targeted 15 high-need communities based on the City’s COVID vulnerability index. It worked to ensure that a significant part of the City’s initially limited vaccine supply went to these communities most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a result of Protect Chicago Plus, from early February through early May, individuals with at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine in the 15 initial communities sky-rocketed – made possible in part by more than 124,000 doses allocated at Protect Chicago Plus temporary clinics and at special events. Also as a result of the City of Chicago’s equity strategy for vaccine distribution, an analysis by CDPH shows that the City leads major U.S. cities in Latinx and Black vaccine coverage.
“While we’ve made great progress and more than half the city has now received at least a first dose of the vaccine, in too many communities those rates still lag far behind, and these are the same communities most impacted by COVID-19,” said Dr. Arwady. “This vaccine is safe and effective and it’s working to stem the spread of the virus, but we want to see better up-take throughout the entire city.”

In addition to pop-up events, the City recently announced the expansion of its in-home vaccination program, called Protect Chicago At Home. Anyone age 65 or older, or anyone with a disability or medical condition is now eligible. Residents can call (312) 746-4835 to schedule an appointment for in-home vaccination.

All COVID-19 vaccines are offered at no cost to everyone, no insurance or ID required. For information about COVID-19 vaccines in Chicago, visit www.chicago.gov/covidvax.

The following is a complete list of events through Sunday, May 30. Check https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid19-vaccine/home/calendar-of-events.html for times. All events will offer the Pfizer and J & J vaccine.

**Tuesday May 25**

- **Hopewell Church Food Distribution**, 2308 W Harrison
- **GAGDC Food Stability Pop Up**, 7938 S Halsted
- **Care For Real Food Pantry**, 1545 W Morse
- **NOBLE Johnson College Prep**, 6350 S Stewart Ave

**Wednesday May 26**

- **North Bethlehem Food Pantry**, 8850 S Cottage Grove Ave
- **Atlas Senior Center**, 1767 E 79th St
- **House of Vans Parking Lot**, 113 N Elizabeth St
- **Care for Real Food Pantry**, 5339 N Sheridan
- **Noble DRW College Prep**, 931 S Homan Ave
- **St. Florian: Svdp Food Pantry**, 13115 S Houston Ave
- **Andersonville Farmer's Market**, 1500 W Catalpa
- **St Steven AME**, 3042 W Washington Blvd
**Thursday May 27**

**Auburn-Gresham's Health Fair**, 1737 E 95th St Chicago  
**TSA: Midwest Corps Pantry**, 20 S Campbell Ave  
**Salvation Army Red Shield Center**, 945 W 69th St  
**St. Martin De Porres**, 5112 W Washington Blvd  
**GAGDC Auburn Gresham Health Fair on the Block**, 7900 S Racine  
**Evening Star MBC (Food Pantry)**, 2050 W 59th Street  
**Chicago CRED**, 519 W 103rd St  
**NOBLE Gary Comer College Prep**, 7131 S Chicago Ave

**Friday May 28**

**North Austin Library**, 5724 W North Ave  
**Kingdom Baptist Church Food Pantry**, 301 N Central Ave  
**Crusaders Church Food Distribution**, 7859 S Ashland  
**Humboldt Park**, 1301 N Humbolt Dr  
**NOBLE Hansberry College Prep**, 8748 S Aberdeen  
**Rainbow Beach**, 2873 E 75th St

**Saturday May 29**

**Fenger High School**, 11220 S Wallace  
**Englewood STEM High School**, 6835 S Normal  
**King High School**, 4445 S Drexel  
**Carver Military High School**, 13100 S Doty  
**Clark High School**, 5101 W Harrison  

**Gage Park**, Garfield & Western Blvd
Sherman Park community, 1301 W. 52nd St
West Garfield Park community, 251 S. Kildare Ave
New Bethlehem MB Church, 8850 S Cottage Grove Ave
Millennium Park, 201 E Randolph
63rd St Beach / Jackson Park, 6300 S Lake Shore Dr

Sunday, May 30

95th St Farmers Market, 1827 W 95th St
Logan Square Farmers Market, 3107 W Logan Blvd
Montrose Beach, 4400 N Lake Shore Dr
Douglas Park, 1401 S Sacramento Dr
Marquette Park, 6743 S Kedzie Ave
Washington Park, 5531 S King Dr
Montclare community, 6814 W Wrightwood

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