COVID-19
Chicago Long Term Care Town Hall

1-7-2021
Skilled Nursing Facility COVID-19 Cases

8,911 total confirmed cases associated with SNFs as of 1/5/2021
- 5,801 residents
- 2,997 healthcare workers/staff
- 113 unknown*

*Testing of these individuals was associated with a skilled nursing facility, however available data does not indicate whether they are residents or staff. Classification pending.

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<th>Deaths</th>
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<td>Residents</td>
<td>1,147 (19.8%)</td>
<td>2,362 (40.7%)</td>
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<td>HCWs/Staff</td>
<td>17 (0.6%)</td>
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<td>1,164 (13.1%)</td>
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COVID-19 Vaccinations in Chicago Residents
(cumulative 1\textsuperscript{st} dose by day)

36,531 administered through 1/4
COVID Vaccinations in Chicago Residents by ZIP of Residence

Number of first doses by ZIP code

Percent of ZIP code’s population that has received first dose
Nursing home focus group, held 1/6/21

- Focus group comprised of:
  - Directors of Nursing
  - Assistant Directors of Nursing
  - Infection Preventionists
  - Project Hope
  - Chicago Department of Public Health

- Facility vaccination rates less than 25% to over 80%, mostly 50-60%
- Rates of resident vaccination higher than staff vaccination
Contributions to Vaccine Hesitancy Among Staff

- Feeling that communities of color being targeted and used as guinea pigs
  - Media coverage amplifies by coverage of these communities being vaccinated
- Social media posts (questioning saline vaccinations of government leaders, microchips, altering DNA, infertility)
- Short term side effects, especially for those previously infected with COVID-19
- Long term side effects since vaccine studies haven’t been studied for long
- Language barriers
- “Emergency Use”; “Evidence to date” instead of certainty
- Concerns about rushed vaccine development
- Historical injustice (e.g., Tuskegee)
- Pressure to decide about getting vaccine with only 3 clinics as part of the Pharmacy Partnership Program
Question: What is a mRNA vaccine?

An mRNA vaccine doesn't actually contain the virus itself. Think of it as an email sent to your immune system that shows what the virus looks like, instructions to kill it, and then—like a Snapchat message—it disappears. Amazing technology.

Source: https://twitter.com/DrTomFrieden/status/1338657584685993986
Question: Are the vaccines safe?

• COVID-19 vaccines are being held to the same safety standards as all other vaccines available in the U.S.

• The vaccines were tested in large studies that included tens of thousands of adults who volunteered to be part of the clinical trials. The study results showed that the vaccines were safe and provided protection from COVID-19.

• The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) carefully reviews all safety data from clinical trials and authorizes emergency vaccine use only when the expected benefits outweigh potential risks.

• The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) reviews all safety data before recommending any COVID-19 vaccine for use.

• FDA and CDC will continue to monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines, to make sure even very rare side effects are identified.

MAKING IT PLAIN
What Black America Needs to Know About COVID-19 and Vaccines

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Leading Black health, faith and social organizations invite you to attend a virtual town hall with the nation’s top COVID-19 experts to address questions and concerns as we fight to protect Black lives together.

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