#AskDrArwady

July 11, 2023
CDPH seeking feedback on our draft Environmental Justice Action Plan, latest CIA progress and more. Share your input by July 31st!

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK
NEW ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MATERIALS

- DRAFT ACTION PLAN
- COMMUNITY INPUT SUMMARY
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR
- PROGRESS UPDATES

Check out our work and share feedback by July 31: Chicago.gov/cumulativeimpact.
Stay informed on updates in your neighborhood: Chicago.gov/envcommunityinfo
JOIN US!
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION
with interactive activities

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023
GEORGE HENRY CORLISS HIGH SCHOOL
821 E. 103rd Street,
Chicago, IL
Doors open at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 6:30 pm

Learn more about the Assessment, its partners and how we’re working to promote environmental justice at Chicago.gov/cumulativeimpact.

Learn more about the citywide Cumulative Impact Assessment process – join a community engagement session TOMORROW.
On days with poor air quality, Chicagoans are advised to keep windows and doors closed and turn on their air conditioners if they have one. Seek shelter elsewhere if you do not have an air conditioner and your home is too warm.

For Chicagoans without access to properly ventilated and safe indoor conditions, please utilize public libraries, senior centers, Park District facilities, and the Cultural Center, or one of six community service centers.

Visit Chicago.gov/envcommunityinfo
HARM REDUCTION 101

STAY SAFER AT FESTIVALS AND EVENTS THIS SUMMER

STAY HYDRATED  WEAR EARPLUGS

PRACTICE CROWD SAFETY
KNOW WHERE THE EXITS ARE
WATCH OUT FOR CROWD SURGE

PREVENT HEATSTROKE  TEST YOUR DRUGS
HANG OUT IN SHADEN AREAS WHEN POSSIBLE
WEAR SUNSCREEN, SUNGLASSES, AND HAT
CALL CHICAGO RECOVERY ALLIANCE AT
773-708-2206 FOR DRUG CHECKING SERVICES

CARRY NARCAN
AVAILABLE FOR FREE AT EVERY CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY (SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND NARCAN NEAR YOU)

EMAIL OSU.CDPH@CITYOFCHICAGO.ORG TO ACCESS FENTANYL TEST KITS
Chicago Mpx (Monkeypox) Case Summary

Data last updated 7/10/2023. Counts include cases with specimen collections through 7/5/2023 to account for reporting lags.

Data are updated on Mondays and Thursdays at 2:00p.m., except for City holidays. All data are provisional and subject to change.

Cases of Mpx Diagnosed in Chicagoans Between 6/4/2022 - 7/5/2023

3 cases were diagnosed last week. This is 50.0% higher than the number of cases diagnosed during the prior week.

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At least 51 cases reported locally since mid-March, 2023

*Data represented in the last reported week are not yet complete.
Mpox Vaccine 101

• The JYNNEOS™ vaccine can help protect people against mpox (monkeypox) when given before exposure to the virus. CDPH strongly encourages those eligible to get the vaccine to protect themselves and others.

• The vaccine is a two-dose vaccine given under the skin 28 days apart. Optimal protection is not achieved until two weeks following the second dose.

Eligibility

Have had close contact with someone diagnosed with MPV regardless of sex, gender or sexual orientation

OR

Are a gay, bisexual, or other man who has sex with men and/or transgender person who is sexually active.

• Find your vaccine: CDPH Mpox Vaccine Finder
Where can I go to learn more about mpox?

- Mpox (Monkeypox) Website and Data Dashboard: [www.chicago.gov/mpox](http://www.chicago.gov/mpox)

- HIV/STI Resource Hub (LGBTQ+ call center): **844-482-4040**

- CDPH Call Center: **312-746-4835**
Weekly COVID-19 hospitalizations per 100,000 population

U.S. Reported COVID-19 New Hospital Admissions Rate per 100,000 in the Past Week, by County

National currently:
1.87 diagnosed weekly admissions per 100,000 people

Illinois currently:
1.40 diagnosed weekly admissions per 100,000 people

Chicago currently:
1.40 diagnosed weekly admissions per 100,000 people

Past Week Total

Hospital Admissions 6,220 (-8%) 6,183,075
Our region's current COVID-19 hospital admission level: **Low**

- **132** Count of admissions (5/18/2023 - 5/24/2023)
- **1.9 ▲** Admissions per 100,000 (5/...)
- **+3.1%** Percent change (from the previous week)

New hospital admissions per 100,000

- Low (<10.0)
- Medium (10.0 to 19.9)
- High (≥20.0)

Source: Chi.gov/coviddash
It’s ALL Still OMICRON
TAKE ACTION IF YOU TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

DAY 1-5
Stay home:
• Everyone - regardless of vaccination status - should stay home and away from others (isolate).

People at high risk for severe illness:
Talk to your doctor about treatment

DAY 6-10
Wear a mask:
• If you take 2 antigen tests 48 hours apart and both are negative, you may remove your mask sooner
• Avoid people at high risk of getting very sick

DAY 6 OR LATER
End isolation:
• If you never had symptoms OR symptoms are improving and are fever-free for 24 hours.

Find testing resources and the latest guidance at chicago.gov/covidtest
**VAX & PAX lovid**

If you’re at high risk for severe illness, vaccines are your best protection against COVID-19. But if you do test positive, TREATMENTS ARE AVAILABLE.

**PAXLOVID**, for example, is an oral antiviral therapy for the treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19.

Individuals ages 12 and up who are at high risk of developing severe illness, are eligible.

Ask a healthcare provider if medications to treat COVID-19 are right for you.

More info at: [Chi.gov/therapeutics](http://Chi.gov/therapeutics)
GET YOUR UPDATED COVID BOOSTER & FLU SHOT AT HOME

In-home vaccination is available to all Chicago households at no cost. Up to 10 people can be vaccinated, so invite your family, friends, or neighbors to get vaccinated together.

TO REGISTER FOR AN APPOINTMENT CALL 312.746.4835 OR VISIT OR CHICAGO.GOV/ATHOME

Continues to operate Saturday and Sunday 8am-6:30pm
Have Medicaid coverage?

Your renewal letter is coming.

Check that your state Medicaid office has your current mailing address.
HHS announces program to maintain broad access to COVID-19 vaccines for millions of uninsured Americans.

**Program Overview**

*Bridge Access Program for COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments*

Under the management and oversight of the CDC, the Bridge Access Program ensures cost-free access to COVID-19 vaccines and treatments after commercialization of these products in Fall 2023 through December 2024.

Source: HHS.gov
Who's eligible?  
The 25-30 million adults without insurance, in addition to those whose insurance does not provide cost-free coverage for COVID-19 vaccines and treatments.

Is this program permanent?  
This program serves as a temporary bridge to the permanent and comprehensive Vaccines for Adults Program proposed in the FY23 and FY24 President's Budgets.

Where can someone get a vaccine?

At a local health provider  
This program will leverage existing partnerships with state and local health departments (LHDs) to quickly distribute COVID-19 vaccines through providers in their networks.

CDC will manage the purchase and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines for state and LHDs, along with providing oversight and technical assistance.

At a local health center  
Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) will partner with LHDs and state immunization programs to ensure access to vaccines for the many uninsured adults who live in their community.

HRSA will provide funding to its network of FQHCs to support services that will help ensure equitable access to vaccines and treatment.

At a nearby pharmacy location  
This program partners with pharmacies to ensure uninsured adults can continue to access free COVID-19 vaccinations and treatments at thousands of locations nationwide.

Pharmacy chains will use their extensive footprints and community partnerships to reach adults who are uninsured and underserved.

Source: HHS.gov
Preparing for the Fall:

Federal Officials Hatch a Three-Pronged Defense Against Another ‘Tripledemic’

This fall, Americans will be urged to get shots against the flu, Covid and, if they’re older, R.S.V.


Visit chi.gov/coviddash to find CDPH’s weekly respiratory virus surveillance report:
Need help and don’t know where to turn?

211

211MetroChicago.org
Need a vaccine or a booster? Have questions?

visit

CHI.GOV/COVIDVAX

or call

312-746-4835
Substance Use Harm Reduction Services

CDPH Office of Substance Use & Recovery
Fatal opioid overdoses leveling off in Chicago

After over a decade of increases in opioid-related overdose deaths, preliminary data indicates that there was a slight decrease in overdose deaths in Chicago from 2021-2022.

Data Source: Cook County Medical Examiner's Office; Data as of 6/26/23
In 2022, there were more opioid-related overdose deaths in Chicago than homicides and traffic crash fatalities combined.

Data sources: *Cook County Medical Examiner as of 6/23/23 is provisional and subject to change, Chicago Police Department (traffic crash fatalities excludes crashes occurring on expressways)
"Tranq" or "Tranq Dope" is the slang term for opioid(s) laced with xylazine.

Xylazine is an animal sedative not approved for use in humans. It is NOT an opioid.

Opioid overdose involving xylazine will look similar to an opioid overdose without xylazine. However, naloxone (Narcan) will only reverse the effects of the opioid(s), not the xylazine.

- The person may breathe normally after receiving naloxone, but they may still be sedated due to the xylazine.
- There is no xylazine overdose reversal medication. You may perform rescue breathing if comfortable.

It is important to give naloxone (Narcan) in the event of an opioid overdose, even if you suspect/know that xylazine is involved!
Myths about overdose reversal & naloxone

A **cold shower** will not revive someone from an overdose.

Injecting **saline, milk, or any other type of substance** will not revive someone from an overdose and can further injure them.

Putting **ice** on someone's face or body will not reverse an overdose.

Narcan (naloxone) is **not addictive**.

Narcan (naloxone) does **not encourage opioid or other substance use**.

Narcan (naloxone) is **still effective on xylazine-involved overdoses**.
Harm reduction resources are available citywide.

Visit [bit.ly/FindNarcan](http://bit.ly/FindNarcan) to see an interactive map with all Chicago locations that have free, publicly-accessible Narcan from CDPH.
Immediate treatment is available to everyone in Illinois

• 24/7 access statewide
• No insurance, income, or ability to pay required
• All languages and ages served
• Transportation to pharmacy, clinic provided

In first year of operation, the program has connected over 500 people to services.
CARE Program: Crisis Response Teams

Crisis Assistance Response & Engagement (CARE) is Chicago's first alternate 911 response program.

Integrated, healthcare-based teams respond to 911 calls with a mental health component and offer de-escalation, on-site services, transport to alternate destination, and extensive follow-up

- **Alternate Response teams:** paramedic + clinician
- **Multidisciplinary Response teams:** paramedic + clinician + CIT officer
- **Opioid Response team:** paramedic + certified peer recovery coach
CARE Opioid Response Team

• Prior overdose significantly increases the risk for repeat nonfatal and fatal overdose

• Each day, CFD EMS responds to 30-35+ opioid overdoses citywide. The West Side experiences ~35% of these overdoses.

• Opioid Response Team:
  • 24-72 hour in-person follow-up with people who have recently overdosed
  • Paramedic + Certified Peer Recovery Specialist
  • East & West Garfield Park, Humboldt Park
CARE includes new approaches to three phases of 911 calls

Pre-Response (Call comes in)
Embed mental health professionals into 911 call center, with goal of resolving appropriate calls over the phone, rather than dispatching team of first responders.
Professionals also provide mental health support to dispatchers/call-takers.
New national 988 mental health helpline number will help with this portion.

Response (Team goes out)
Dispatch mental health professionals from the 911 Call Center to respond to behavioral health crisis calls that require an in-person response. Three different response models:

1. Multi-Disciplinary Response Team (MDRT)
Launched Fall 2021
CDPH mental health crisis clinician
+ CFD paramedic
+ CIT (crisis intervention trained) CPD officer

2. Alternate Response Team (ART)
Launched June 2022
CDPH mental health crisis clinician
+ CFD paramedic

3. Opioid Response Team (ORT)
Launched January 2023
Peer recovery specialist
+ CFD paramedic

Post-Response (Patient destination/follow-up)
CARE teams follow up with patient after initial response (e.g. 1, 7, 30 days later)
City developing and funding alternate drop-off sites for residents in crisis (not just the emergency department) to better address underlying needs.