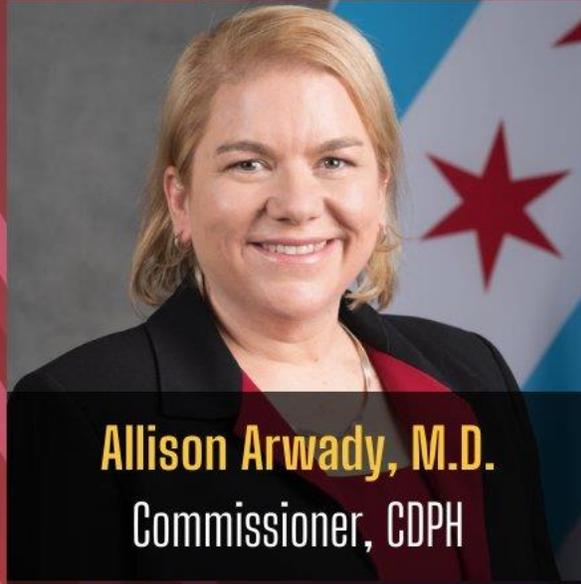


# #AskDrArwady



On Facebook/Twitter  
Live @ChiPublicHealth



**Allison Arwady, M.D.**  
Commissioner, CDPH



**Matt Richards**  
Deputy Commissioner, CDPH



**Tuesday at 11am | Live**

CDPH Deputy Commissioner of Behavioral Health Matt Richards joins Dr. Arwady to discuss our new mental health partnership with Chicago Public Libraries, a new Loop CARE Team, and the #All77 campaign.



## Our local risk based on CDC COVID-19 Community Levels is:

# LOW

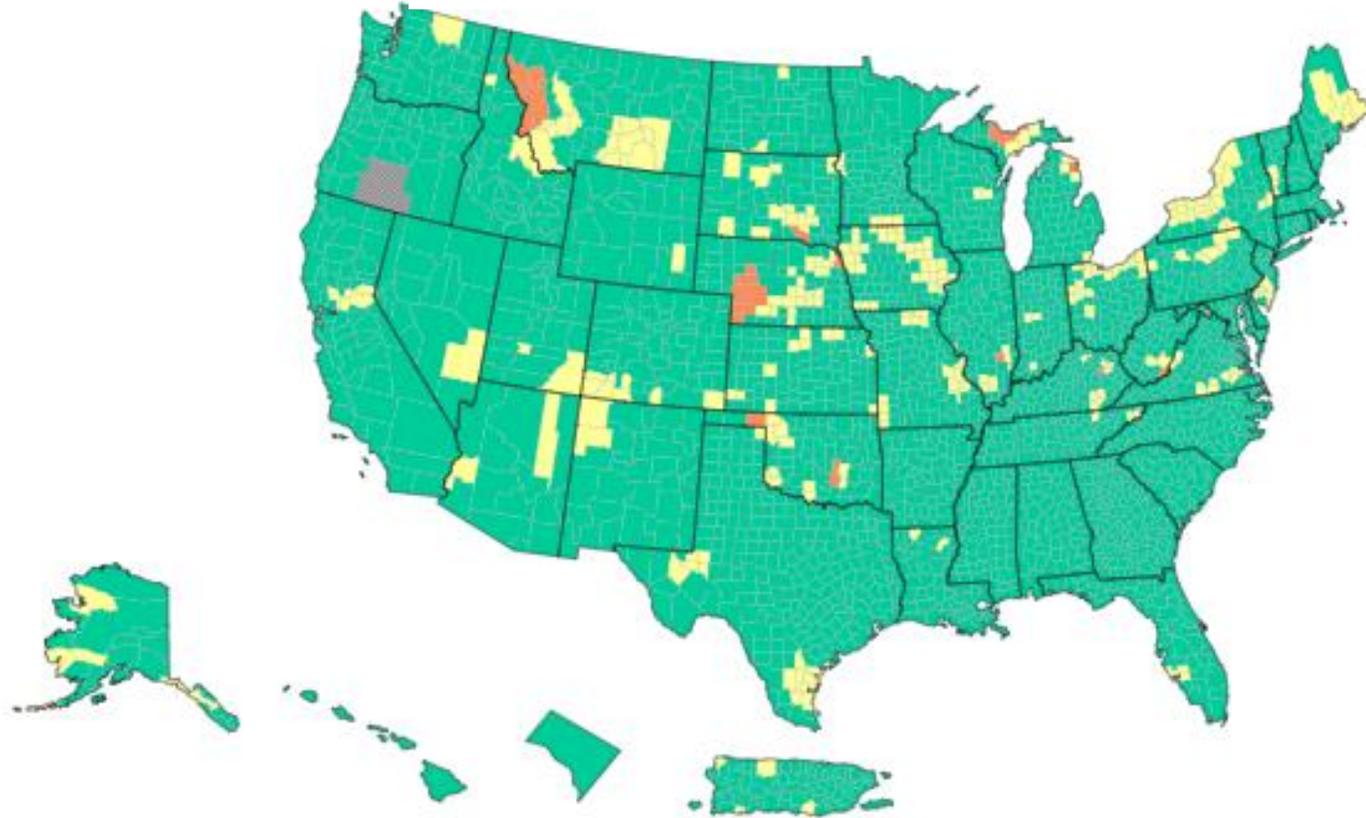
	New cases per 100,000 population (last 7 days) <i>[Goal is &lt;200]</i>	New admissions per 100,000 population (last 7 days) <i>[Goal is &lt;10]</i>	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (last 7 days) <i>[Goal is &lt;10%]</i>
City of Chicago	74	6.1	3.1%
Cook County (including City of Chicago)	73	7.1	2.9%

*Chicago metrics are calculated based on Chicago-level data.  
Cook County metrics are calculated by the CDC and posted on the [CDC Community Levels website](https://www.cdc.gov/communitylevels/).  
Data current as of 3/14/2023.*

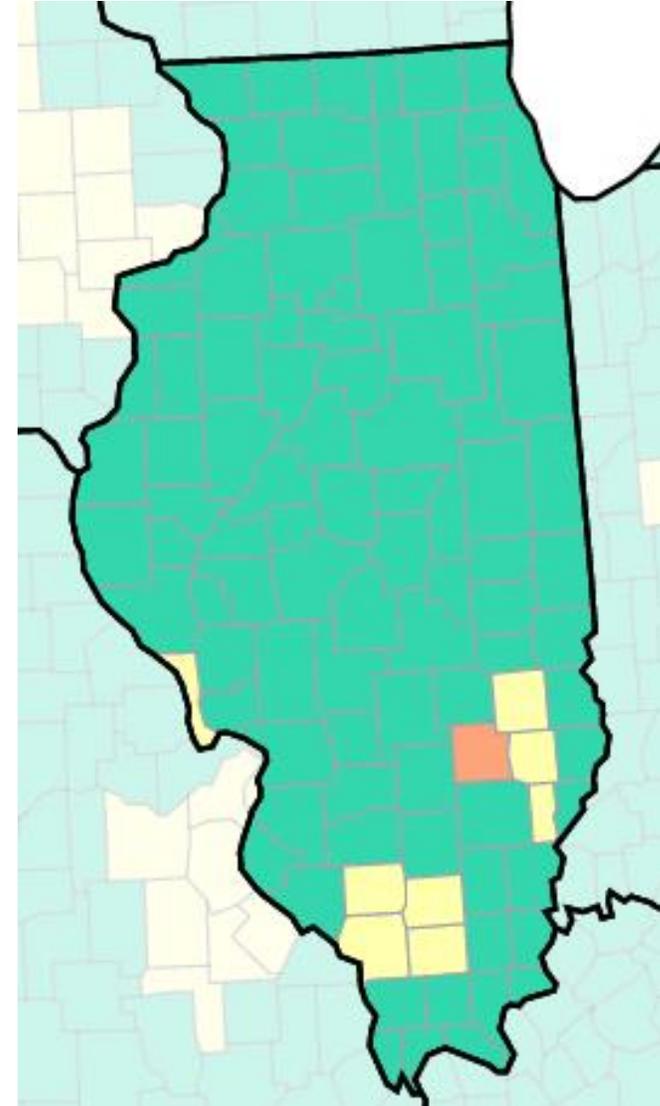
Last week, **1%** of U.S. Counties reported **High** COVID Community Level and **9%** reported **Medium** Level.



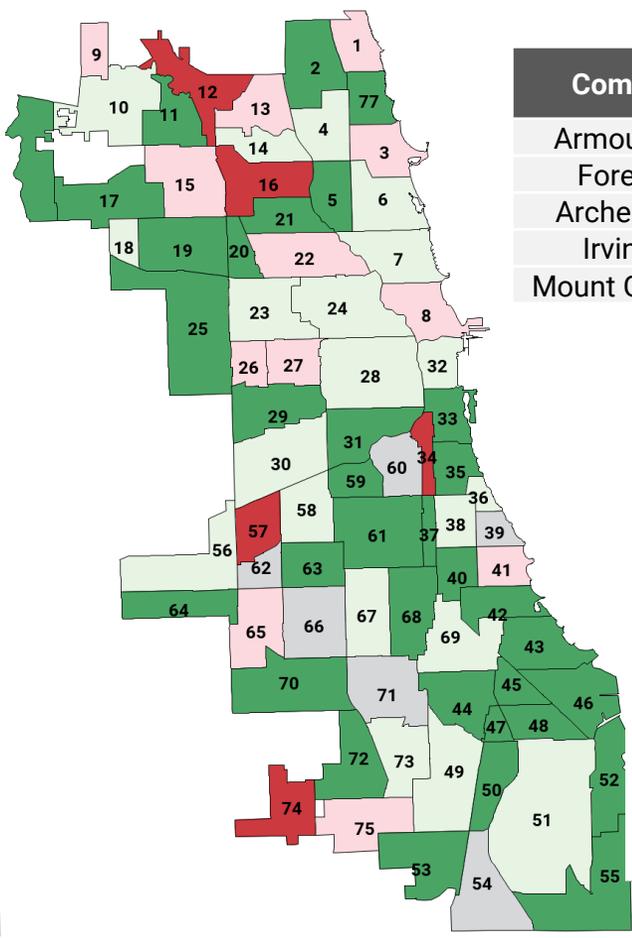
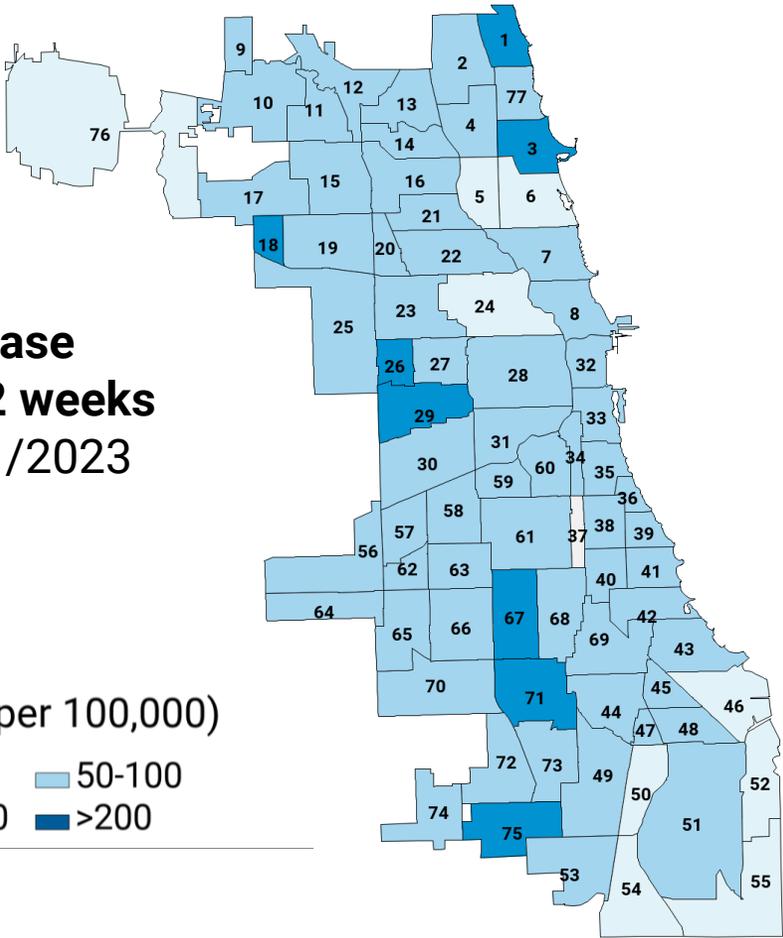
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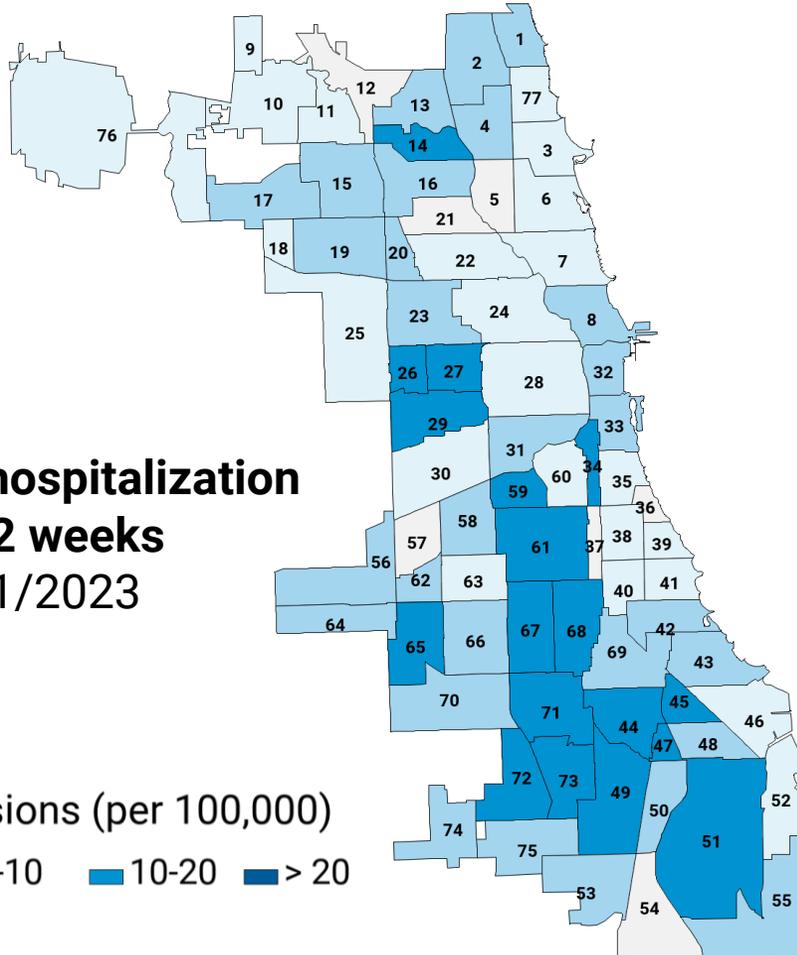
# Lab-confirmed COVID cases are low in the vast majority of community areas in Chicago



Community Area	Previous Case Rate	Current Case Rate	Percent Change
Armour Square (34)	53	83	57%
Forest Glen (12)	57	81	42%
Archer Heights (57)	77	99	29%
Irving Park (16)	75	97	29%
Mount Greenwood (74)	46	59	28%

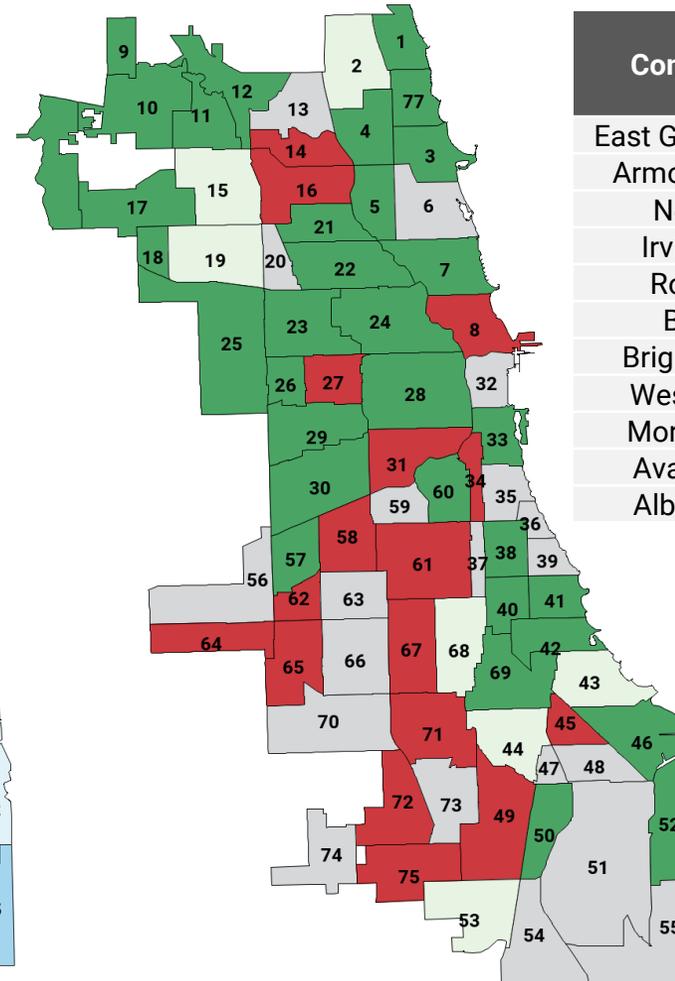
**Source:**  
Includes cases among Chicago residents reported into the Illinois Electronic Disease Surveillance System (I-NEDSS) with date of specimen collection up to 3/11/2023.

# COVID hospitalization rates remain low overall, but higher in West, Near South, and Far South regions



**Average weekly hospitalization rate for the past 2 weeks**  
2/25/2023 – 3/11/2023

New hospital admissions (per 100,000)  
 0    0-5    5-10    10-20    > 20



Percent Change from 2 Weeks Prior  
 < -20%    -20% to -5%    -5% to 5%  
 5% to 20%    > 20%

Community Area	Previous Hosp Rate	Current Hosp Rate	Percent Change
East Garfield Park (27)	5	18	260%
Armour Square (34)	4	11	175%
New City (61)	4	11	175%
Irving Park (16)	2	5	150%
Roseland (49)	6	13	117%
Beverly (72)	5	10	100%
Brighton Park (58)	3	6	100%
West Elsdon (62)	3	6	100%
Morgan Park (75)	5	9	80%
Avalon Park (45)	10	16	60%
Albany Park (14)	8	12	50%

**Source:**  
Includes cases among Chicago residents reported into the Illinois Electronic Disease Surveillance System (I-NEDSS) with date of specimen collection or admission date up to 3/11/2023.



# Chicago Lab-Based Early Alert COVID Signals remain unchanged from the previous week

Indicator	Thresholds			Chicago Current Values Week of 3/13
	Low Concern	Medium Concern	High Concern	
SARS-CoV-2 variant assessment, Chicago (combines log growth rate and VOC designation)	Stable lineage proportions, no VOC/VOHC	Variant or lineage increasing, no VOC/VOHC	Variant rapidly increasing, or VOC/VOHC	<b>Medium</b> (Last week: <b>Medium</b> )
Average wastewater score among sampled sites, Chicago (combines viral concentration and trend)	< 2	2-3	> 3	<b>Low (1.6)</b> (Last week: <b>Low</b> )

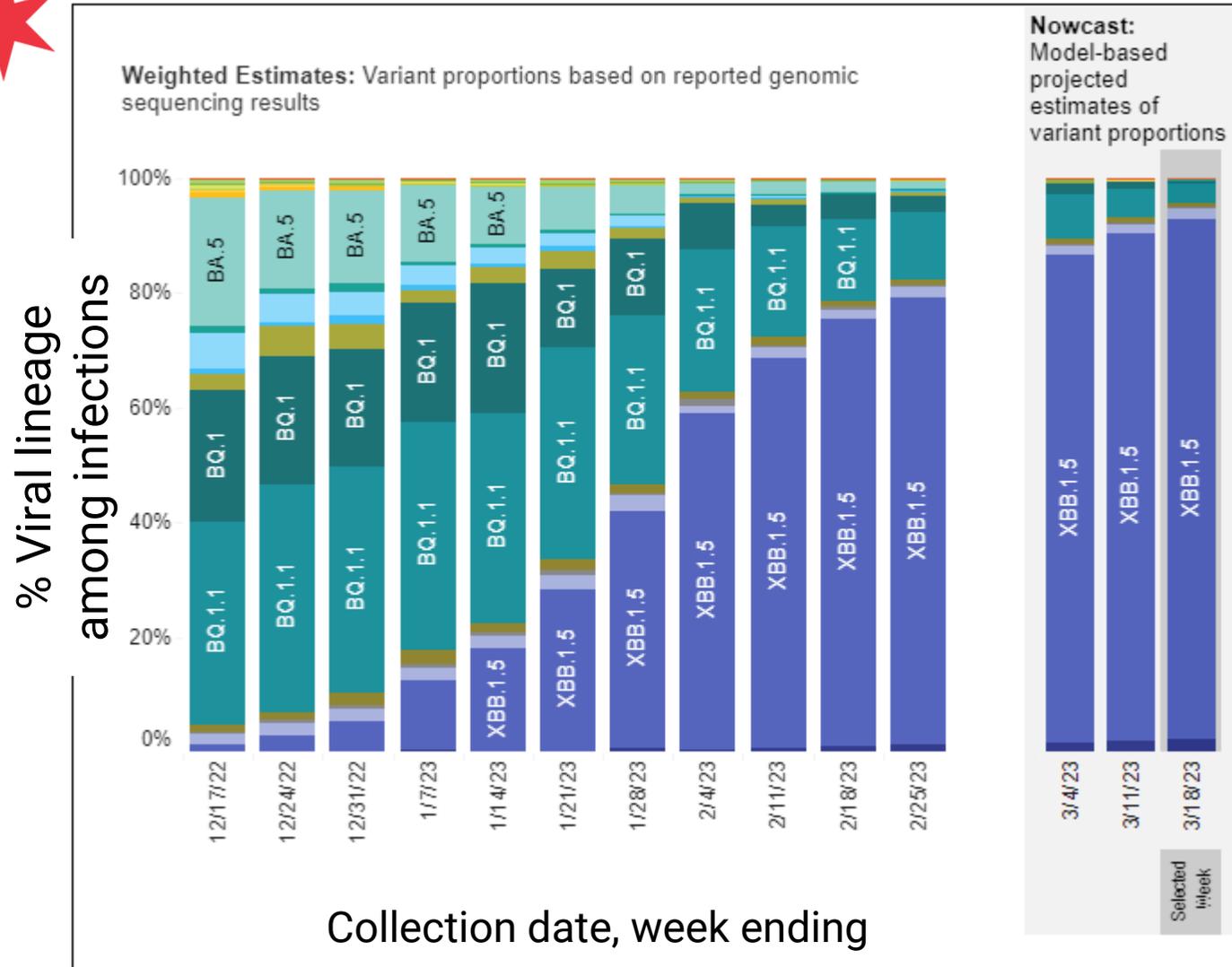
## Variants/subvariants currently increasing in prevalence locally

**XBB.1.5:** Doubling time 8.8 days (med)

Recombinant of two BA.2 lineages; rapidly emerged in US Northeast, has continued to dominate samples in Midwest

# Variant Surveillance, Midwest Region

## Weighted and Nowcast Estimates for Weeks of 12/11/22 – 3/18/23



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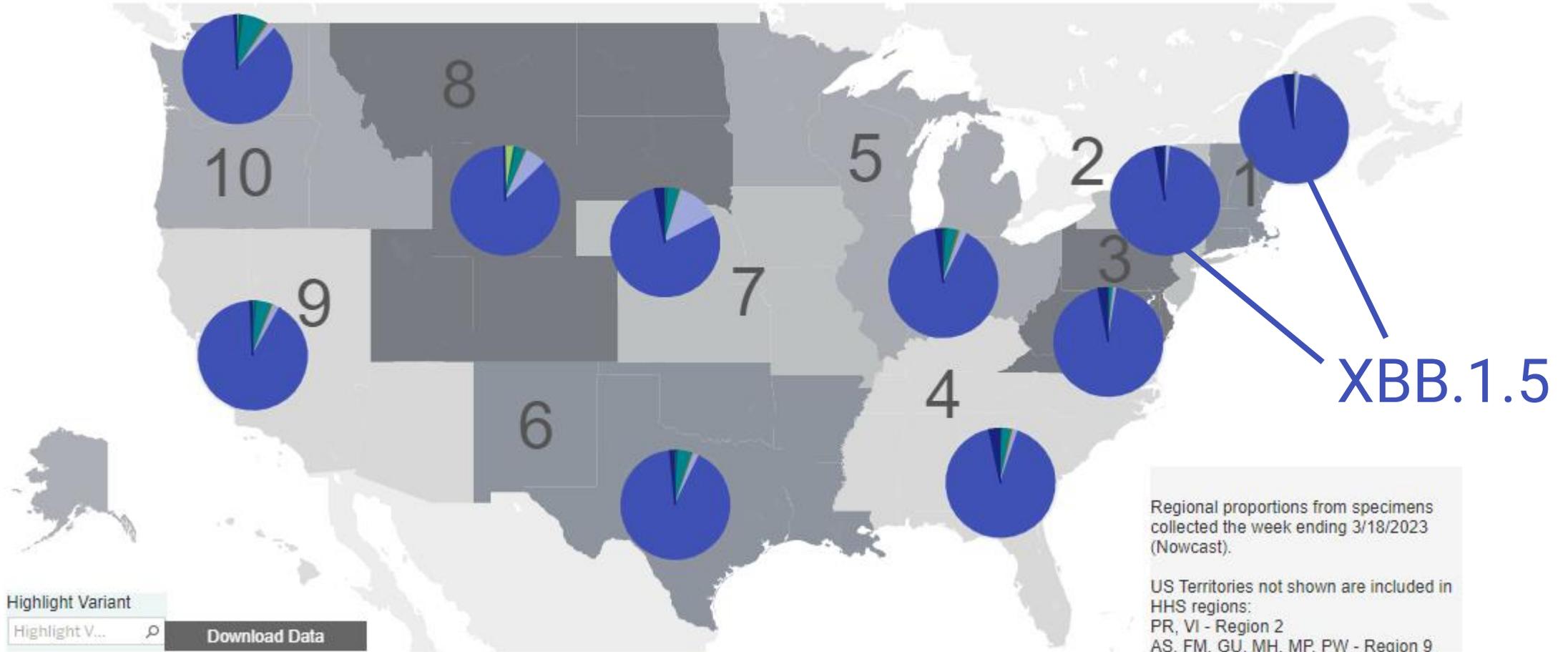
XBB.1.5	90.6%	
BQ.1.1	3.4%	
XBB.1.5.1	2.2%	
XBB	2.1%	
BQ.1	0.8%	
CH.1.1	0.6%	
BN.1	0.1%	
BA.2	0.1%	

# Variant Surveillance, United States



Nowcast Estimates in for 3/12/2023 – 3/18/2023 by HHS Region

It's ALL Still OMICRON



Source: CDC Data Tracker

# Monitoring subvariants internationally: ALL STILL OMICRON

## XBB.1.9

- Watching especially in UK, causing slow uptick across metrics there, including hospitalizations.
- But in the U.S., only about a 35% growth advantage of this subvariant (compares to 500% with original Omicron)
- No major concern at this time.

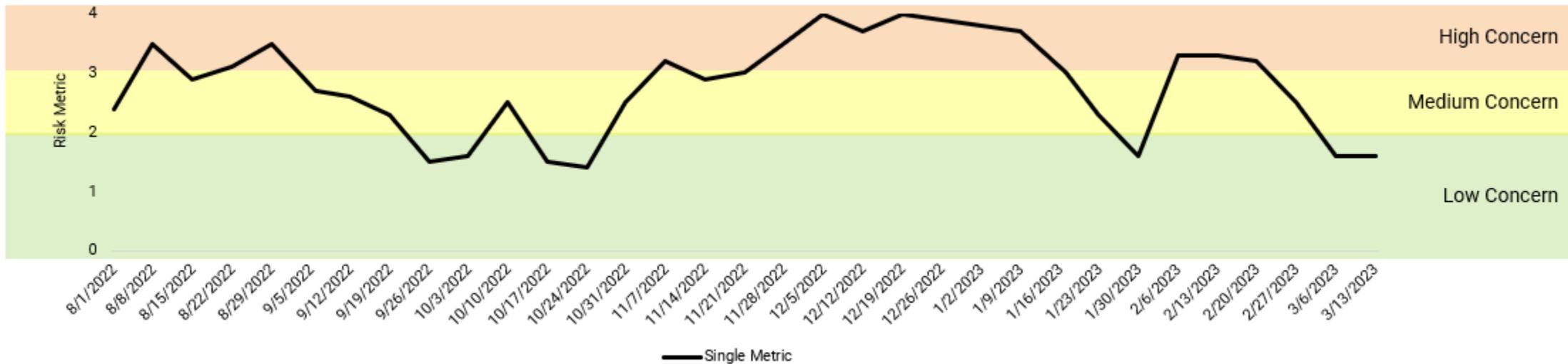
## XBB.1.16

- Watching especially in India, in some parts of country have seen case growth advantage of ~250% (17% increase in deaths).
- Changing testing patterns and/or celebration of Holi.
- No major concern at this time, but watch emergence in other areas.



# Chicago SARS-CoV-2 combined wastewater metric demonstrates a **LOW** local concern level, compared to medium and high viral concentration levels last month

Wastewater SARS-CoV-2 Metric Trend for All of Chicago



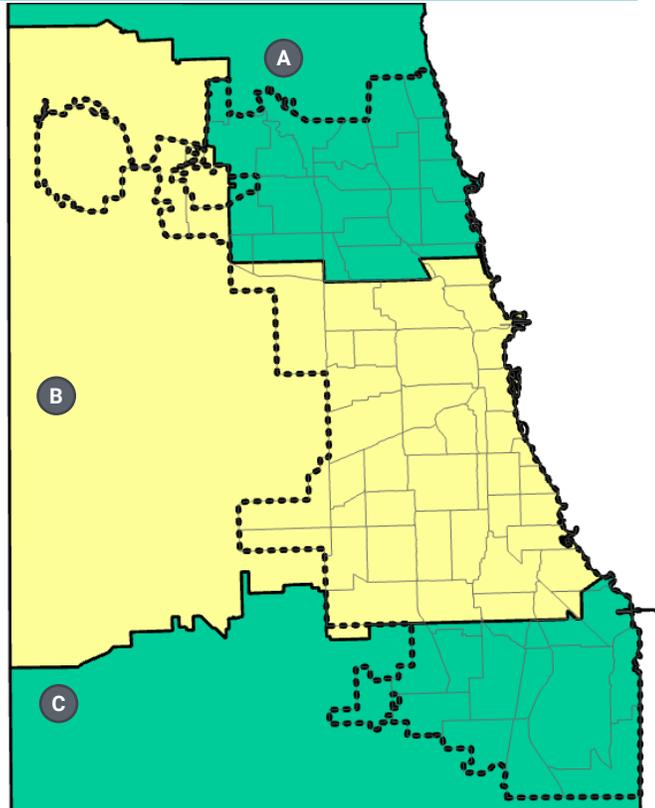
A LOW concern metric indicates ongoing but decreased community transmission in Chicago



# HIGHER SARS-CoV-2 concern levels were detected from four sewer sites. MEDIUM concern levels were seen across all other sewer sites and Stickney treatment plant

Wastewater Treatment Plants

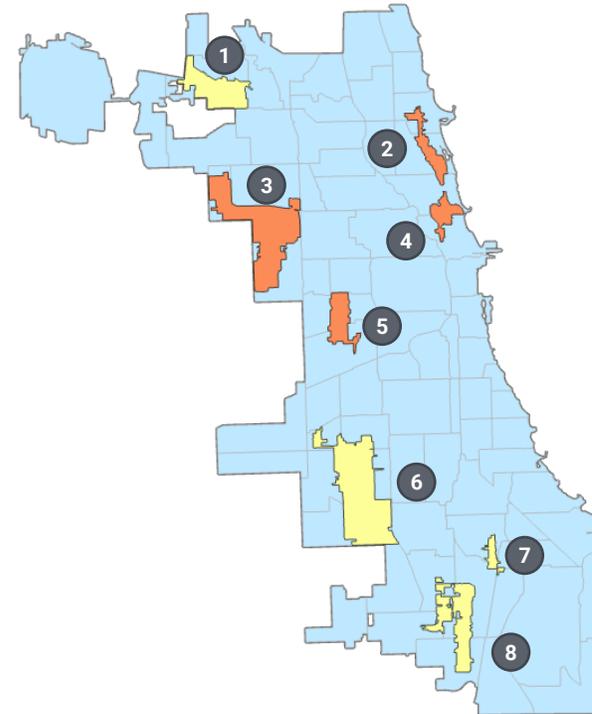
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C	Calumet



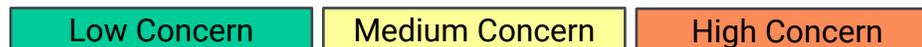
Wastewater treatment plant catchment areas exceed Chicago city borders (dashed boundaries) and cover also other Cook county municipalities.

The actual coverage areas are wider but trimmed in this figure.

Sewer sites



#	Catchment
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2	Lakeview - Uptown
3	Austin - Montclare
4	Lincoln Park - Near North Side
5	Little Village
6	Chicago Lawn - Ashburn
7	Chatham
8	Roseland - West Pullman

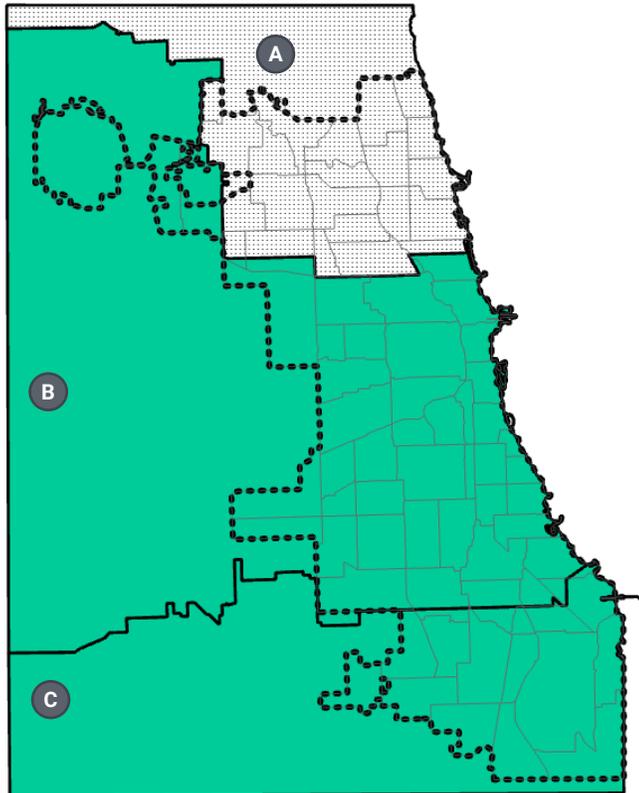


# The O'Brien (north) treatment plant had non-detect for influenza last week. All other treatment plants and all community sewer sites have **LOW** Influenza A&B concern



Wastewater Treatment Plants

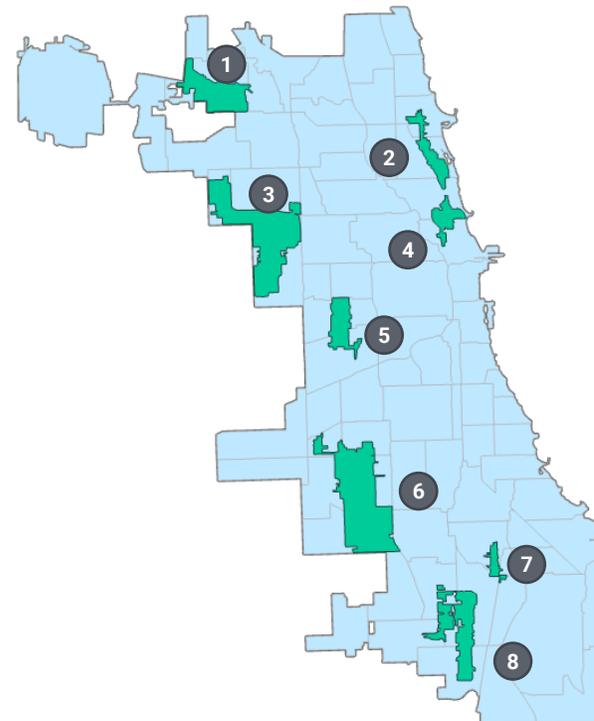
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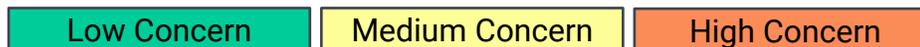
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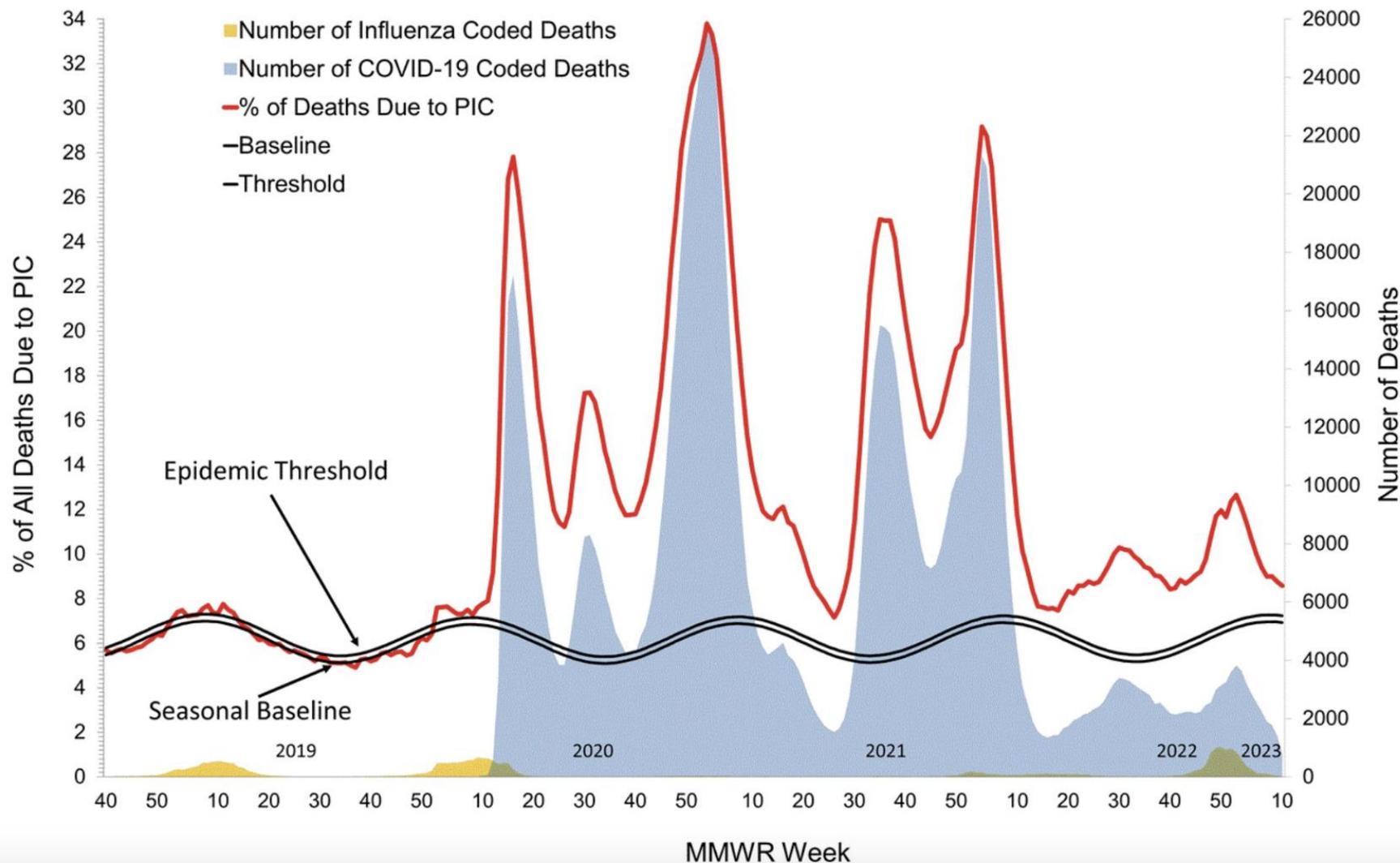
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No-color area means non-detect, which shows no detectable virus was found in the samples



# Pneumonia, Influenza, and COVID-19 Mortality from the National Center for Health Statistics Mortality Surveillance System

Data as of March 16, 2023



CDC reports that during this respiratory season (week 40 of 2022 to week 10 of 2023) a total of 64,180 Americans died from COVID-19 (purple in graph).

This number remains much higher than flu deaths in any pre-pandemic flu season (yellow in graph).



# VAX & PAX lovid



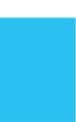
If you're at high risk for severe illness, vaccines are your best protection against COVID-19. But if you do test positive, **TREATMENTS ARE AVAILABLE.**

**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.**



Continues to operate  
**Saturday, Sunday and  
 Monday, 8am-6:30pm**

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](https://chicago.gov/athome)



# **Pfizer bivalent booster authorized for youngest children**

**Children under 5 who had their three-dose primary series of Pfizer monovalent vaccine more than two months ago...**

**are now eligible for a single booster dose of Pfizer bivalent (Omicron) vaccine.**



Higher bivalent vaccine booster coverage among Chicagoans than nationwide estimates--except among oldest Chicagoans. Over 588,000 booster doses administered to Chicagoans since authorization in fall 2022.

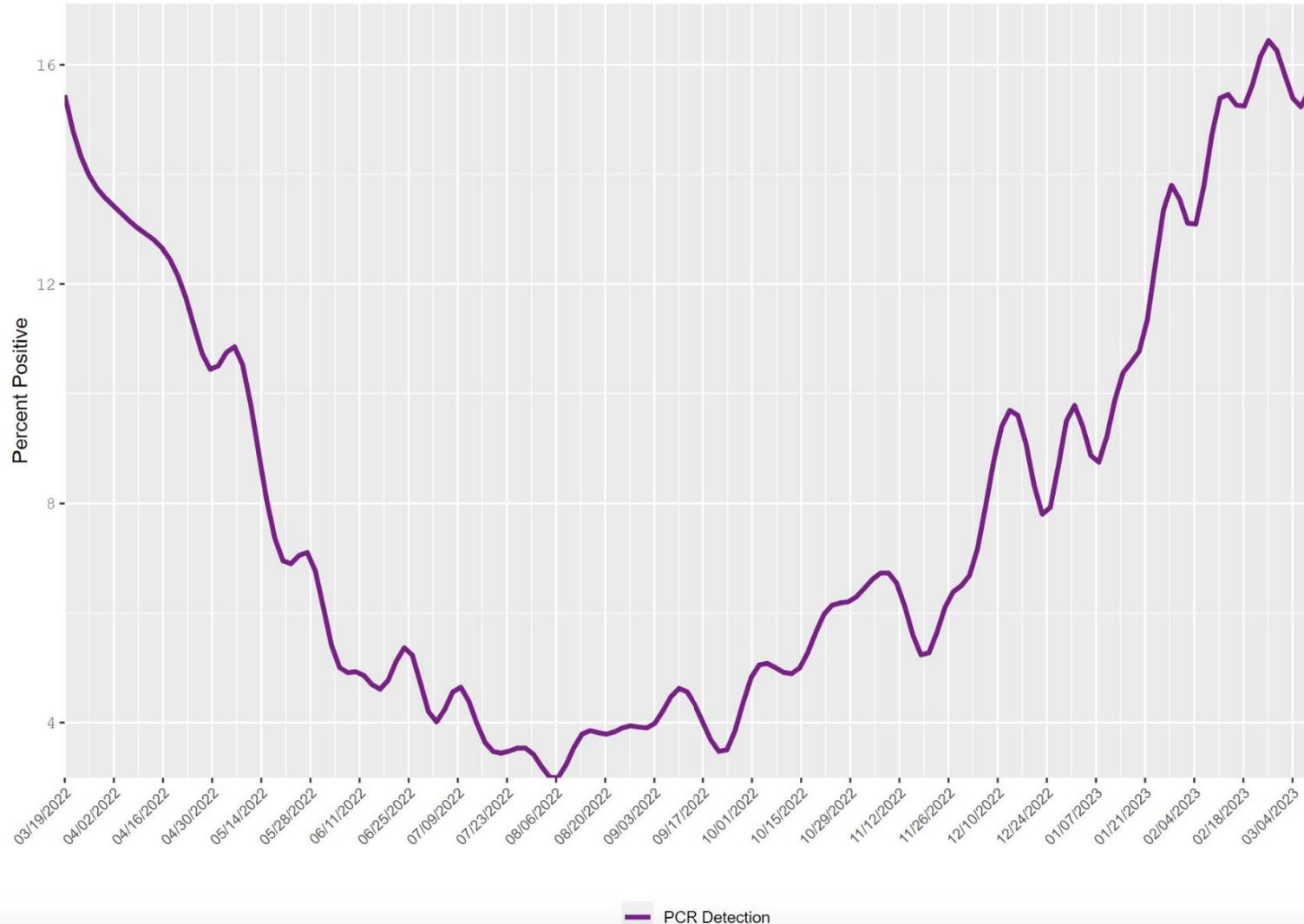
People with an Updated (Bivalent) Booster Dose	Percent of US Population	Percent of Chicago Population
Population ≥ 5 years	17.4%	22.9%
Population ≥ 12 years	18.7%	24.2%
Population ≥ 18 years	19.8%	25.1%
Population ≥ 65 years	41.8%	41.1%

National data as of 3/16/2023.  
Chicago data reported to I-CARE as of 3/15/2023.

# Norovirus (causes vomiting/diarrhea/stomach cramps) still on the rise and may peak nationally in March: Wash your hands!



Norovirus for the US (3 week average)





Need a vaccine or a booster?  
Have questions?

visit

**CHI.GOV/COVIDVAX**

or call

**312-746-4835**



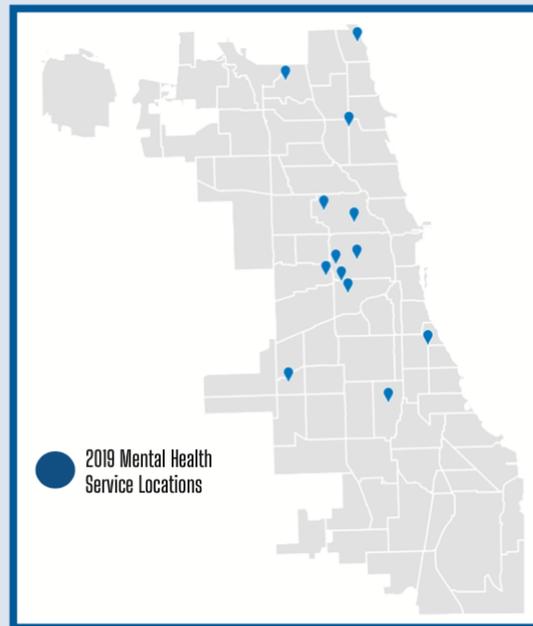


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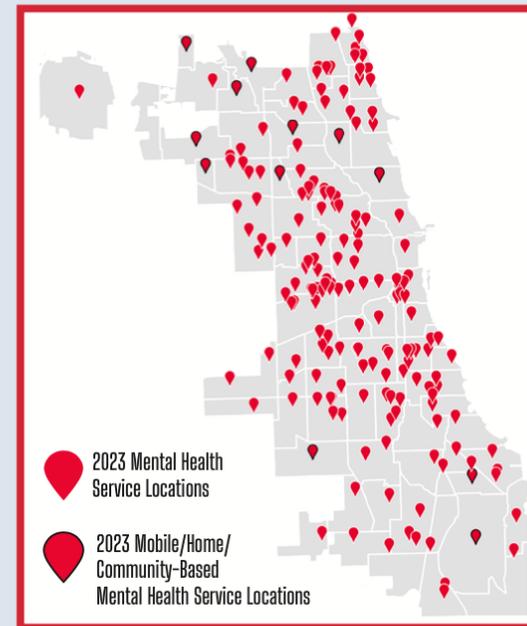


## From Shuttered Clinics to Mental Health Services in Every Neighborhood

### 2019 City of Chicago Funded Mental Health Services



### 2023 City of Chicago Funded Mental Health Services



\* Funded by the City of Chicago to provide no-barrier mental health services regardless of a patient's income, health insurance, or immigration status. Map does not include clinical care now offered in 80 homeless shelters across the city.





# CITY OF CHICAGO TRAUMA INFORMED CENTERS OF CARE NETWORK

★ Providers include Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs), Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), and Community- Based Organizations (CBOs), along with CDPH’s directly operated mental health clinics and extension clinics. These organizations are funded by city/county/state/ federal governments to provide no-barrier mental health services to residents regardless of health insurance status, immigration status, or ability to pay.

Access Community Health Network

Ada S. McKinley Community Services

Alivio Medical Center

Alternatives, Inc

Apna Ghar

Asian Human Services

Asian Human Services Family Health Center

Aunt Martha’s Health and Wellness

Bobby E. Wright Comprehensive Behavioral Health Center

BUILD

Carolina Therapeutic Services (CTS Health)

Catholic Charities

CDPH Mental Health Clinics and Extension Clinics

Chicago Family Health Center

Chinese American Service League (CASL)

Christian Community Health Center

Community Counseling Centers of Chicago (C4)

Enlace

Envision Unlimited

Erie Family Health Center

Erie Neighborhood House

Esperanza

Friend Family Health Center

Gads Hill Center

Habilitative Systems, Inc (HSI)

Hamdard Center

Healthcare Alternative Systems (HAS)

Heartland Alliance Health

Howard Brown Health

I Am Able

Infant Welfare Society

Inner-City Muslim Action Network

Lawndale Christian Health Center

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI)

Metropolitan Family Services

Midwest Asian Health Association (MAHA)

Near North Health Service Corporation

Nourishing Hope

PCC Community Wellness Center

Pilsen Wellness Center

PrimeCare Health

Saint Anthony Hospital

Sinai Health

St. Bernard Hospital

Tapestry 360 Health

TCA Health

Thresholds

Trilogy Behavioral Healthcare

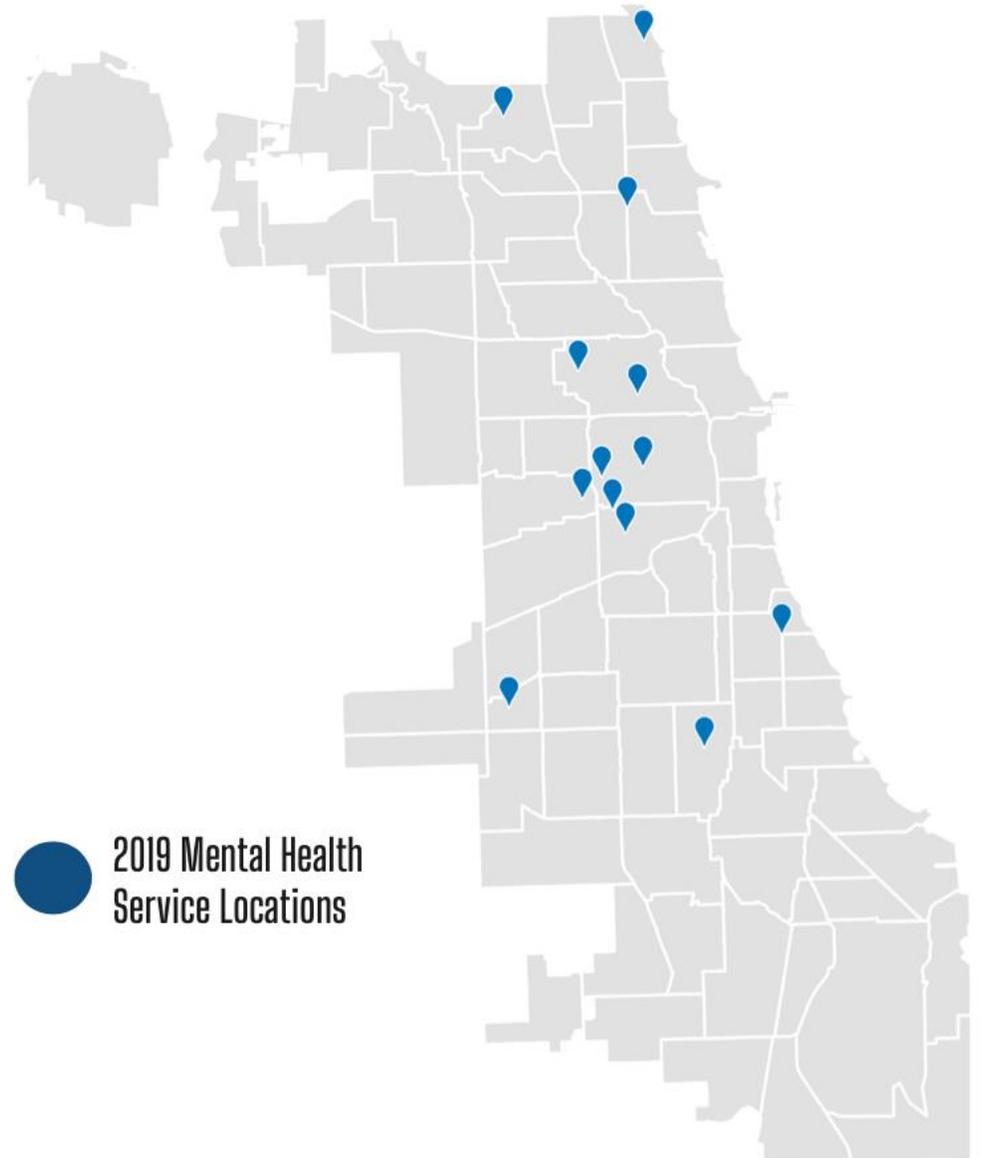
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YWCA Metropolitan

# 2019: City of Chicago-Funded Mental Health Services



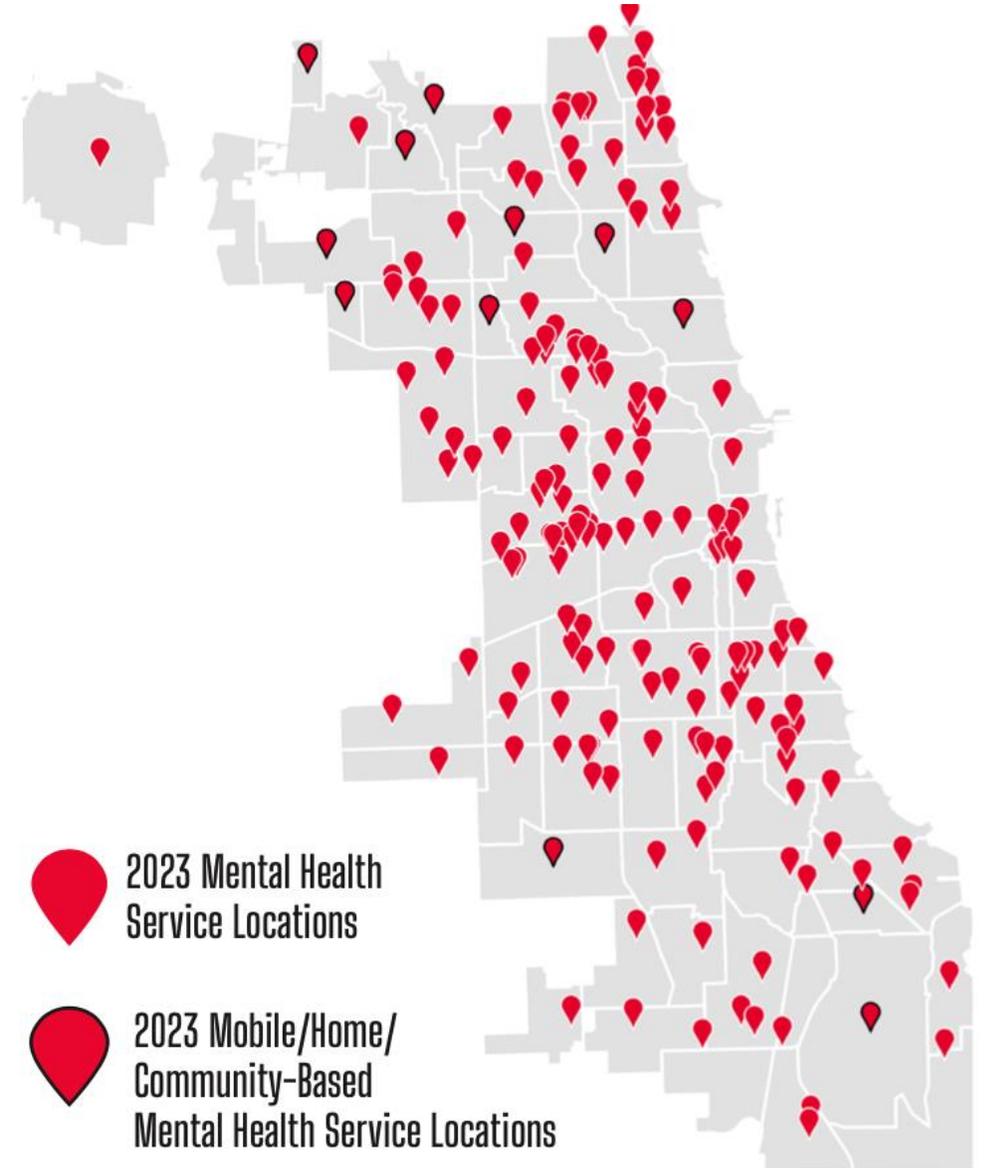
**3,651 people served**  
**0 children served**  
**11 neighborhoods**  
**6 clinics**



# 2023: City of Chicago-Funded Mental Health Services



**73,899 people served**  
**13,666 children served**  
**77 community areas**  
**177 clinical sites**



# BUILD A NETWORK OF NO-BARRIER MENTAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS

## CITY OF CHICAGO TRAUMA INFORMED CENTERS OF CARE NETWORK

 **CHICAGO**  
MAYOR LORI E. LIGHTFOOT

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Built a citywide network of **50 publicly funded mental health organizations** that provide no-barrier mental health services.



# COORDINATE NO-BARRIER MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM

 Create a **single phone number and website** where residents can connect to no barrier mental health services.

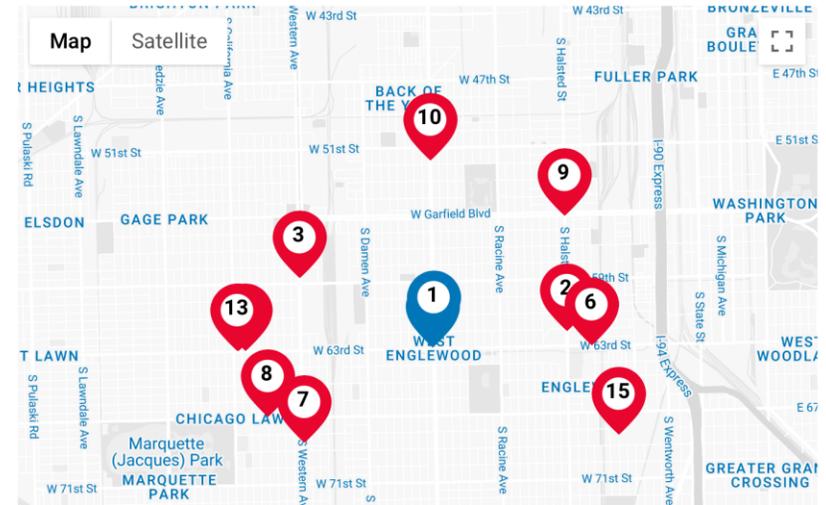
## FIND A CARE CENTER NEAR ME

West Englewood, Chicago, IL, USA

 Use Current Location

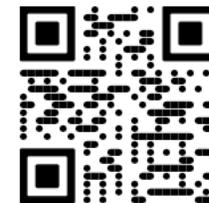
Showing 127 Results Near "West Englewood, Chicago, IL 60636, USA" within 10 miles.

**1 Sinai Medical Group - South Ashland**  
6224 S Ashland St, 60636  
Phone: 773-778-8600  
Services: **Additional Behavioral Health Services Available, Primary Care, Telehealth, Trauma-Informed Center of Care**  
Payment: **Free, Sliding Scale**  
Insurance: **Insurance Accepted**  
Additional Information: **Accepts Uninsured Patients**  
Languages: **English**



TO GET CONNECTED TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, GO TO **MENTAL HEALTH.CHICAGO.GOV** - OR - **CALL 211**

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# Narcan at Chicago Public Libraries (CPL)



Since January 2022, CDPH & CPL have partnered to make Narcan (naloxone) available in every library in the city.

- **81 libraries** have Narcan available to the public
- **Over 300 library staff** trained on overdose prevention
- **Over 4,100 Narcan kits** distributed to the public

EDITORIALS COMMENTARY

## Public libraries are stepping up to save lives amid the opioid epidemic

The Chicago Department of Public Health and the Chicago Public Library will make Narcan, an overdose reversal medication, available at 14 branches in areas devastated by drug overdoses.

By CST Editorial Board | Jan 10, 2022, 8:00pm CST

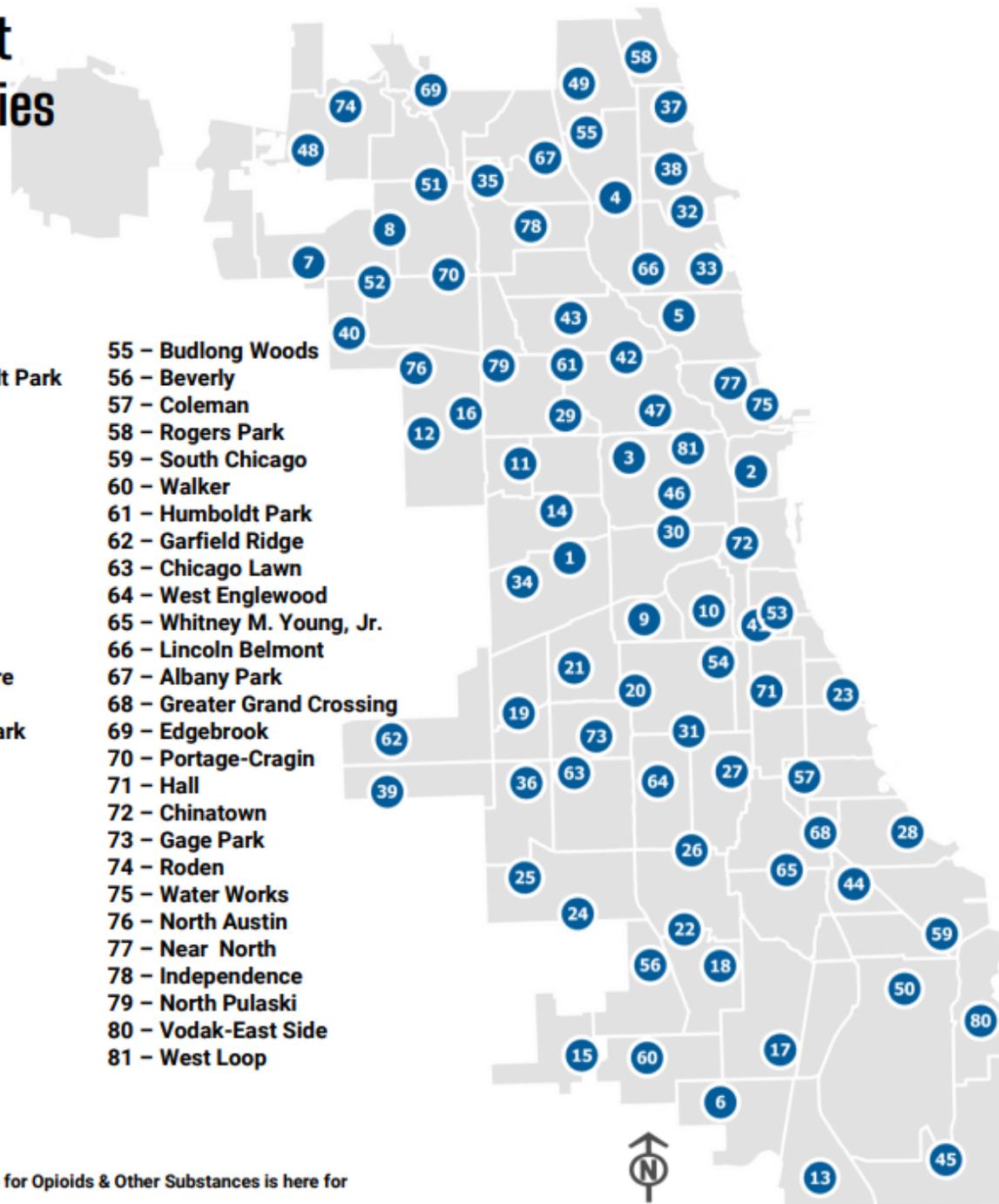


# Narcan is Available at Chicago Public Libraries

Naloxone (Narcan) is a safe and legal medication that reverses an opioid overdose.

You can pick up free Narcan at any Chicago Public Library branch.

- |                              |                               |                             |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 – Little Village           | 28 – South Shore              | 55 – Budlong Woods          |
| 2 – Harold Washington Center | 29 – Daley, RM -Humboldt Park | 56 – Beverly                |
| 3 – Manning                  | 30 – Lozano                   | 57 – Coleman                |
| 4 – Sulzer Regional          | 31 – Sherman Park             | 58 – Rogers Park            |
| 5 – Lincoln Park             | 32 – Uptown                   | 59 – South Chicago          |
| 6 – West Pullman             | 33 – Merlo                    | 60 – Walker                 |
| 7 – Dunning                  | 34 – Toman                    | 61 – Humboldt Park          |
| 8 – Austin-Irving            | 35 – Mayfair                  | 62 – Garfield Ridge         |
| 9 – McKinley Park            | 36 – West Lawn                | 63 – Chicago Lawn           |
| 10 – Daley, R.J.-Bridgeport  | 37 – Edgewater                | 64 – West Englewood         |
| 11 – Legler Regional         | 38 – Bezazian                 | 65 – Whitney M. Young, Jr.  |
| 12 – Austin                  | 39 – Clearing                 | 66 – Lincoln Belmont        |
| 13 – Altgeld                 | 40 – Galewood-Mont Clare      | 67 – Albany Park            |
| 14 – Douglass                | 41 – Chicago Bee              | 68 – Greater Grand Crossing |
| 15 – Mount Greenwood         | 42 – Bucktown-Wicker Park     | 69 – Edgebrook              |
| 16 – West Chicago Avenue     | 43 – Logan Square             | 70 – Portage-Cragin         |
| 17 – Pullman                 | 44 – Avalon                   | 71 – Hall                   |
| 18 – Woodson Regional        | 45 – Hegewisch                | 72 – Chinatown              |
| 19 – Archer Heights          | 46 – Little Italy             | 73 – Gage Park              |
| 20 – Back of the Yards       | 47 – West Town                | 74 – Roden                  |
| 21 – Brighton Park           | 48 – Oriole Park              | 75 – Water Works            |
| 22 – Brainerd                | 49 – Northtown                | 76 – North Austin           |
| 23 – Blackstone              | 50 – Jeffery Manor            | 77 – Near North             |
| 24 – Wrightwood-Ashburn      | 51 – Jefferson Park           | 78 – Independence           |
| 25 – Scottsdale              | 52 – West Belmont             | 79 – North Pulaski          |
| 26 – Thurgood Marshall       | 53 – King                     | 80 – Vodak-East Side        |
| 27 – Kelly                   | 54 – Canaryville              | 81 – West Loop              |



If you or a loved one is struggling with substance use, the Illinois Helpline for Opioids & Other Substances is here for you. Call **1-833-2-FINDHELP** or text **"HELP"** to **833234**.

# CDPH-CPL Extension Clinics



Free mental health services will initially be available at the following libraries:

- **Mt. Greenwood branch**, 11010 S. Kedzie Ave.  
Fridays 9am-5pm
- **Beverly branch**, 1962 W. 95th St.  
Thursdays 10am-6pm
- **Blackstone Branch (in Kenwood)**, 4904 S. Lake Park Ave.  
Fridays 9am-5pm
- **Edgewater branch**, 6000 N. Broadway St.  
Tuesdays noon-8pm

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LIBRARY**



# ★ 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.

Currently operate 10:30am – 4:00pm Mon-Fri.

- Alternate Response teams: paramedic + mental health clinician
- Multidisciplinary Response teams: paramedic + mental health clinician + CIT(crisis trained) officer



# CARE Team Responses by Neighborhood

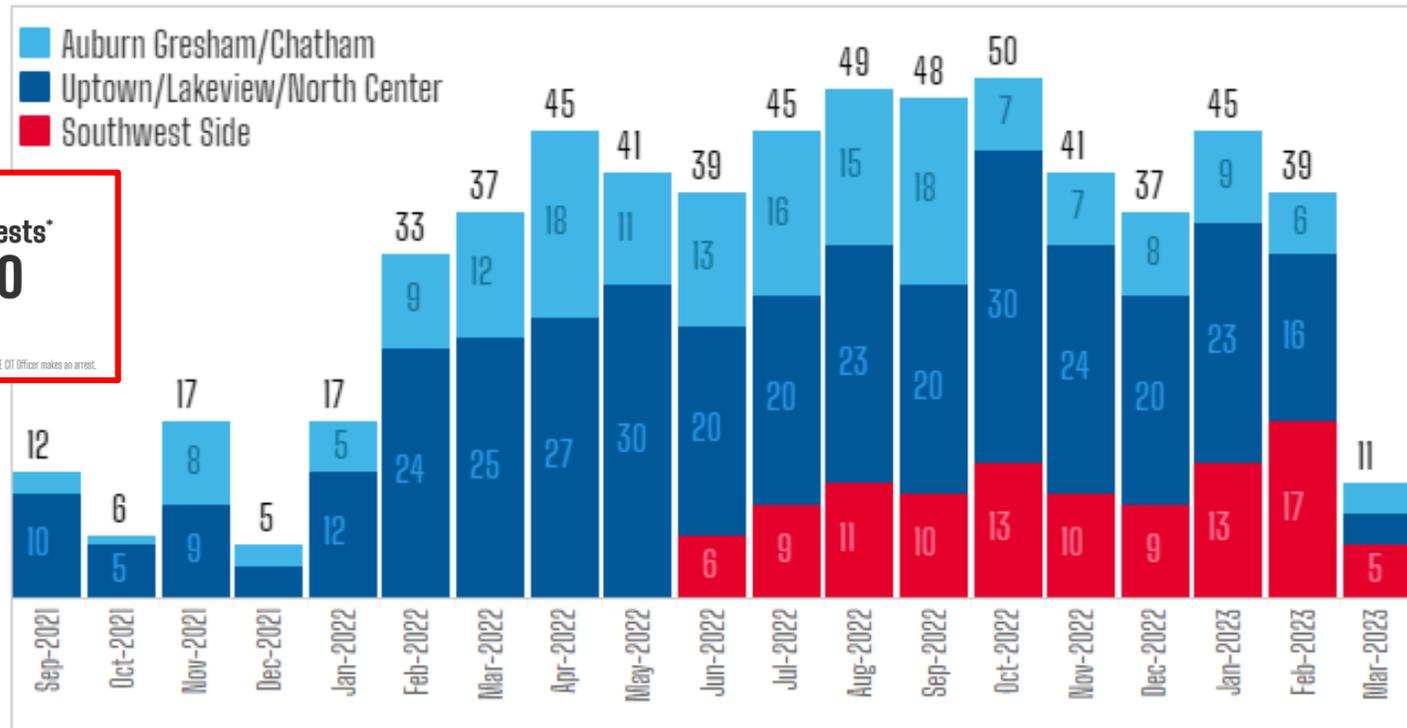


Summary: Alternate response team continues to see increases in call volume. In February, alternate response team (Southwest/7-8) had highest number of responses across all teams.

CARE 911 Responses Over Time by Neighborhood

CARE 911 Responses	Follow-Up Encounters	Use of Force Events	Arrests*
617	518	0	0

\*Events where the CARE CIT Officer makes an arrest.



Southwest Side includes Chicago Lawn, Gage Park, West Elsdon, West Englewood, West Lawn  
 Data updated through 3/3/23. CARE Responses include primary and self-dispatches and CPD assists.

# Geographic Expansion

## CARE Team Operating Locations

In 2023 the CARE Program will expand into 3 new geographic areas. These areas were prioritized based on their volume of mental health-related 911 calls:

1. Loop/Near South
2. Far North
3. Far South/Southeast

Current CARE Districts



Opioid Response Team



2023 Expansion Districts

