Shortened isolation guidance for General Population

Regardless of vaccination status

If you test positive for COVID-19

- Stay home and isolate for 5 days
- After 5 days, if your symptoms have resolved you can leave your house BUT
- You must continue to wear a mask around others for an additional 5 days and should avoid contact with high-risk people

NO need to repeat a positive at-home test in a medical setting; treat a positive as positive

- If you are still feeling sick or have a fever after 5 days, you must continue to isolate at home until you feel fine
Chicago: Non-ICU Hospital Beds occupied by COVID-19 patients at **highest** census since December 2020

Current average: 755

Acute Non-ICU Beds Occupied by COVID-19 Patients • 7-day Rolling Average

Chi.gov/coviddash
Chicago: ICU Hospital Beds occupied by COVID-19 patients at **highest** census since January 2021

Current average: 208

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Good News: Vaccine still provide protection against infection, though seeing more breakthroughs with Omicron variant
Very Good News: In Chicago, vaccines continue to protect beautifully against COVID hospitalization, and boosters add to that protection. **Unvaccinated Chicagoans** are driving nearly all of our increase in COVID hospitalizations.
So, what should we do to protect ourselves and community from COVID and its variants?

- VAX UP
- MASK UP
- BACK UP
- WASH UP
- TEST UP
Guidance for Gathering in Chicago

• Get vaccinated and boosted
• Wear a well-fitting mask
• Avoid gatherings and travel if not fully vaccinated
• If possible, get tested before gathering, regardless of vaccination status
• If you are sick, stay home
• Visit Chicago.gov/COVID
Keep a copy of your vax card on your phone!

**STEP ONE:**
Take a picture of your card on a flat surface in a well-lit area

**STEP TWO:**
Add the photo to your favorites so you can access it quickly
Need a vaccine or a booster? Have questions?

visit CHI.GOV/COVIDVAX

or call 312-746-4835