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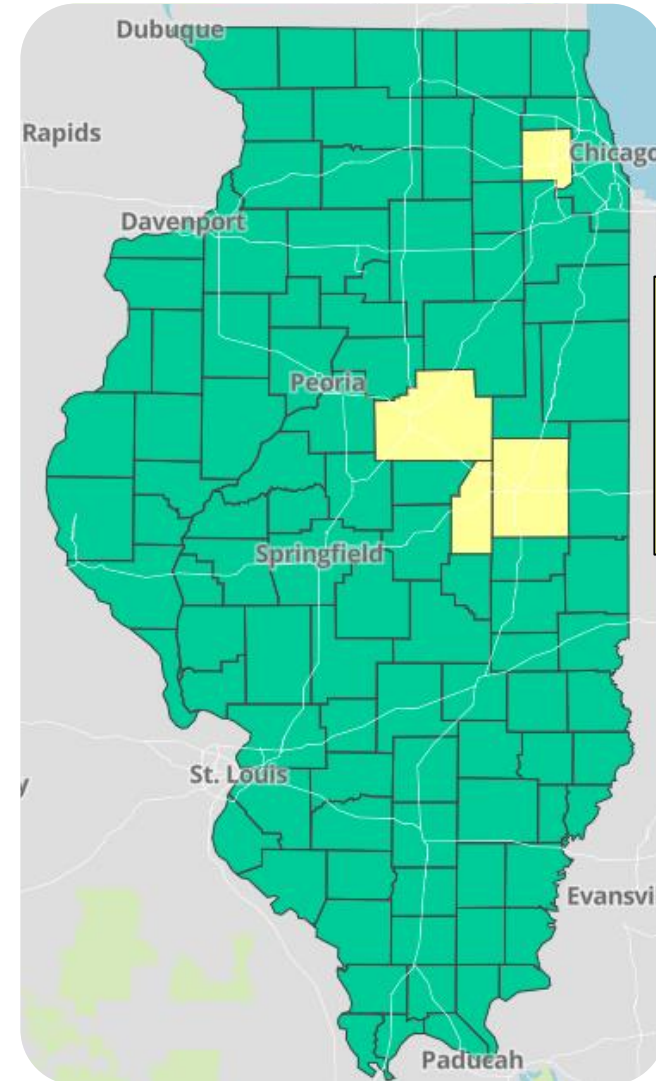
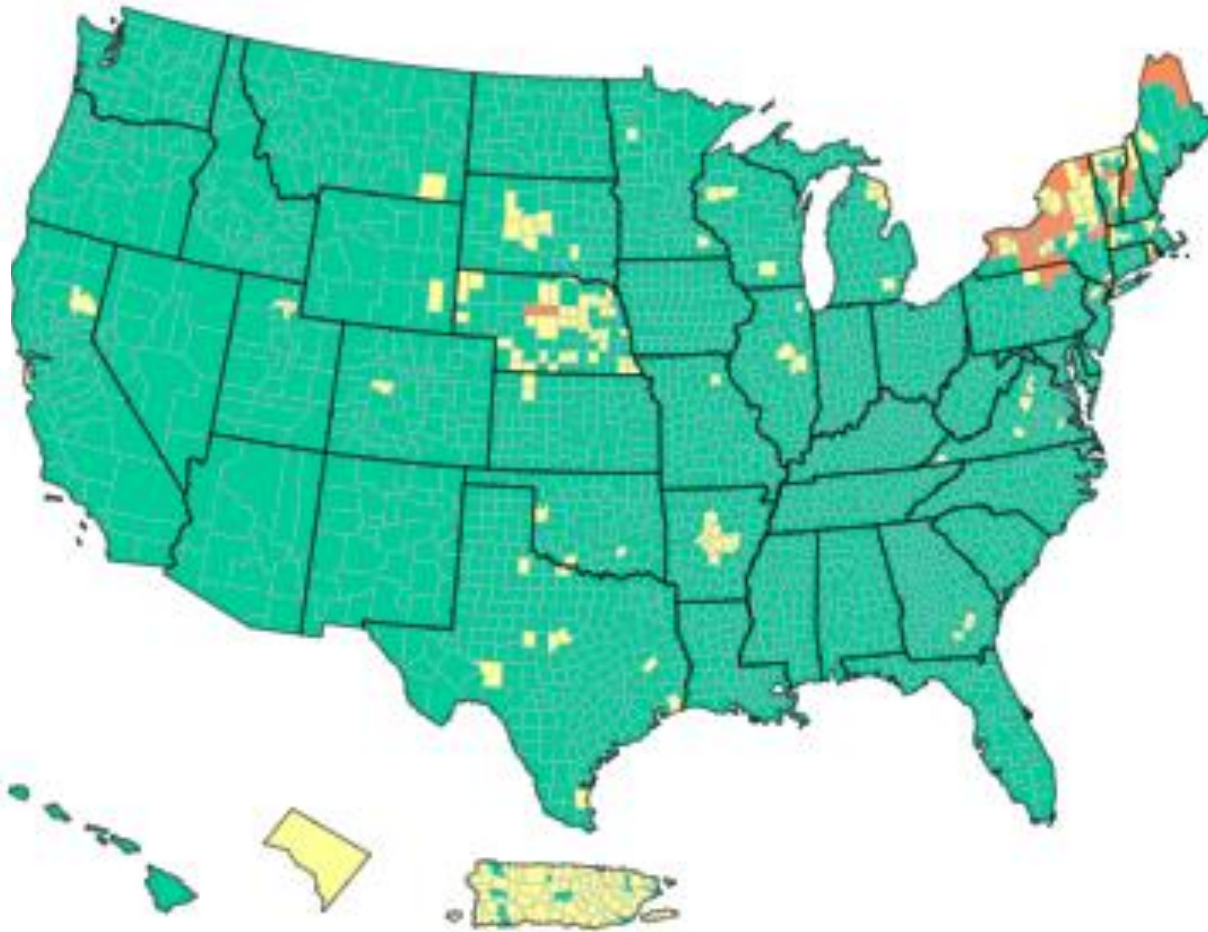
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# U.S. COVID-19 Community Levels *by County* Map

8.3% (268) of 3,220 counties are in medium or high risk – up 2.4% from previous week



- Low
- Medium
- High
- N/A



**IL Counties**  
DuPage  
McClellan  
Champaign  
Piatt



**Chicago's Current CDC COVID-19  
Community Level is:**

**LOW**

# ★ What is a COVID-19 Community Level?

<b>LOW</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>HIGH</b>
There is low community spread and limited impact on the healthcare system.	There is medium community spread and/or some impact on the health care system.	There is high community spread AND high potential for healthcare system strain.

# COVID-19 TRAVEL ADVISORY

4/22/2022

According to the CDC's weekly COVID-19 Community Level advisory, **8.3 percent (268)** of the 3,220 counties within the U.S. and Puerto Rico have COVID-19 levels that are “medium” to “high.”

*ALL travelers should check the CDC map so they know whether the areas they are traveling to are low, medium, or high risk for COVID-19.*

## FOR MEDIUM RISK

Consider wearing a mask in indoor public places.

## FOR HIGH RISK

Wear a mask in indoor public places.

Travelers 5y+ who aren't up to date with their COVID vaccines should avoid travel. If they do travel to an orange county, upon return they should

- Stay home and quarantine for 5 days after travel
- Take a COVID test 3-5 days after return – if it is positive, stay home and follow CDC guidance



# ★ How do we determine our local risk?

- CDC tracks COVID-19 Community Level by U.S. **COUNTY** and updates its map weekly
- CDPH also tracks **Chicago-level metrics** based on data from our public dashboard
- Because **Chicago is part of Cook County**, we would update COVID *recommendations* (at medium/yellow) or *requirements* (at red/high) if either the City or the County changed Community Level



# Chicago's COVID-19 Risk Level is **LOW**



## Metrics

	New Cases (Per 100,00 people in last 7 days)  [LOW is <200]	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)  [LOW is <10]	Proportion of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average) [LOW is <10%]
<b>Chicago</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.5%</b>
<b>Cook County</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>1.4%</b>

Chicago metrics are calculated based on Chicago-level data (data as of 4/26/2022).

Cook County metrics are calculated by the CDC and posted on the CDC Community Levels website (data as of 4/21/2022).

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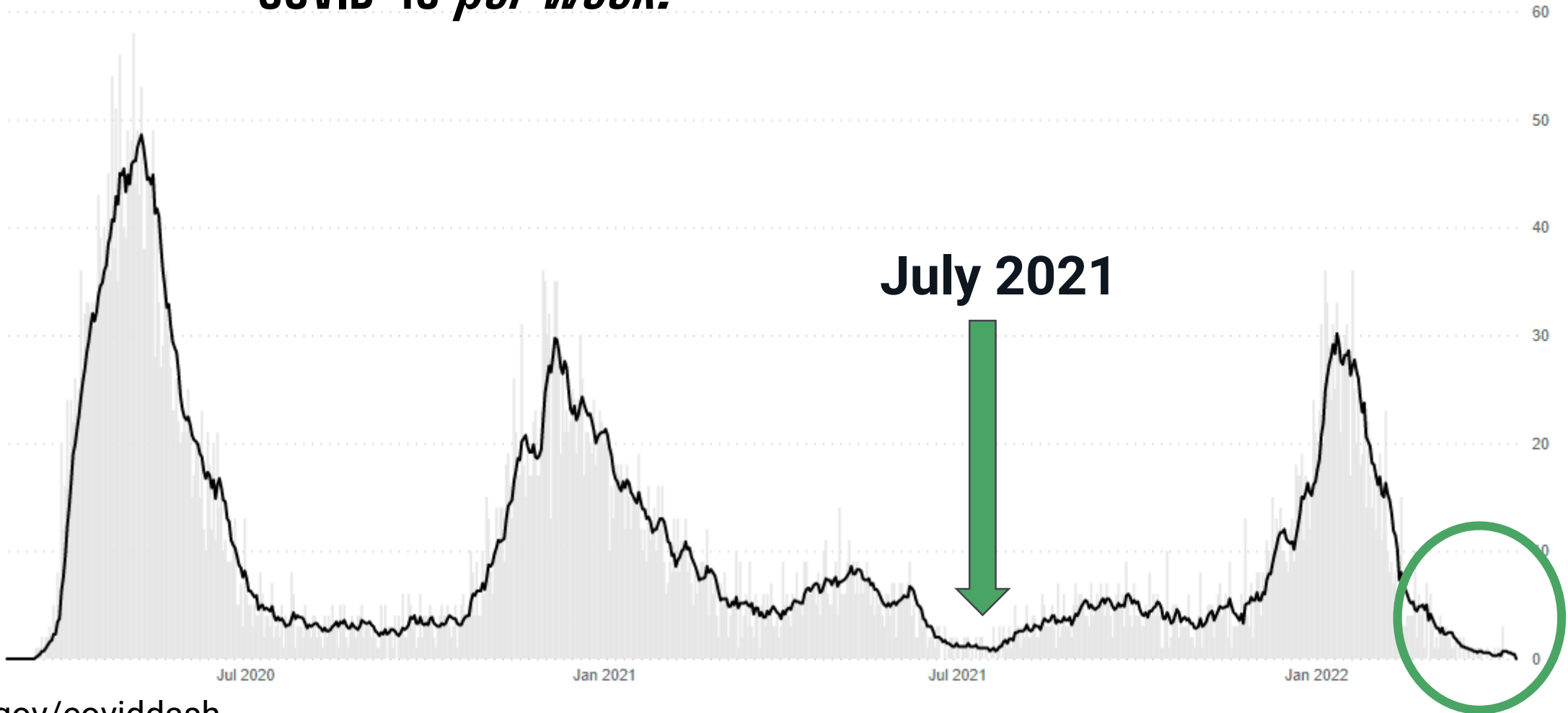
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# Great news: Fewer Chicagoans are now dying with COVID-19 than at any point in the pandemic.



Today, we are averaging fewer than 1 Chicagoan dying from COVID-19 *per week*.



# If you see someone choosing to wear a mask, please remember:

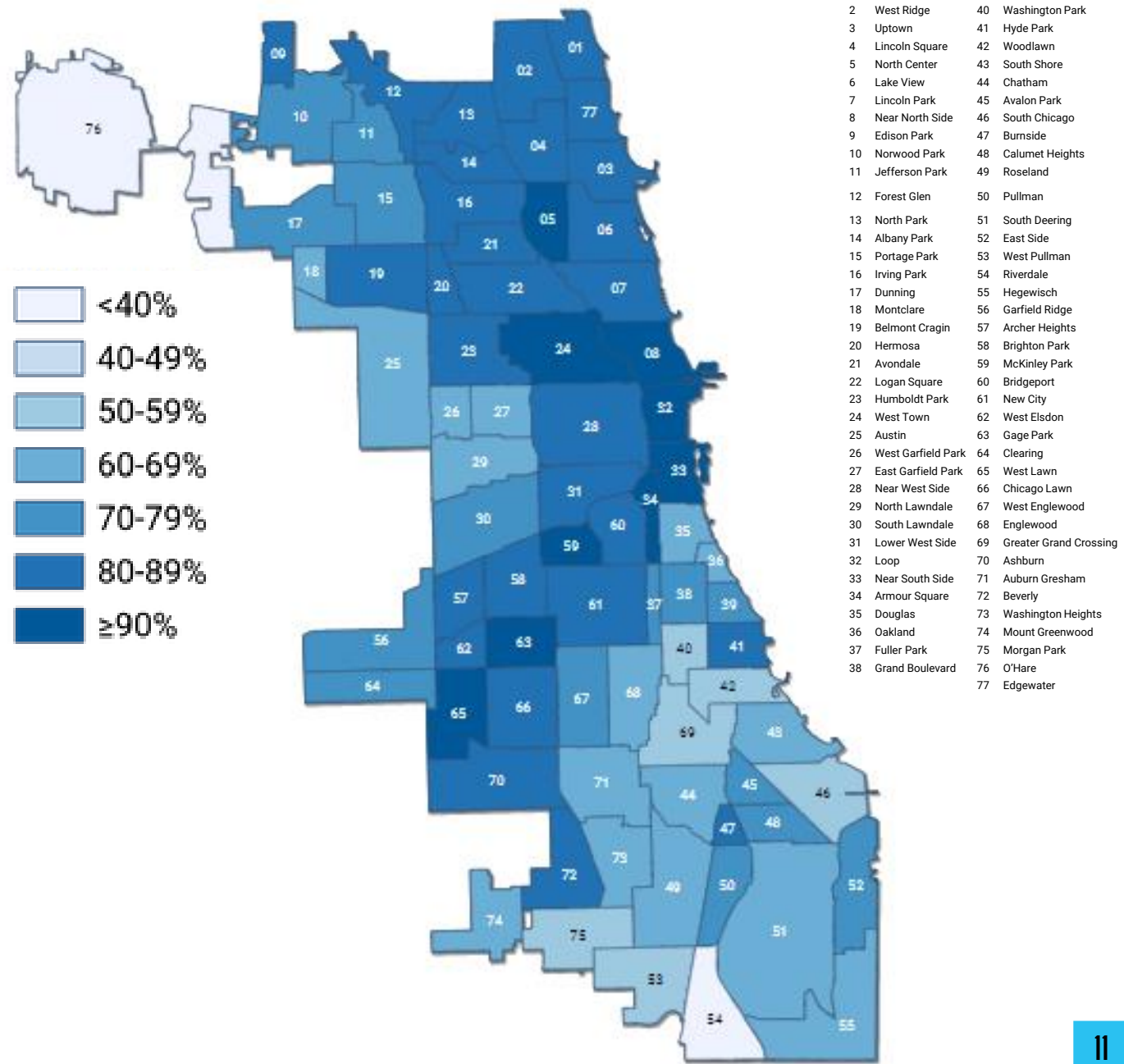
- People may have an autoimmune condition
- People may have high-risk loved ones
- People may have unvaccinated children
- People may be unvaccinated
- People may prefer to wear a mask



Please be kind and respectful of everyone's choice



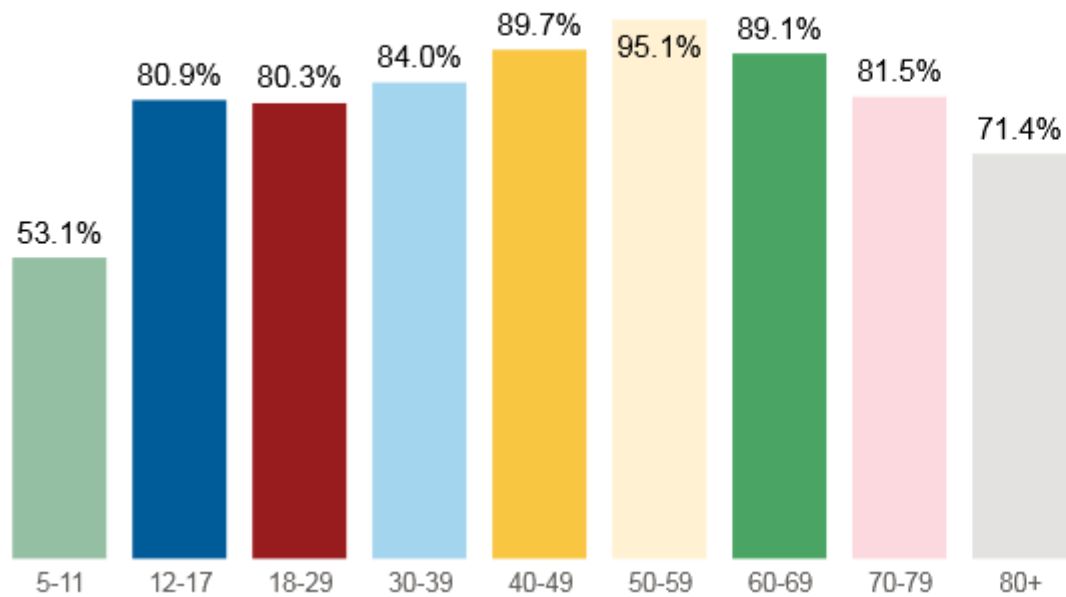
# % of Chicagoans 5+ with at least one dose of a COVID-19 Vaccine by Community Area



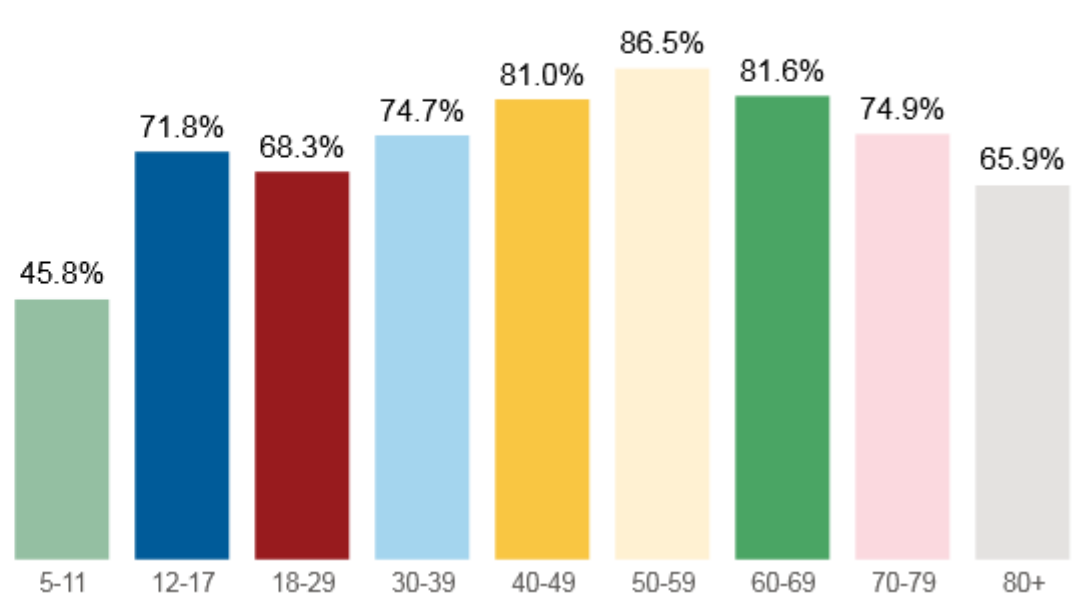
Data reported to the Illinois Comprehensive Automated Immunization Registry Exchange (I-CARE) through 4/20/2022

# Chicago Vaccination Rate by Age

At least one dose (% vaccinated as of 4/24/2022)

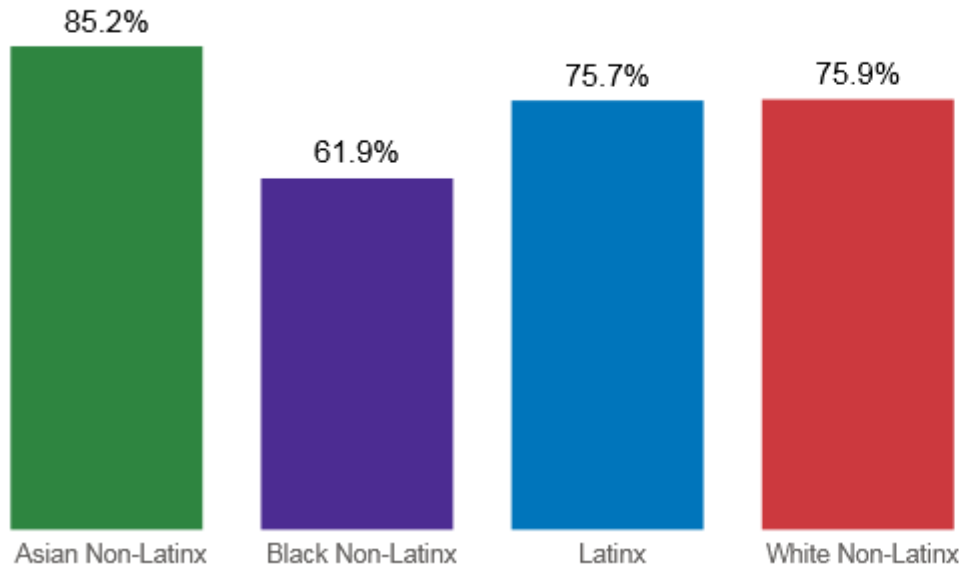


Completed vaccine series (% vaccinated as of 4/24/2022)

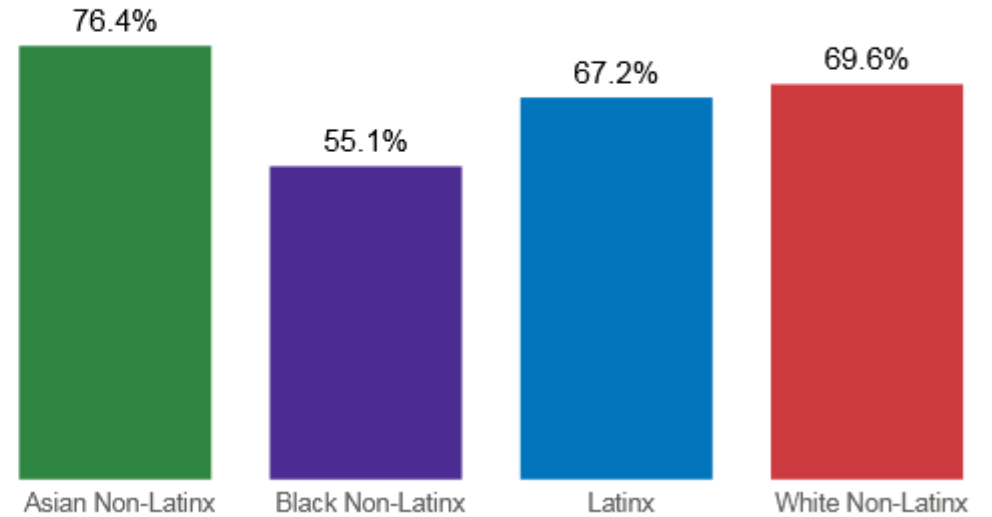


# Chicago Vaccination Rate by Race/Ethnicity

At least one dose (% vaccinated as of 4/24/2022)



Completed vaccine series (% vaccinated as of 4/24/2022)

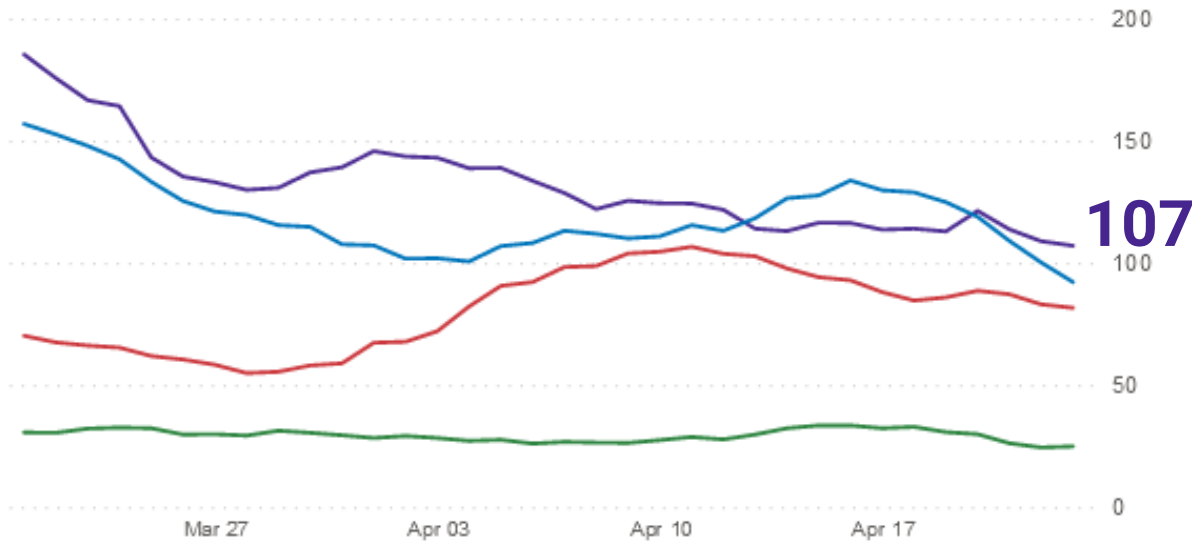




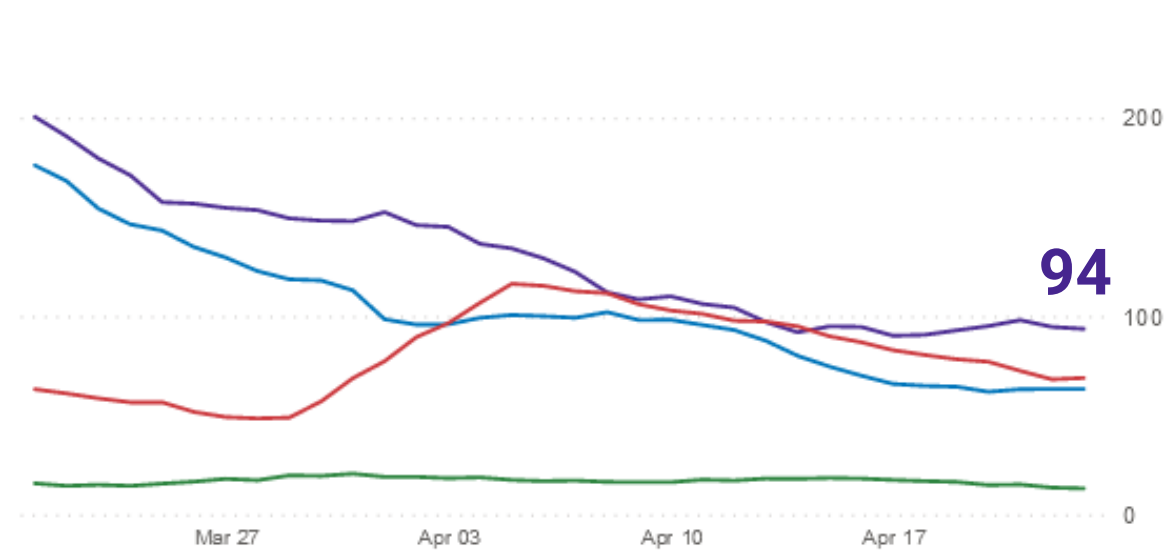
# Black Chicagoans are most likely to be receiving a first and second dose of primary COVID vaccine series

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### At least one dose (daily average)



### Completed vaccine series (daily average)





# GET VAXXED AT HOME!

- Anyone age 5+ can get a COVID-19 vaccine at home
- Pfizer pediatric, adult and boosters doses available
- Up to 10 people can get vaccinated at the same time
- Booster doses available
- Appointments: Saturday-Tuesday, 8:00 am to 6:30 pm



Chicago residents of certain zip codes are eligible to receive a **\$50 gift card** for each dose of primary vaccine administered (1st and 2nd dose only).

## ELIGIBLE CHICAGO ZIP CODES

60608, 60612, 60617, 60619, 60620,  
60621, 60624, 60628, 60633, 60636  
60637, 60644, 60649, 60651,  
60653, 60707, 60827

**FOR APPOINTMENTS:** [CHICAGO.GOV/ATHOME](https://chicago.gov/athome) • 312-746-4835

Need a vaccine or a booster? Have questions?

visit **CHI.GOV/COVIDVAX**

or call **312-746-4835**



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CHICAGO** \*