COVID-19 Response Bureau
Testing and Laboratory-Based Surveillance

January 15, 2021
Every week, we track the volume of tests performed across the City, as well as what type of laboratory is performing those tests. As expected, the volume of tests increased in the first week of 2021 after a reduction during the holiday period.
Testing volume by reporting laboratories

CDPH CBT = Laboratory serving City of Chicago Community-Based Testing Sites

MMWR 1-4 = January  MMWR 27-31 = July
MMWR 49-53 = December MMWR 23-27 = June
MMWR 41-44 = October  MMWR 18-23 = May
MMWR 36-40 = September MMWR 14-18 = April
City of Chicago Community-Based Testing Sites (CBTS) represent just some of over 5,000 providers performing COVID-19 testing in Chicago. CBTS aim to serve the people who need it most, especially those underrepresented in testing from other clinical providers and those from demographic groups and geographic areas hardest hit by COVID-19.

We closely monitor the demographics (e.g., age, race, ethnicity) of individuals using our community-based testing sites, and adjust our targeting as needed to reach the communities that need it most.
Volume of test by race and ethnicity of individuals using CDPH Community Based Testing Sites last week (January 3, 2020 - January 9, 2021)

- Asian, Non-Latinx: 155
- Black, Non-Latinx: 1386
- Latinx: 3829
- Other, Non-Latinx: 596
- Unknown: 196
- White, Non-Latinx: 997