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Hello ,  
Thank you for your continued interest and support for CDPH and Healthy Chicago. We are committed to making Chicago a place where all people, in all communities, have an equal opportunity to live full, healthy lives. In this newsletter, we're sharing a few of the ways we're working to make that vision a reality—with the support of active community members like you.

**—The Chicago Department of Public Health Team**

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## WHAT'S NEW AT CDPH



## Dr. Olusimbo Ige appointed as Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health

Mayor Brandon Johnson announced the appointment of Dr. Olusimbo “Simbo” Ige, MD, MS, MPH, to serve as the next Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health. Dr. Ige is currently the Managing Director of Programs at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and has previously served as the Assistant Commissioner for the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

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## SUBSTANCE USE



## Chicago launches new public health vending machine pilot

CDPH recently launched a public health vending machine pilot program aimed at preventing overdose and increasing access to harm reduction resources. The vending machines, currently located at five sites across the city, will be stocked with Naloxone (Narcan), fentanyl test strips, general hygiene kits, socks, underwear and other important health care supplies.

**Vending machines are free to all Chicagoans with a PIN code. Here's how to get yours:**

- [Fill out a PIN request form](#)
- Use an in-person QR code located on the vending machine
- Ask your healthcare provider about joining the pilot program

PIN codes will be automatically generated and ready for immediate use.

**Vending machines are currently located at the following sites:**

- *Uptown Library: 929 W Buena Ave*
- *Garfield Community Service Center: 10 S Kedzie*
- *Harold Washington Library Center: 400 S State St*
- *95th/Dan Ryan Red Line CTA Station: 14 W 95th St - North Terminal*
- *Roseland Community Triage Center: 200 E 115th St*

Email [media.cdph@cityofchicago.org](mailto:media.cdph@cityofchicago.org) with general questions about the pilot program. Providers interested in registering patients for PIN codes should email [osu.cdph@cityofchicago.org](mailto:osu.cdph@cityofchicago.org).

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## COMMUNITY HEALTH



### **Get your COVID-19 vaccine and free at-home tests to stay healthy this season**

Get vaccinated against COVID-19 and the flu this respiratory virus season. All Chicagoans six months and older are eligible for free flu vaccines and updated COVID-19 vaccines. You are eligible for the new COVID vaccine if it's been two months since your last dose.

CDPH is planning COVID-19 and flu vaccine clinics at City Colleges of Chicago; preregistration is strongly encouraged.

Residents can get both vaccines at the same time:

- Saturday, Dec 2, Kennedy-King College
- Saturday, Dec 9, Malcolm X College

#### CDPH VACCINE INFORMATION

### Register for free COVID-19 tests

All U.S. households are eligible for four free at-home COVID-19 tests through [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov). Have tests at home that may have expired? Visit [FDA.gov](https://www.fda.gov) to see if expiration dates have been extended.

GET YOUR FREE TESTS

Visit [chicago.gov](https://www.chicago.gov) for a complete list of CDPH vaccine clinics and to make an appointment.

To find a provider near you, go to [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) or [vacunas.gov](https://www.vacunass.gov)

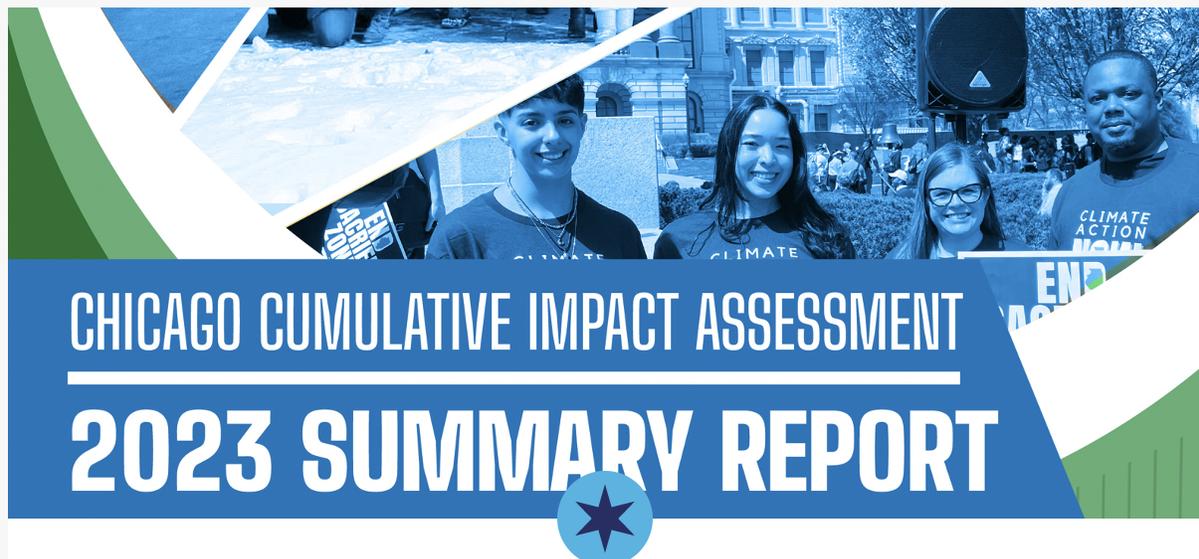
### Check your Medicaid renewals date before May 2024 deadline

CDPH estimates at least 180,000 Chicagoans may lose Medicaid coverage by May 2024. Here's how current Medicaid recipients can check and renew coverage:

1. Click Manage My Case at [abe.illinois.gov](https://www.abe.illinois.gov).
2. Verify your address under "Contact Us."
3. Find your renewal due date under "Benefit Details."
4. Watch your mail and complete your renewal right away.

*No longer eligible for Medicaid? Get coverage at work or through the official Illinois Affordable Care Act marketplace, [GetCovered.Illinois.gov](https://www.getcovered.illinois.gov). Open enrollment runs through January 15, 2024.*

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## New environmental assessment report shows the neighborhoods most impacted by pollution, health and social stressors

The City of Chicago and community leaders recently released findings and recommendations from the first citywide Cumulative Impact Assessment. The report designated specific Environmental Justice (EJ) Neighborhoods most impacted by pollution, health and social stressors.

### They include:

*Austin*  
*East Garfield Park*  
*Englewood*  
*Humboldt Park*  
*Lower West Side*  
*McKinley Park*

*North Lawndale*  
*Roseland*  
*South Deering*  
*South Lawndale*  
*West Englewood*  
*West Garfield Park*

The report also includes recommendations for specific, actionable policy changes for these communities. For example, to better understand air quality in specific areas, the report suggests developing an expanded air monitoring network in partnership with organizations from EJ communities, which can advise, public education, outreach, and advocacy efforts.

To see a complete list of recommendations and how your community could benefit, read the full report at [chicago.gov/cumulativeimpact](https://chicago.gov/cumulativeimpact).

Learn more about progress and initiatives in your community by [signing up for alerts here](#).

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## Get advice from public health experts in our new **Healthy Chicago Podcast**

The **Healthy Chicago Podcast** is a discussion between city medical professionals. Hosts Dr. Geraldine Luna and Dr. Brian Borah cover topics that affect public health in Chicago and the world. Every episode is available in English and Spanish.

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## COMMUNITY RESOURCES



The Chicago Health Atlas is a place to review and compare health-related data over time and across communities. It's an evolving tool that allows residents to see progress against Healthy Chicago priorities.

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