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Public Health Emergency will end.

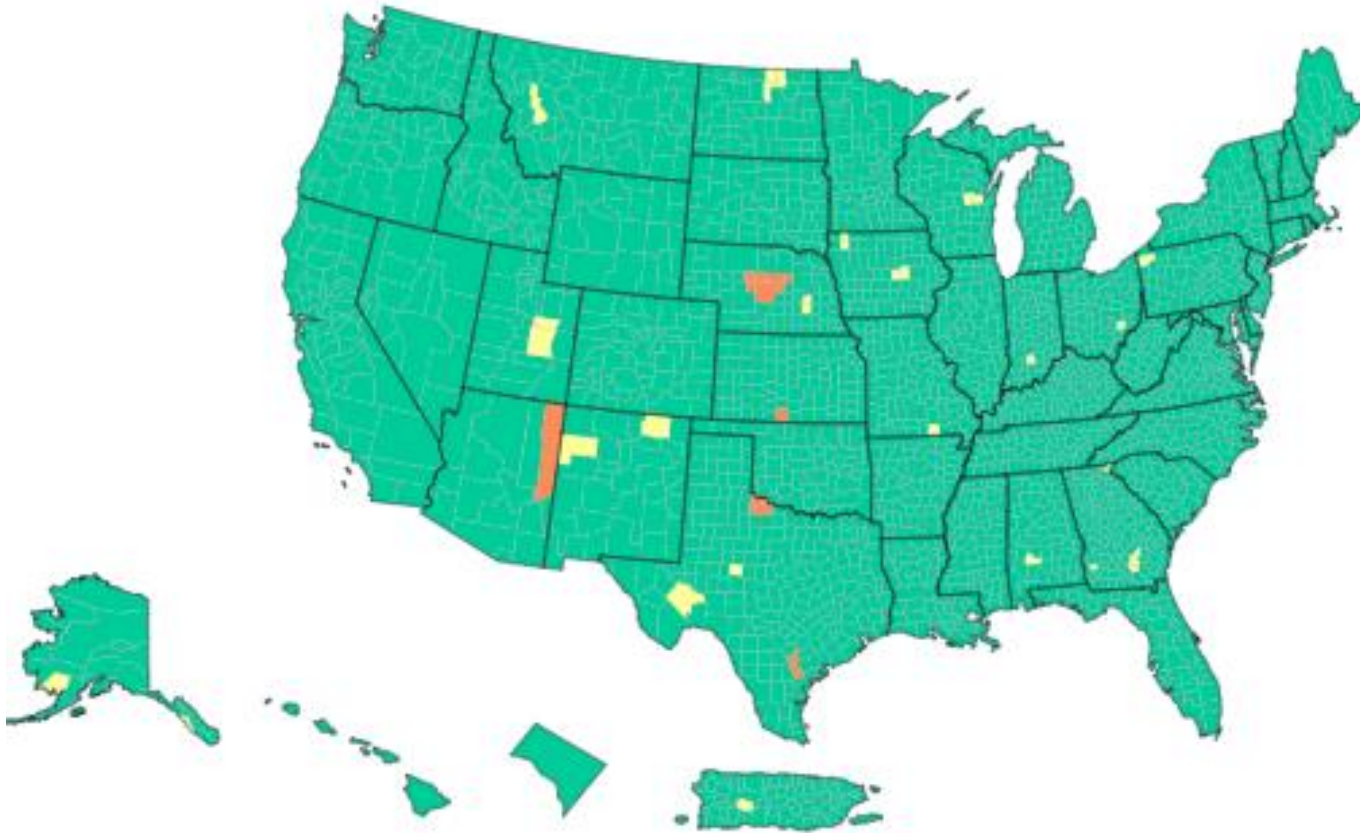


The end of the declared Public Health Emergency doesn't mean that COVID-19 is over. CDPH continues to recommend that *everyone* stay up-to-date on COVID-19 **vaccinations**, take a **test** if you have symptoms or have been exposed, and wear a high-quality mask when COVID-19 levels are high.

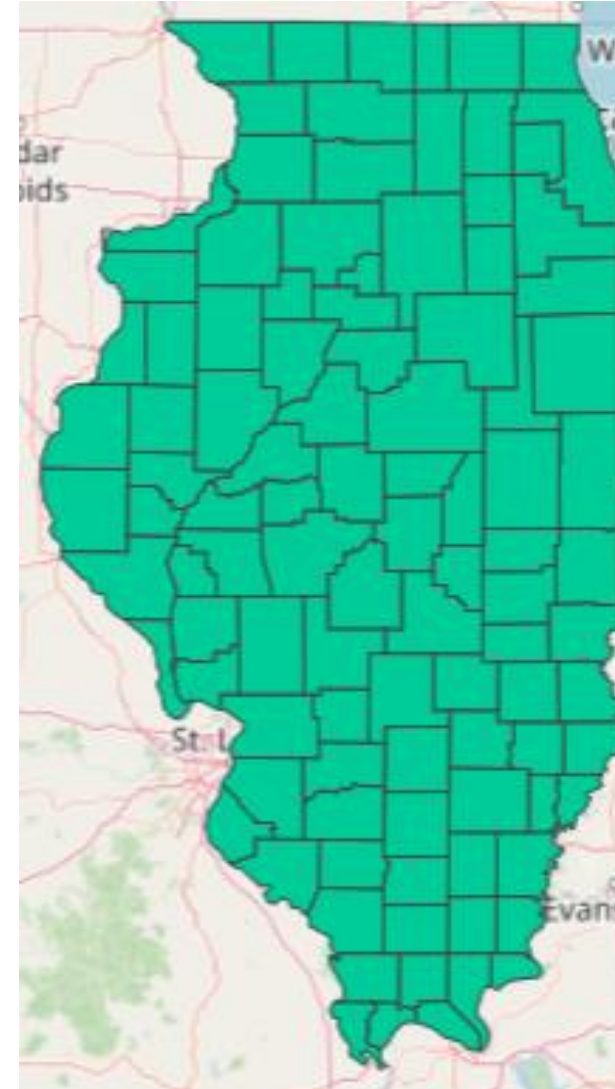
Last week, **0.5%** of U.S. Counties reported **High** COVID Community Level and **1%** reported **Medium** Level.



Low Medium High



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

LOW

	New cases per 100,000 population (last 7 days) <i>[Goal is <200]</i>	New admissions per 100,000 population (last 7 days) <i>[Goal is <10]</i>	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (last 7 days) <i>[Goal is <10%]</i>
City of Chicago	34	3.1	1.7%
Cook County (including City of Chicago)	31	3.1	1.5%

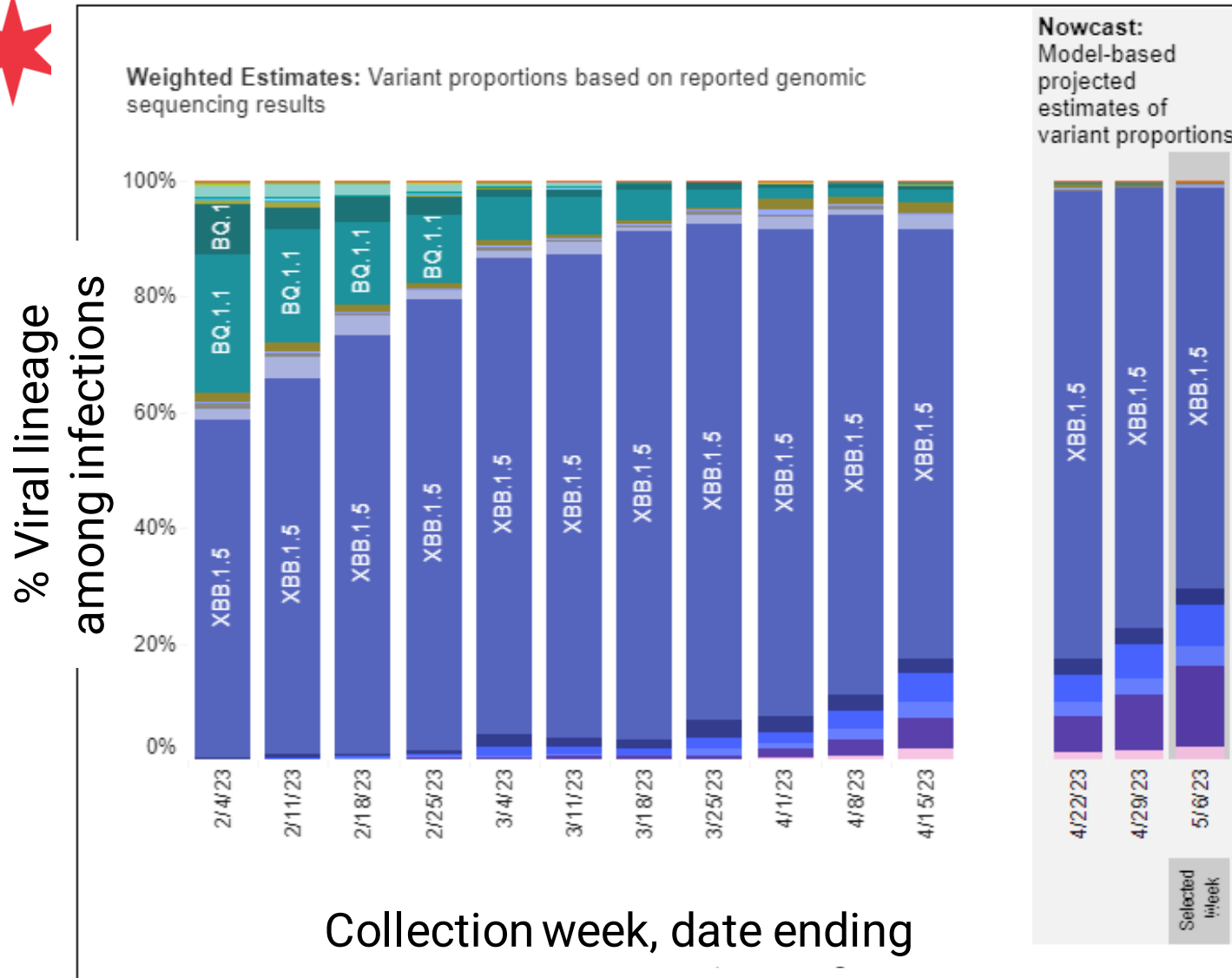
Chicago metrics are calculated based on Chicago-level data.

Cook County metrics are calculated by the CDC and posted on the [CDC Community Levels](https://www.cdc.gov/communitylevels/) website.

Data current as of 5/3/2023.

Variant Surveillance, Midwest Region

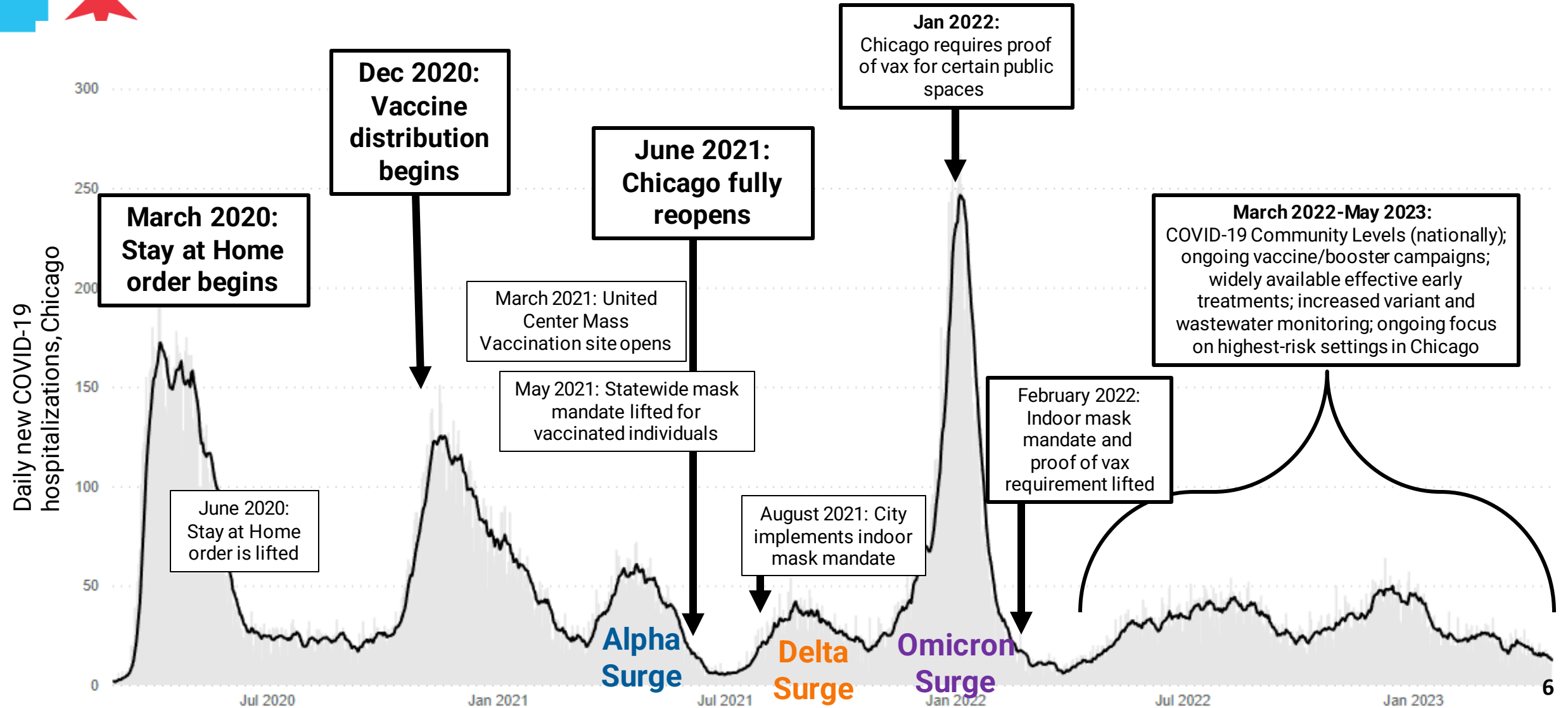
Weighted and Nowcast Estimates for Weeks of 1/29/22 – 5/6/23

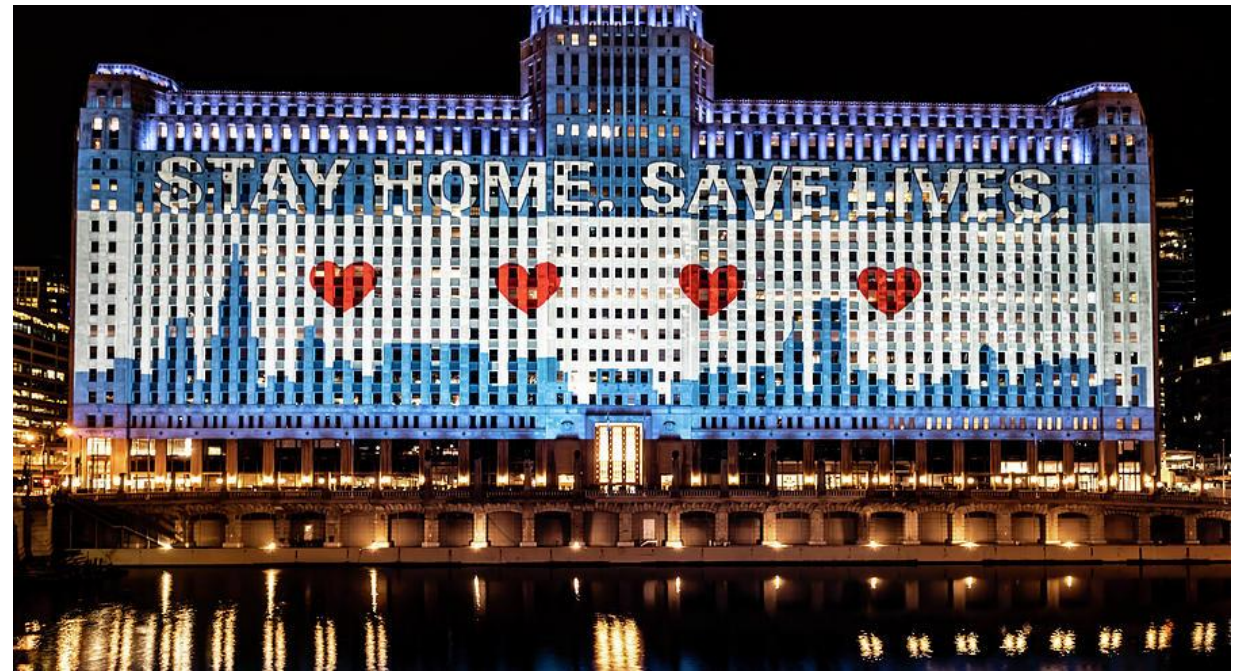


It's ALL Still OMICRON

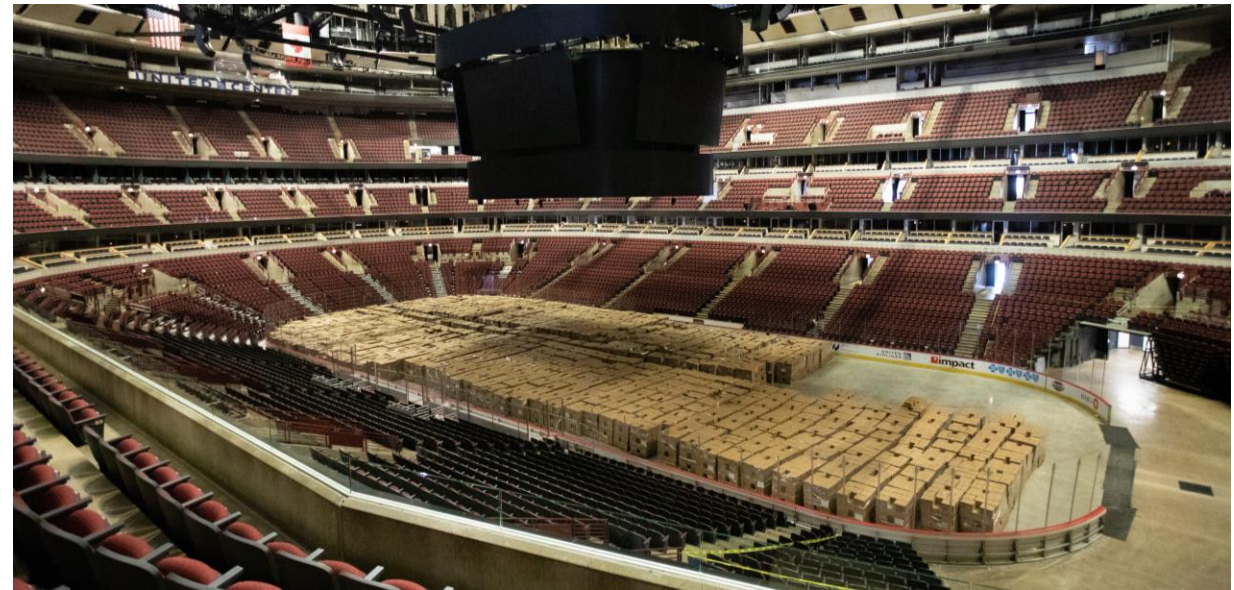
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COVID-19 in Chicago: Response driven by local data and *consistent* risk-based metrics



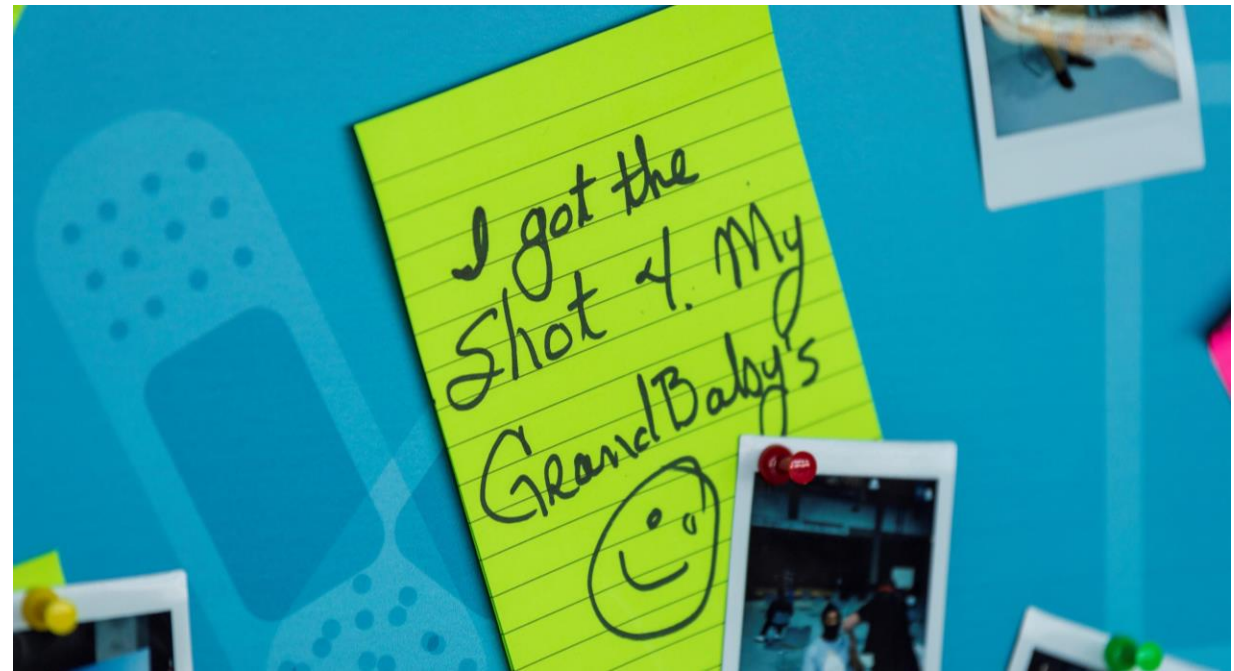






















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Chicago Mpox (Monkeypox) Case Summary

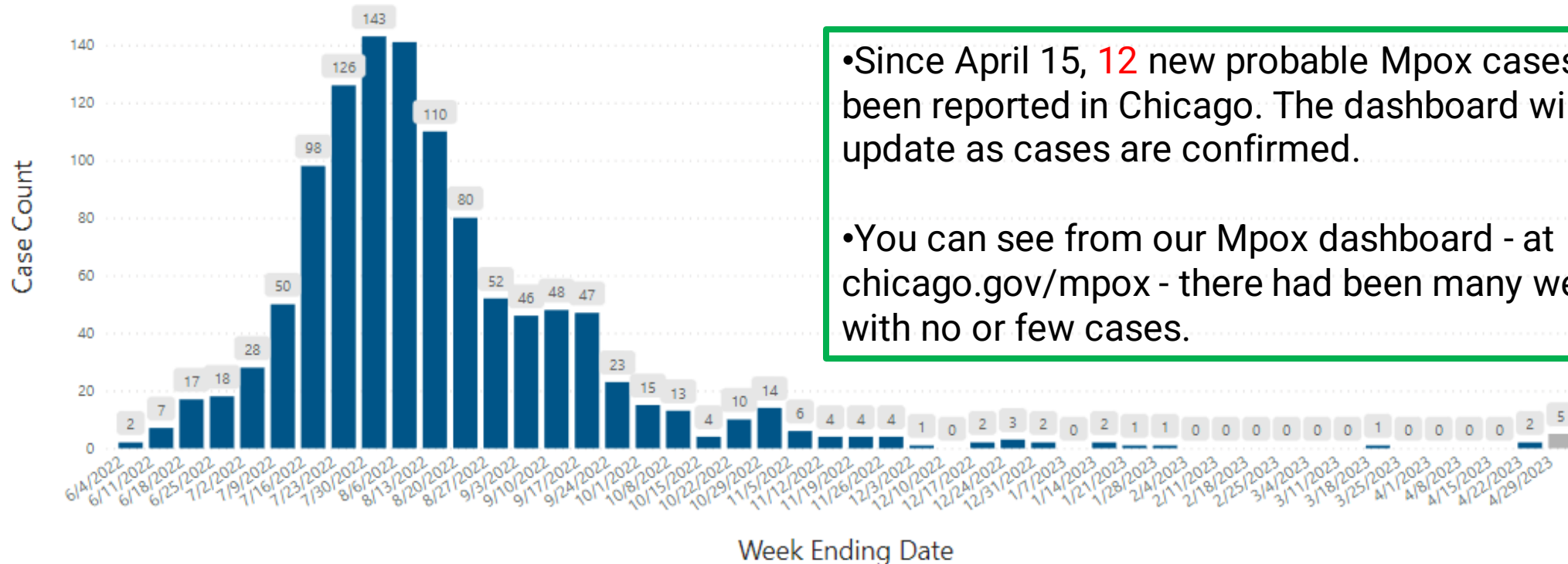
Data last updated 5/8/2023. Counts include cases with specimen collections through 5/3/2023 to account for reporting lags.
 Data are updated on Monday at 2:00p.m., except for City holidays when data will be updated on Tuesday. All data are provisional and subject to change.

Cumulative Cases
1,130

Cumulative Hospitalizations
77

Cumulative Deaths
3

Mpox (Monkeypox) Cases Diagnosed in Chicago Residents, by Week



- Since April 15, 12 new probable Mpox cases have been reported in Chicago. The dashboard will update as cases are confirmed.
- You can see from our Mpox dashboard - at chicago.gov/mpox - there had been many weeks with no or few cases.

*Data represented in the gray-colored bar are not yet complete.



CHICAGO
MAYOR LORENCE L. LIGHTFOOT

**IT'S NOT OVER.
PROTECT
YOURSELF**

**Mpox is serious AND preventable.
You can easily get your vaccine now.**

Ask your health provider about mpox testing and vaccine. For more information, visit chicago.gov/mpox.

- People who may be exposed to Mpox should receive 2 vaccine doses.
- You're not fully vaccinated unless you've gotten 2 doses of the vaccine.
- You can get vaccinated at CDPH's STI Specialty Clinics, as well as many healthcare providers across Chicago.
- Go to [Chicago.gov/Mpox](https://chicago.gov/Mpox) for more information.



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What is Changing with the COVID-19 Response?



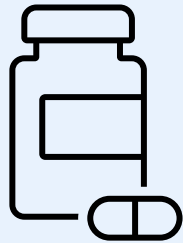
During the COVID-19 pandemic the U.S. government and the State of Illinois established temporary rules regarding payment for certain health care services to ensure everyone had access to the tools needed to protect themselves. **Beginning May 11**, some of these rules will begin to be phased out as the Public Health Emergency (PHE) ends. Learn more about what this means for you.

★ What does this mean for...?

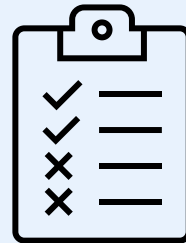
Vaccine



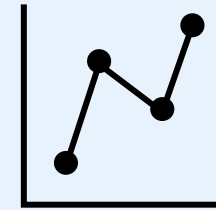
Treatment



Testing



Data Reporting
and Monitoring





Vaccines will continue to be free of charge and available for Chicagoans.

Will Vaccines Still Be Available?

- Yes. Chicagoans ages 6 months and up can continue to receive COVID-19 vaccines after the public health emergency ends.

Where?

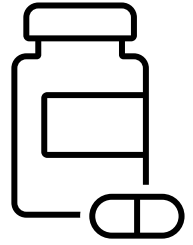
- COVID-19 vaccines will still be widely available throughout the city, including at doctor's offices, hospitals, pharmacies, community health centers, City-operated clinics and the Mobile CareVan.
- Go to "[Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)" to locate vaccine providers near you.

Will Guidance Change?

- No. The end of public health emergency will have no impact on who is eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. In April, federal health officials updated guidance that simplifies the vaccination schedule for most individuals.

Will They Still Be Free?

- Yes, federally purchased vaccines will continue to be offered free of charge where available.



Treatment for COVID-19 will continue to be available but cost will depend on your insurance status.

Will COVID-19 treatments still be available?

- Yes, therapeutics to treat and limit the severity of COVID-19 will continue to be available after May 11.

Where?

- Treatments will continue to be available from physicians, hospitals and pharmacies.

Will guidance change?

- No, there will be no changes in who is eligible to receive treatments.

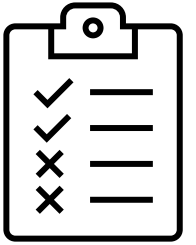
Will treatment still be free?

It depends on the type of insurance you have.

- **Private insurance:** Coverage for treatments and out of pocket costs will vary. Contact your insurer to learn more.
- **Medicare:** Will continue to cover all costs for treatment through December 31, 2024.
- **Medicaid:** Will continue to cover all costs for treatment until September 30, 2024.
- **No insurance:** Select pharmacies will continue to provide COVID-19 treatments with no out-of-pocket costs to uninsured individuals.

Testing (At-Home and Lab-Based) for COVID-19

will continue to be available but cost will depend on your insurance status.



Will Covid-19 Tests Still Be Available?

- Yes, at-home rapid antigen tests and lab-based PCR tests will continue to be available in Chicago.

Where?

- **At-Home** tests will continue to be available:
 - In pharmacies
 - Through the U.S. Government while supplies last:
 - Order at www.covid.gov/tests
- **Lab-based tests** will continue to be available:
 - At select pharmacies – call for information
 - At select hospitals and health clinics – call for information
 - Visit www.testinglocator.cdc.gov/ to find no-cost testing

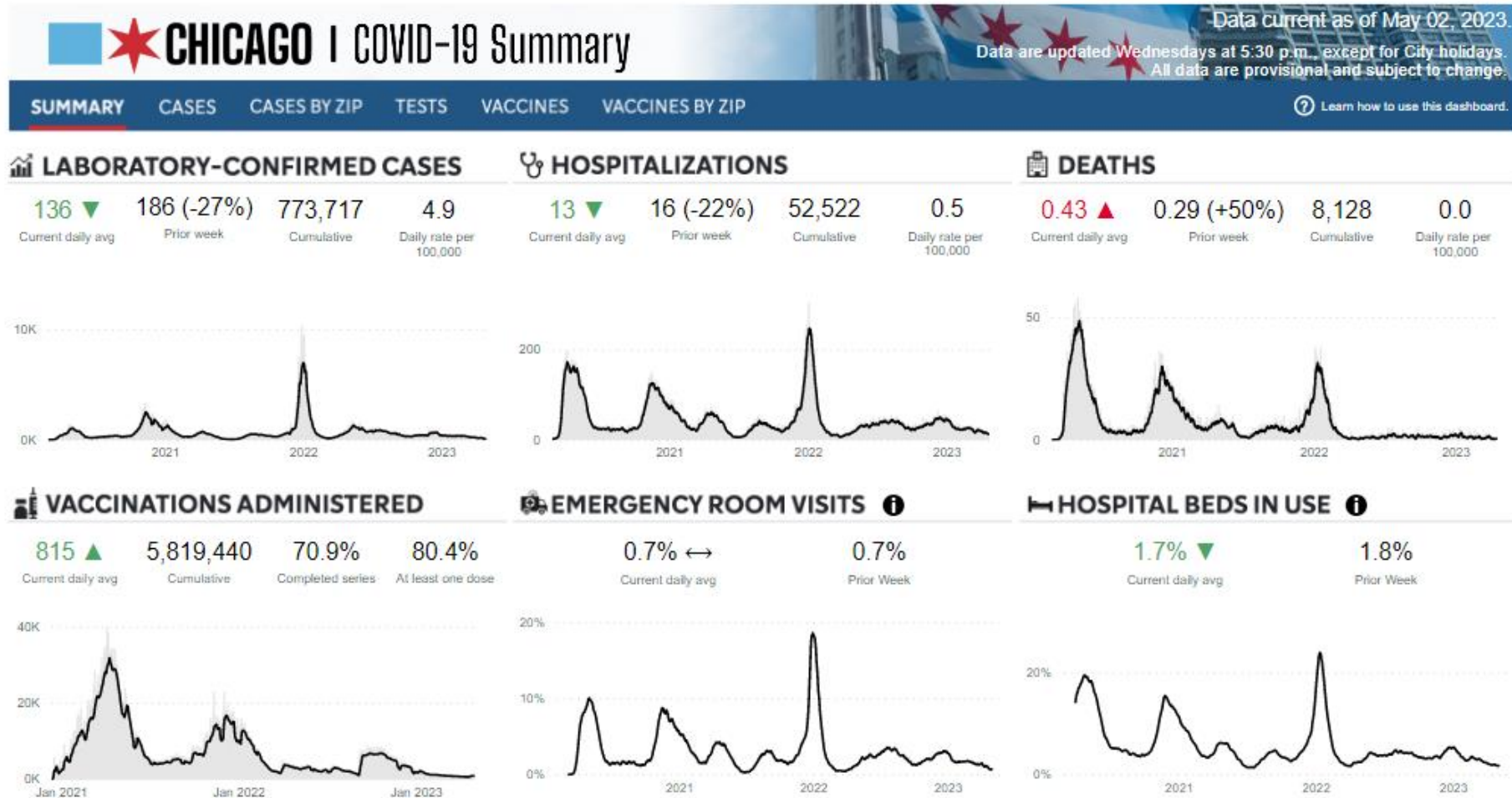
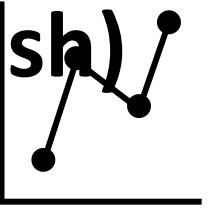
Will Guidance Change?

- No, guidance about how and when to use COVID-19 testing will not change on May 11.

Will They Still Be Free?

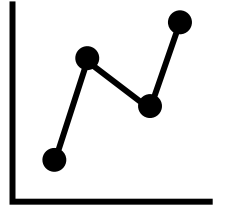
- It depends on the type of test and your insurance coverage.
- Visit www.testinglocator.cdc.gov/ to find no-cost testing

Locally: The COVID-19 dashboard (chi.gov/coviddash) will continue to update weekly.





Locally: CDPH Variant Surveillance will continue

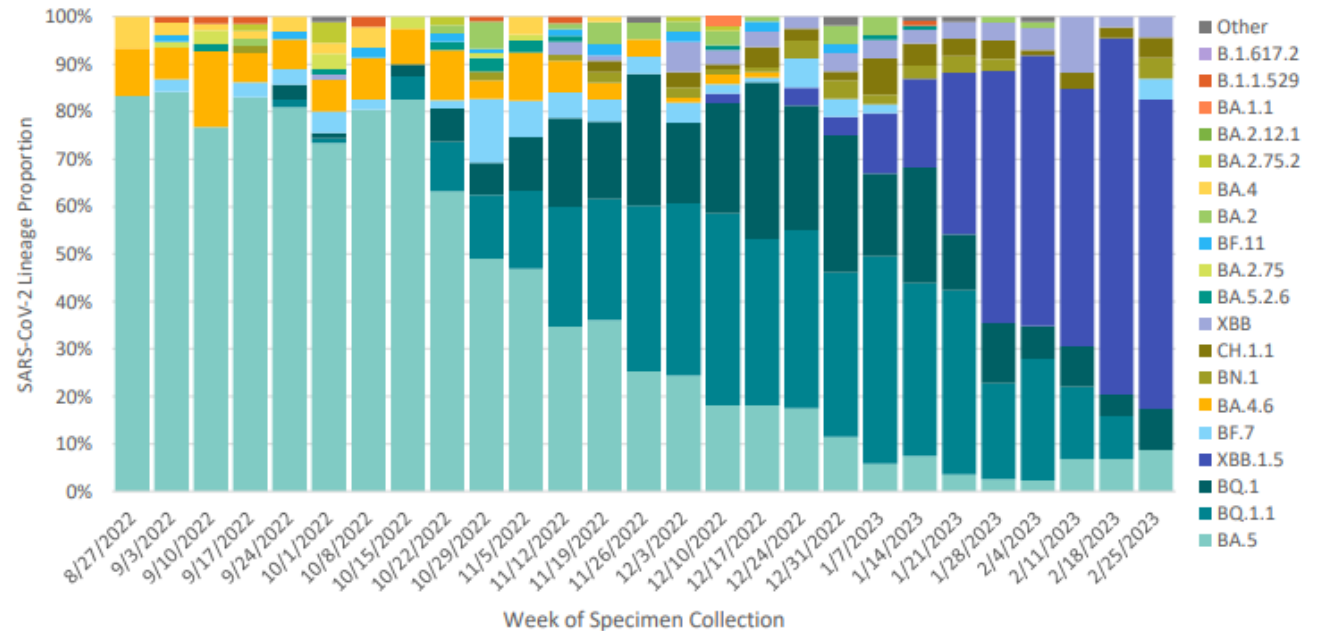


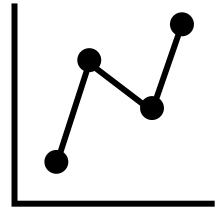
- Through the Regional Innovative Public Health Laboratory (RIPHL), CDPH will continue to sequence COVID specimens from across Chicago hospitals to identify circulating variants.
- Reports are posted to the CDPH website monthly.
- CDC will continue to post national data bi-monthly on the COVID Data Tracker.

Variant Prevalence in Chicago

Currently, Omicron is the only variant of concern being monitored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Figure 1 displays RIPHL's lineage breakdown in Chicago over a six-month period.

Figure 1. SARS-CoV-2 lineage proportions for surveillance specimens received by RIPHL, by week of specimen collection (August 27, 2022 to February 25, 2023).



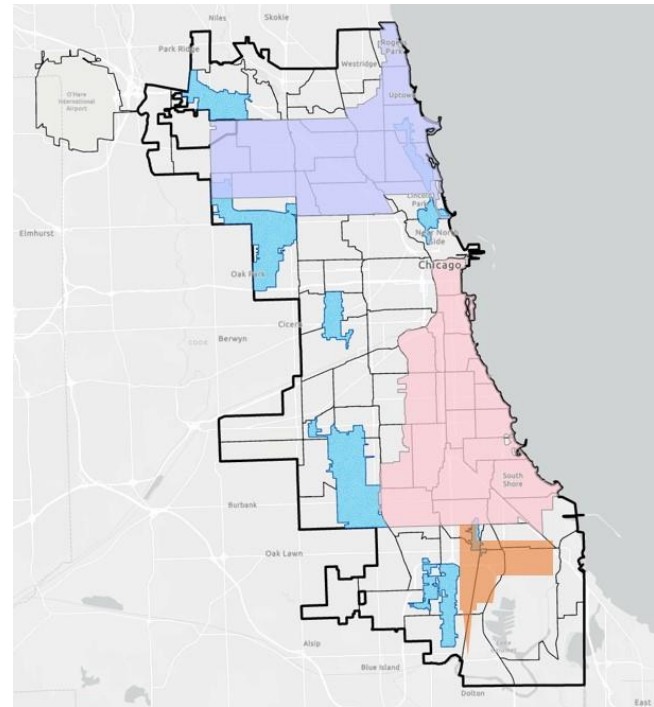


Locally: CDPH Wastewater Monitoring will **continue at Sewersheds, Pumping Stations, and** **Treatment Plants**

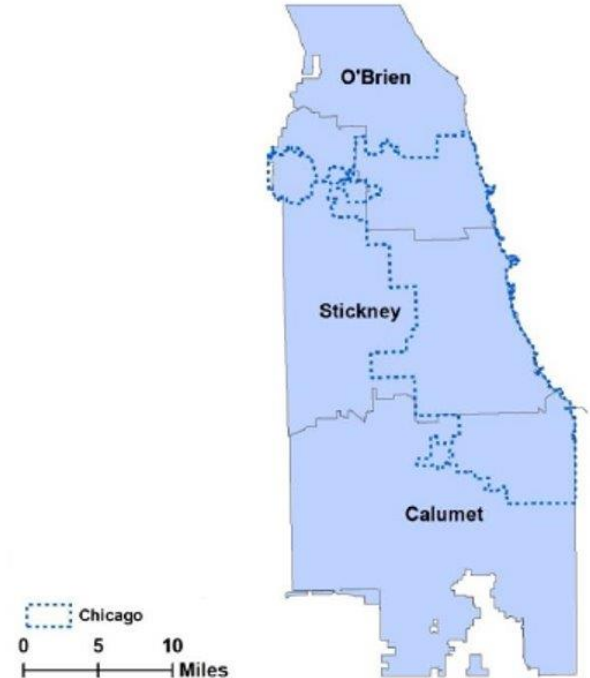
- CDPH will continue to monitor wastewater for COVID concentrations and sequence samples to identify circulating COVID variants.
- The CDPH Wastewater Dashboard is updated each Wednesday evening.
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Neighborhood Sewersheds (Blue)

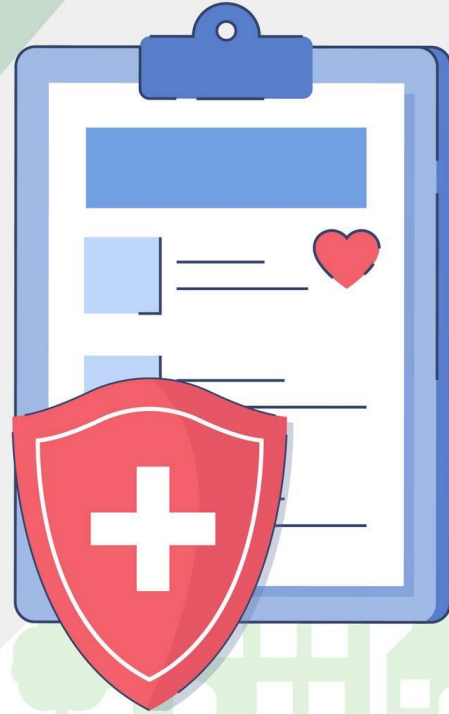
Pumping Stations (Purple, Pink, Orange)



Treatment Plants (Chicago/Cook County)



	PRIVATE INSURANCE	PUBLIC INSURANCE (MEDICARE, MEDICAID)	NO INSURANCE
AT-HOME TESTS	Insurance companies will no longer be required to pay for at-home tests, but some may choose to continue to cover these tests. Contact your insurance provider for more information.	<p>MEDICARE After May 11, Medicare will no longer have access to free at-home tests</p> <p>MEDICAID Tests will be covered through September 2024</p>	CDPH will maintain a stock of tests and system for distribution in the case of a surge.
LAB TESTS	Insurance companies may decide to require co-pays for lab tests. Contact your insurance provider for more information.	<p>MEDICARE Tests will be covered when ordered by a provider</p> <p>MEDICAID Tests will be covered through September 2024</p>	Select pharmacies and health clinics will continue to offer free tests through funding from CDC. Visit www.testinglocator.cdc.gov/ for more information.



Do You Get Health Insurance Through Medicaid? Get Ready To Renew!

Starting May 2023, all Illinois residents must reconfirm eligibility. Don't risk losing your health insurance. To keep your insurance, Illinois Medicaid needs to be able to send you paperwork. Give them an address where mail can always reach you.



3 WAYS TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

- Call the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) to report address changes:

1-877-805-5312 (select Option 8),
TTY 1- 877-204-1012

Monday–Friday | Hours 7:45–4:30

- Use the HFS online change of address form to report new address, phone, email:

www2.illinois.gov/hfs/address

- Click Manage My Case at abe.illinois.gov to verify your address and find your due date.





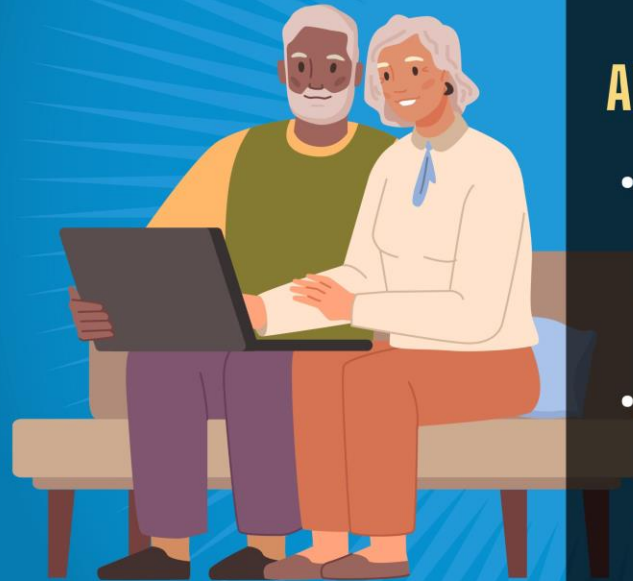
NEVER HAD A COVID-19 VACCINE?

Now, **One Shot** Gets You The Best Protection!



The updated bivalent vaccine is now available to anyone 6 months and older, including those who were not previously vaccinated.

GET YOUR BIVALENT COVID-19 VACCINE TODAY AND BREATHE EASIER KNOWING YOU HAVE THE STRONGEST PROTECTION!



YOU MAY BENEFIT BY GETTING AN ADDITIONAL BIVALENT BOOSTER NOW!

- If you're 65+ years old, and it's been 4 months or more since your last COVID-19 vaccine.
- if you're immunocompromised, and it's been 2 months since your last COVID-19 vaccine.

TAKE ACTION IF YOU TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19



DAY 1-5

Stay home:

- Everyone - *regardless of vaccination status* - should stay home and away from others (isolate).

People at high risk for severe illness:
Talk to your doctor about treatment

DAY 6 OR LATER

End isolation:

- If you never had symptoms OR symptoms are improving and are fever-free for 24 hours.

DAY 6-10

Wear a mask:

- If you take 2 antigen tests 48 hours apart and both are negative, you may remove your mask sooner
- Avoid people at high risk of getting very sick



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 and Sunday
 8am-6:30pm

GET YOUR UPDATED

COVID BOOSTER & FLU SHOT AT HOME



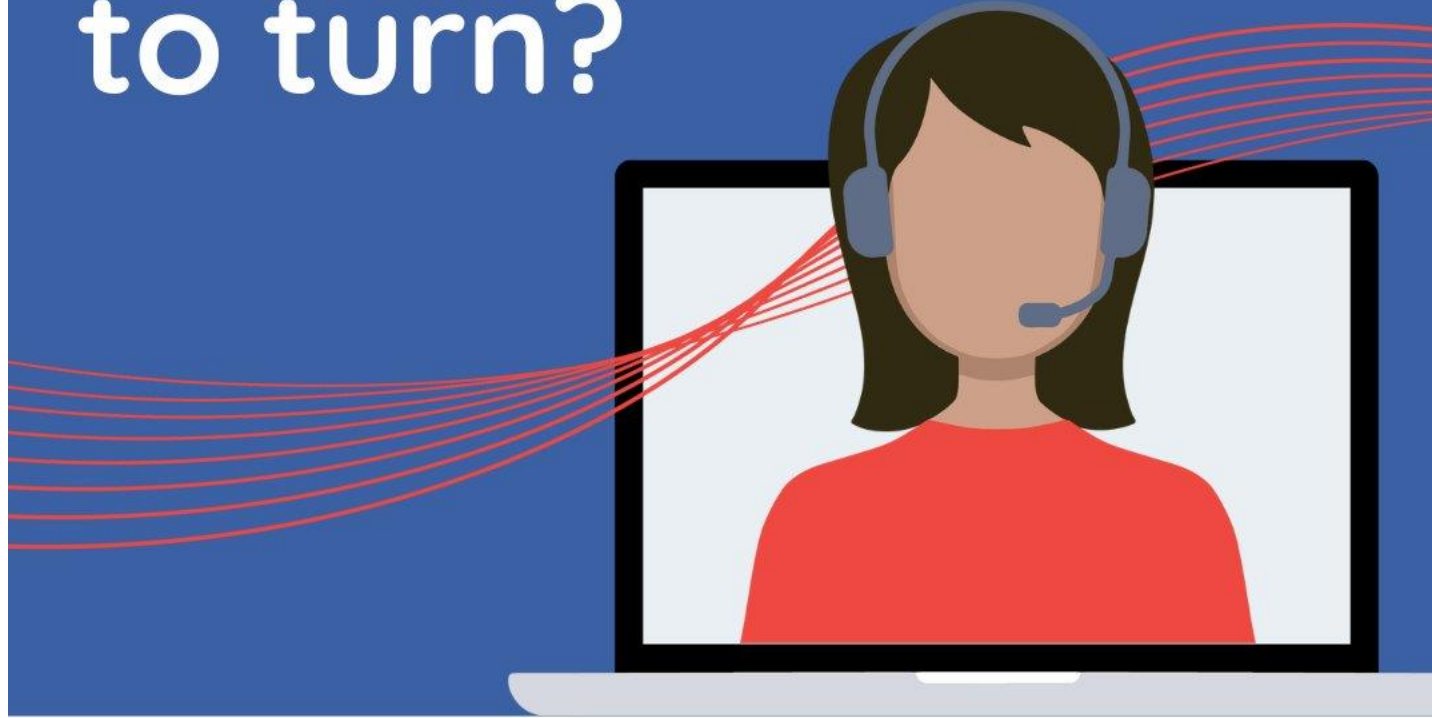
In-home vaccination is available to all Chicago households at no cost. Up to 10 people can be vaccinated, so invite your family, friends, or neighbors to get vaccinated together.



TO REGISTER FOR AN APPOINTMENT
 CALL 312.746.4835 OR VISIT OR [CHICAGO.GOV/ATHOME](https://chicago.gov/athome)



Need help and don't know where to turn?



211MetroChicago.org





Need a vaccine or a booster?
Have questions?

visit

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