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July 11, 2023

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

NEW ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MATERIALS

- **DRAFT ACTION PLAN**
- **COMMUNITY INPUT SUMMARY**
- **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR**
- **PROGRESS UPDATES**

CDPH seeking feedback on our draft Environmental Justice Action Plan, latest CIA progress and more. Share your input by July 31st!

Check out our work and share feedback by July 31:
[Chicago.gov/cumulativeimpact](https://chicago.gov/cumulativeimpact).
Stay informed on updates in your neighborhood:
[Chicago.gov/envcommunityinfo](https://chicago.gov/envcommunityinfo)



JOIN US!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION

with interactive activities


WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023

GEORGE HENRY CORLISS HIGH SCHOOL

821 E. 103rd Street,

Chicago, IL

Doors open at 6:00 pm, Meeting at 6:30 pm



Learn more about the citywide Cumulative Impact Assessment process – join a community engagement session **TOMORROW**

Learn more about the Assessment, its partners and how we're working to promote environmental justice at Chicago.gov/cumulativeimpact.



CHICAGO AIR QUALITY NOW AT A GOOD LEVEL

While air quality in Chicago is improving, sensitive groups and those who are regularly active outdoors should consider following CDPH's guidance on days with poor air quality.

On days with poor air quality, Chicagoans are advised to keep windows and doors closed and turn on their air conditioners if they have one. Seek shelter elsewhere if you do not have an air conditioner and your home is too warm.

For Chicagoans without access to properly ventilated and safe indoor conditions, please utilize public libraries, senior centers, Park District facilities, and the Cultural Center, or one of six community service centers.

Visit
[Chicago.gov/envcommunityinfo](https://www.chicago.gov/envcommunityinfo)



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Chicago Mpox (Monkeypox) Case Summary

Data last updated 7/10/2023. Counts include cases with specimen collections through 7/5/2023 to account for reporting lags.
Data are updated on Mondays and Thursdays at 2:00p.m., except for City holidays. All data are provisional and subject to change.

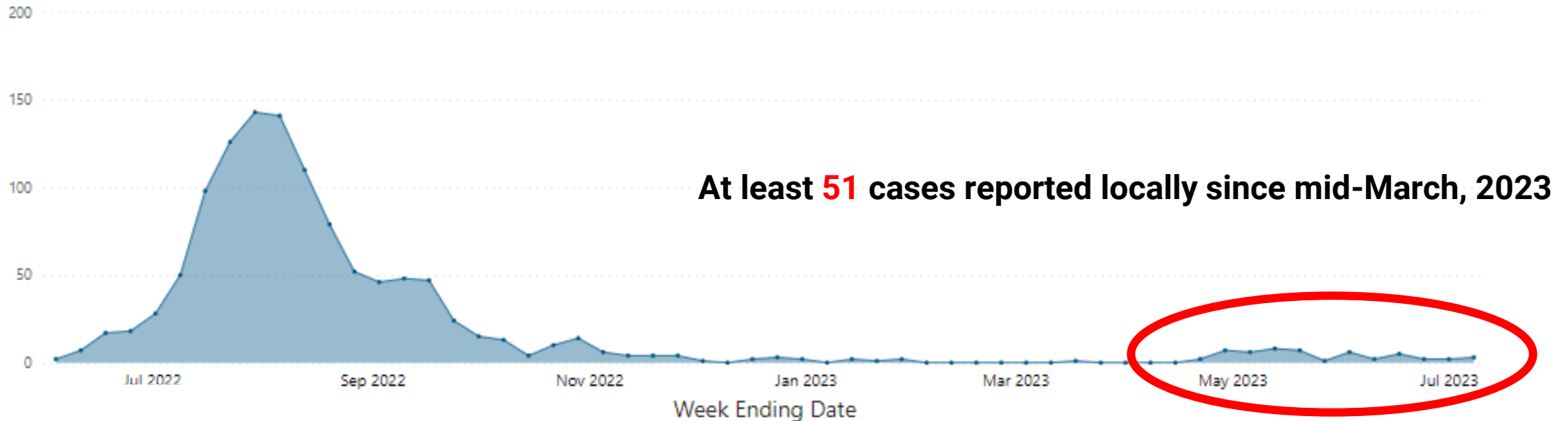
Cases of Mpox Diagnosed in Chicagoans Between 6/4/2022 - 7/5/2023

3 cases were diagnosed last week. This is 50.0% higher than the number of cases diagnosed during the prior week.

Cases
1,175

Hospitalizations
64

Deaths
3



*Data represented in the last reported week are not yet complete.

Mpox Vaccine 101

- The **JYNNEOS™ vaccine** can help protect people against mpox (monkeypox) when given before exposure to the virus. CDPH strongly encourages those eligible to get the vaccine to protect themselves and others.
- The vaccine is a **two-dose vaccine given under the skin 28 days apart**. Optimal protection is not achieved until two weeks following the second dose.

Eligibility

Have had **close contact** with someone diagnosed with MPV regardless of sex, gender or sexual orientation

OR

Are a **gay, bisexual, or other man who has sex with men and/or transgender person** who is sexually active.

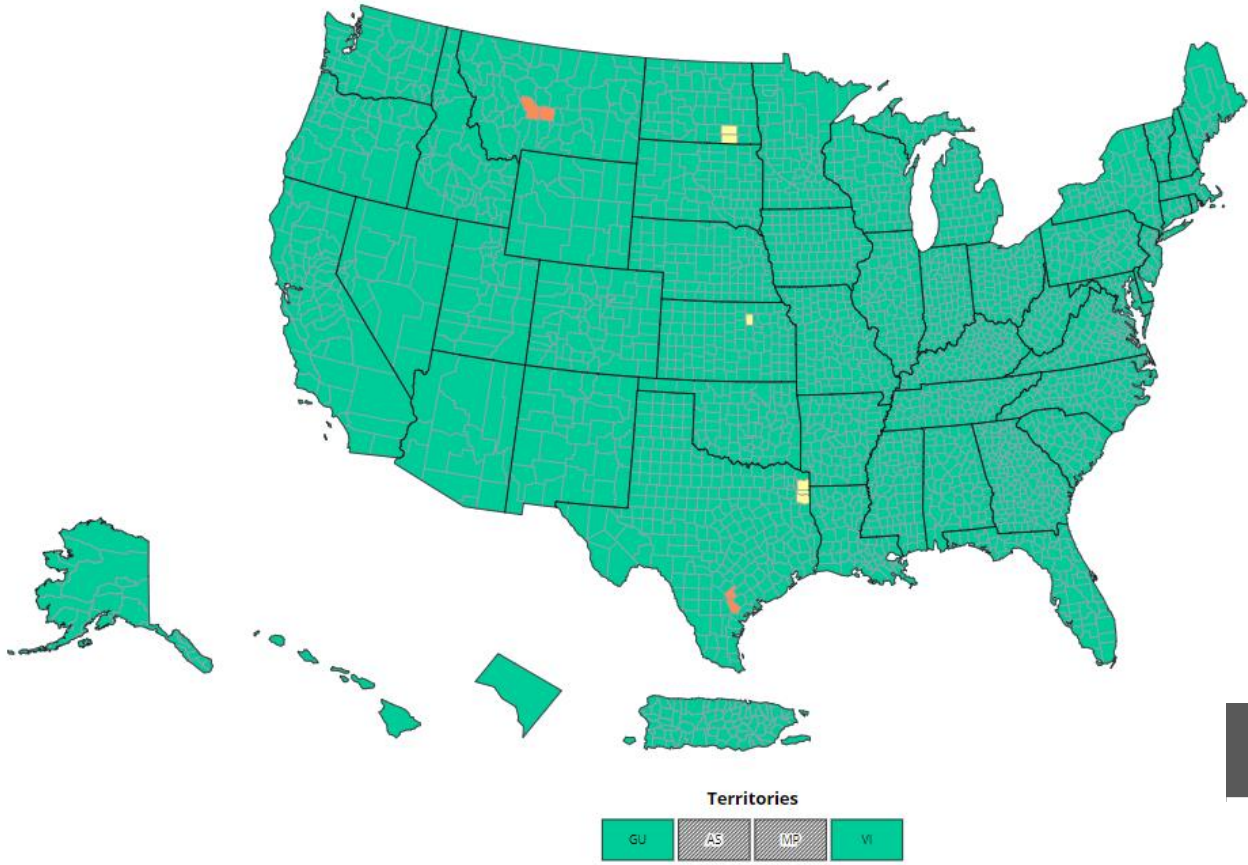
- Find your vaccine: [CDPH Mpox Vaccine Finder](#)

★ Where can I go to learn more about mpox?

- **Mpox (Monkeypox) Website and Data Dashboard:** www.chicago.gov/mpox
- **HIV/STI Resource Hub (LGBTQ+ call center):** [844-482-4040](tel:844-482-4040)
- **CDPH Call Center:** [312-746-4835](tel:312-746-4835)

★ Weekly COVID-19 hospitalizations per 100,000 population

U.S. Reported COVID-19 New Hospital Admissions Rate per 100,000 in the Past Week, by County

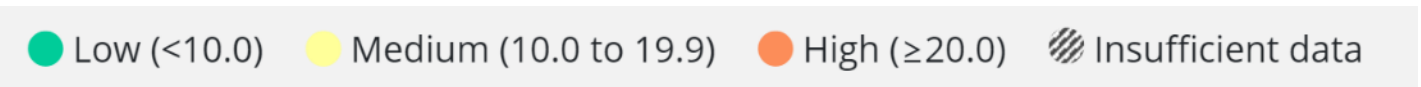


National currently:
1.87 diagnosed weekly admissions per 100,000 people

Illinois currently:
1.40 diagnosed weekly admissions per 100,000 people

Chicago currently:
1.40 diagnosed weekly admissions per 100,000 people

	<u>Past Week</u>	<u>Total</u>
Hospital Admissions	6,220 (-8%)	6,183,075



Our region's current COVID-19 hospital admission level:

LOW

132

Count of admissions
(6/18/2023 - 6/24/2023)

1.9 ▲

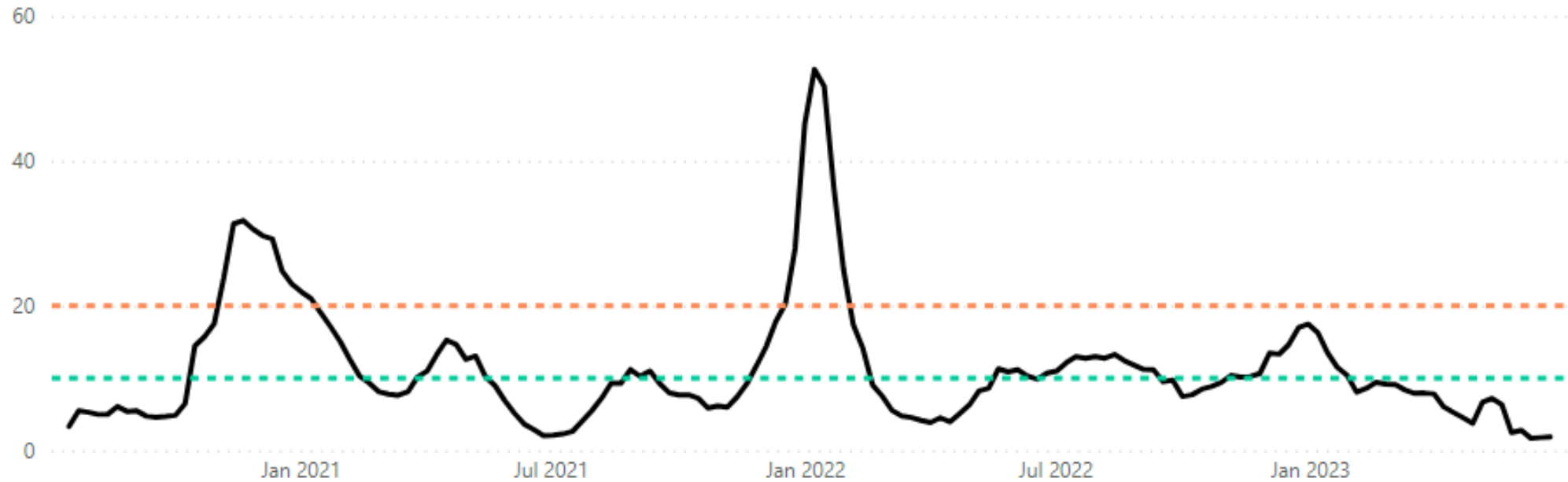
Admissions per 100,000 (6/...

+3.1%

Percent change
(from the previous week)

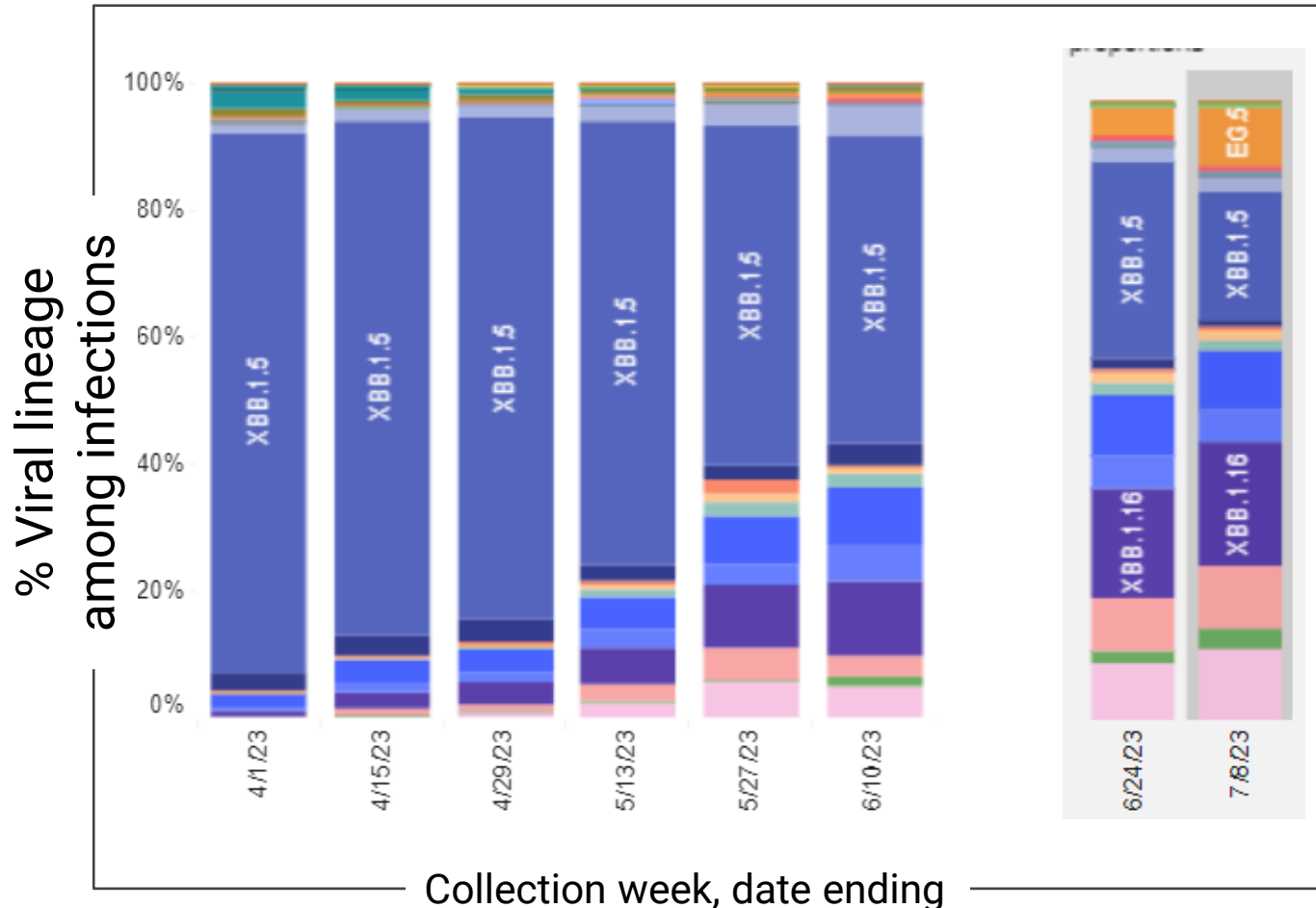
New hospital admissions per 100,000

● Low (<10.0) ● Medium (10.0 to 19.9) ● High (≥20.0)





Variant Surveillance, Midwest Region Weighted and Nowcast Estimates



It's ALL Still OMICRON

XBB.2.3	11.4%	7.0-17.8%	
XBB.1.9.2	5.3%	3.5-7.8%	
XBB.1.9.1	9.4%	7.0-12.4%	
XBB.1.5.68	1.8%	0.8-3.7%	
XBB.1.5.59	1.7%	0.8-3.3%	
XBB.1.5.10	0.4%	0.2-1.1%	
XBB.1.5.1	1.3%	0.7-2.1%	
XBB.1.5	20.6%	17.0-24.8%	
XBB.1.16.6	3.4%	0.5-13.7%	
XBB.1.16.1	10.3%	6.9-14.9%	
XBB.1.16	19.9%	17.1-23.1%	
XBB	2.5%	1.1-5.2%	
FE.1.1	0.7%	0.2-1.9%	
FD.2	0.0%	0.0-0.0%	
EU.1.1	0.8%	0.3-2.1%	
EG.5	9.8%	3.3-23.8%	
CH.1.1	0.2%	0.1-0.4%	

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

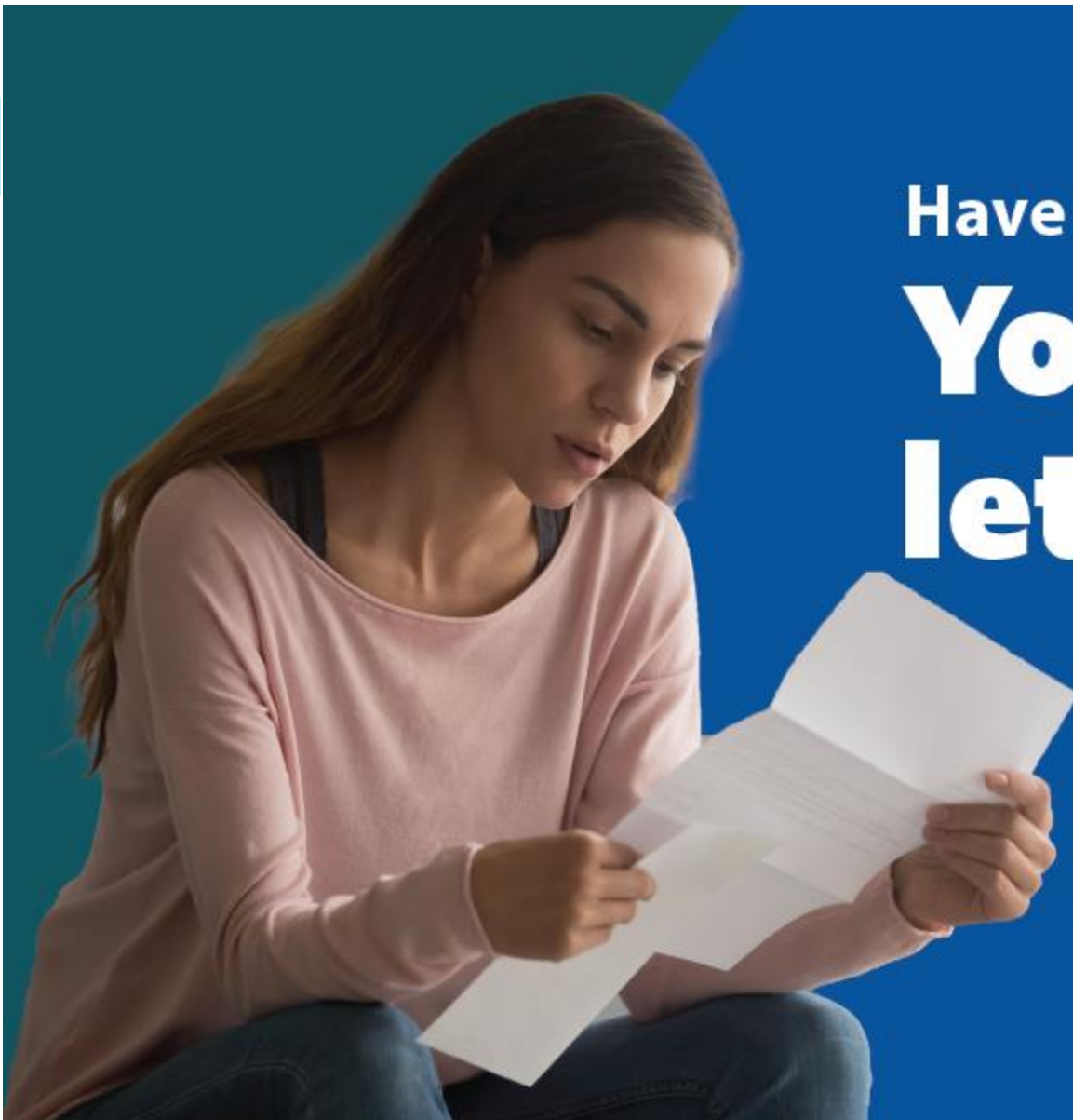
COVID BOOSTER & FLU SHOT AT HOME



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**



Have Medicaid coverage?

Your renewal letter is coming.

Check that your state Medicaid office has your current mailing address.

Medicaid.gov
Keeping America Healthy

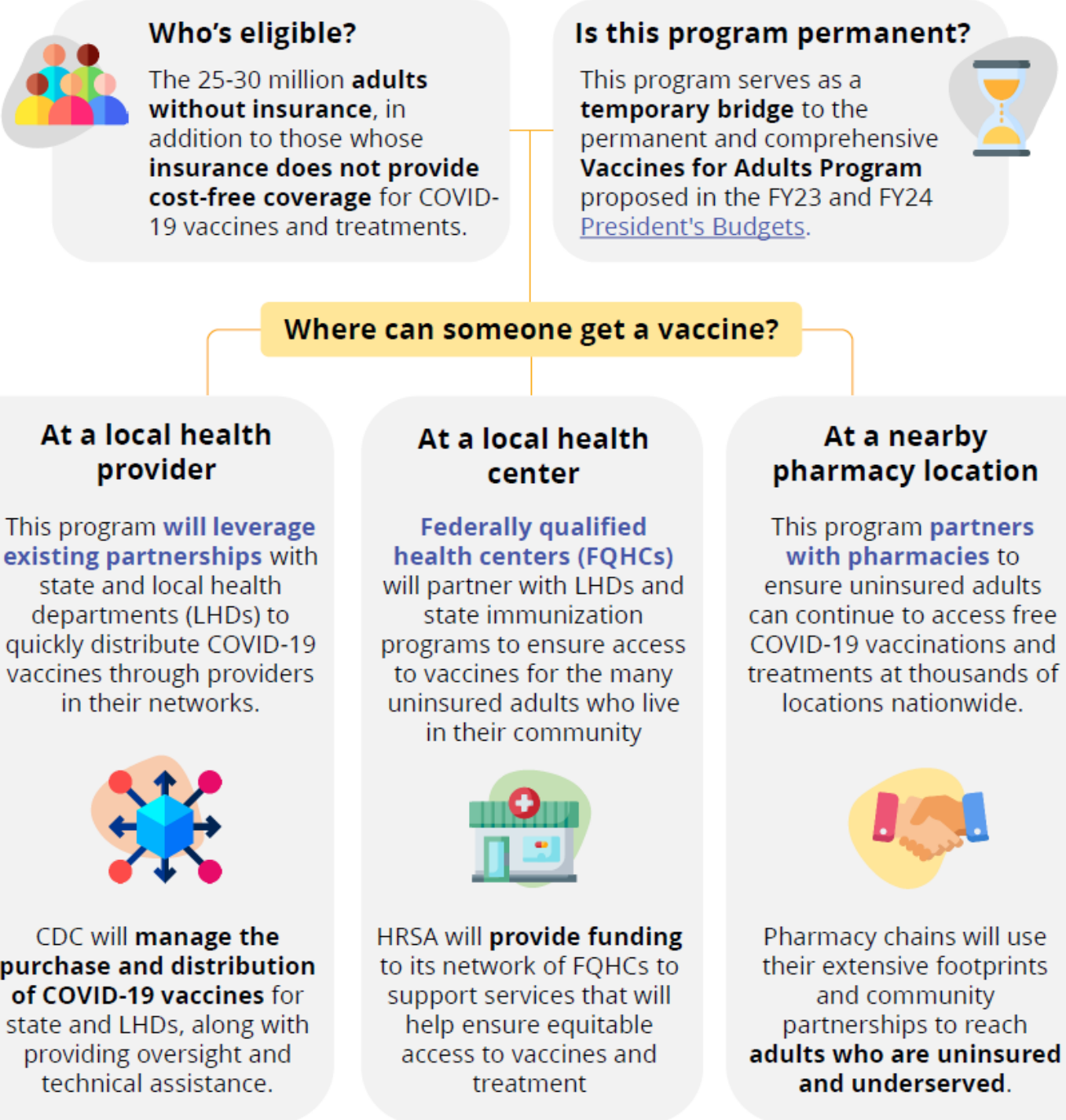
★ HHS announces program to **maintain broad access to COVID-19 vaccines** for millions of uninsured Americans.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

*Bridge Access Program for
COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments*



Under the management and oversight of the CDC, the Bridge Access Program ensures cost-free access to COVID-19 vaccines and treatments after commercialization of these products in Fall 2023 through December 2024.



Who's eligible?



The 25-30 million **adults without insurance**, in addition to those whose **insurance does not provide cost-free coverage** for COVID-19 vaccines and treatments.

Is this program permanent?

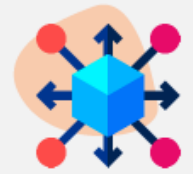


This program serves as a **temporary bridge** to the permanent and comprehensive **Vaccines for Adults Program** proposed in the FY23 and FY24 [President's Budgets](#).

Where can someone get a vaccine?

At a local health provider

This program **will leverage existing partnerships** with state and local health departments (LHDs) to quickly distribute COVID-19 vaccines through providers in their networks.



CDC will **manage the purchase and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines** for state and LHDs, along with providing oversight and technical assistance.

At a local health center

Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) will partner with LHDs and state immunization programs to ensure access to vaccines for the many uninsured adults who live in their community



HRSA will **provide funding** to its network of FQHCs to support services that will help ensure equitable access to vaccines and treatment

At a nearby pharmacy location

This program **partners with pharmacies** to ensure uninsured adults can continue to access free COVID-19 vaccinations and treatments at thousands of locations nationwide.



Pharmacy chains will use their extensive footprints and community partnerships to reach **adults who are uninsured and underserved**.

★ Preparing for the Fall:

Visit chi.gov/coviddash to find CDPH's weekly respiratory virus surveillance report:

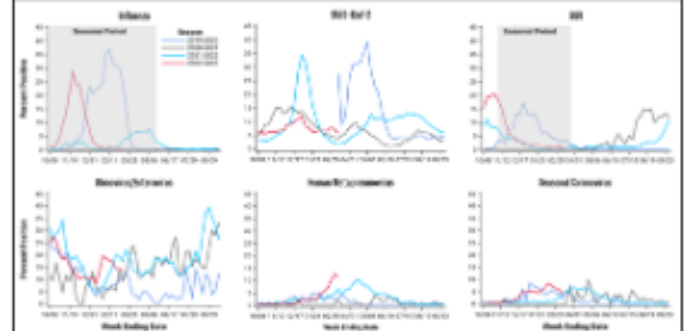
The New York Times

Federal Officials Hatch a Three-Pronged Defense Against Another 'Tripledemic'

This fall, Americans will be urged to get shots against the flu, Covid and, if they're older, R.S.V.

- <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/07/05/health/vaccines-rsv-covid-flu.html>

Respiratory Virus Surveillance



Find CDPH's weekly surveillance report that tracks influenza, COVID-19, RSV, and other viral respiratory disease activity in Chicago.



Need help and don't know where to turn?



211MetroChicago.org





Need a vaccine or a booster?
Have questions?

visit

CHI.GOV/COVIDVAX

or call

312-746-4835





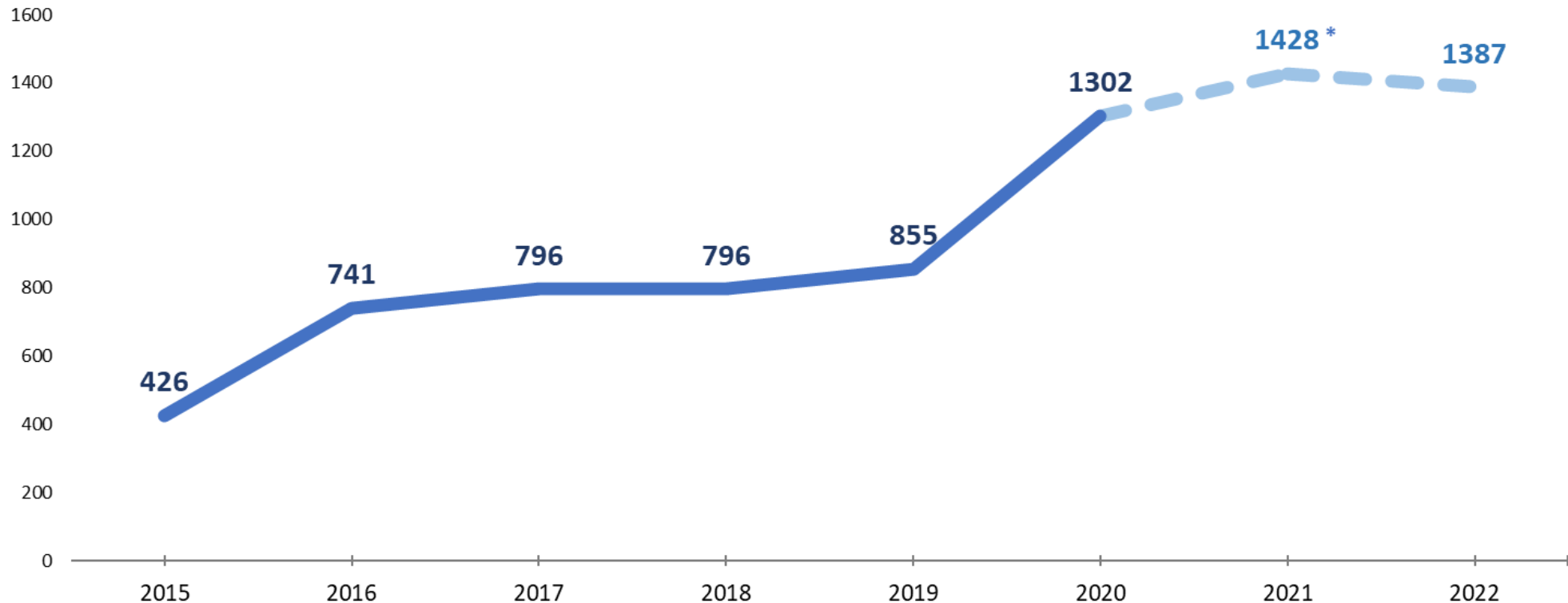
Substance Use Harm Reduction Services

CDPH Office of Substance Use & Recovery



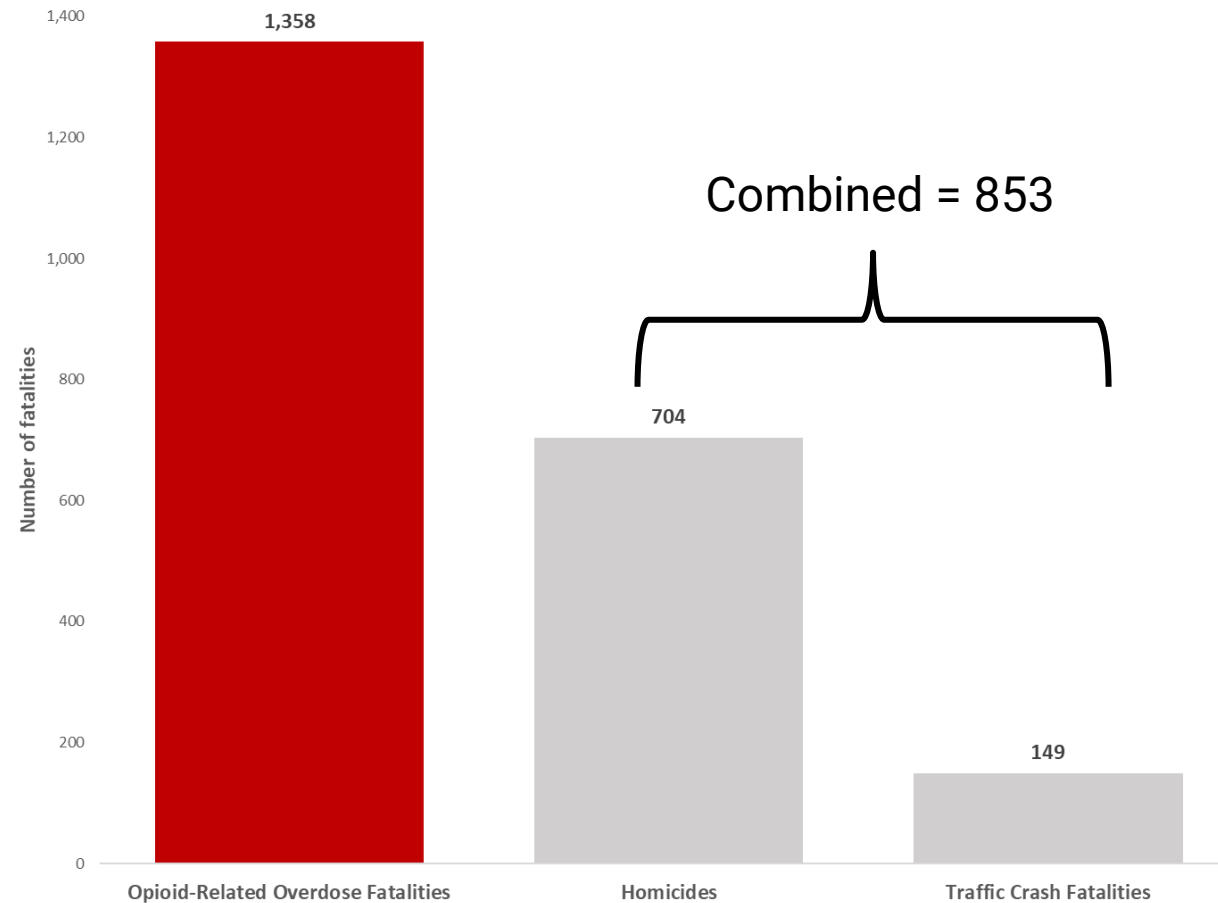
Fatal opioid overdoses leveling off in Chicago

After over a decade of increases in opioid-related overdose deaths, preliminary data indicates that there was a slight decrease in overdose deaths in Chicago from 2021-2022



Data Source: Cook County Medical Examiner's Office; Data as of 6/26/23

★ In 2022, there were more opioid-related overdose deaths in Chicago than homicides and traffic crash fatalities combined



★ Xylazine in the drug supply



WHERE IS XYLAZINE FOUND?

Most xylazine is being found in dope and/or the opioid supply overall, but there are reports of fatal overdoses involving xylazine and cocaine, methamphetamine, and benzodiazepines

"Tranq" or "Tranq Dope" is the slang term for opioid(s) laced with xylazine

Xylazine is an animal sedative not approved for use in humans. **It is NOT an opioid.**

Opioid overdose involving xylazine will look similar to an opioid overdose without xylazine. However, naloxone (Narcan) will only reverse the effects of the opioid(s), not the xylazine.

- The person may breathe normally after receiving naloxone, but they may still be sedated due to the xylazine
- There is no xylazine overdose reversal medication. You may perform rescue breathing if comfortable.

CHICAGO OVERDOSE DEATHS DUE TO XYLAZINE

2019	21
2020	23
2021	89
2022	112

SOURCE: Provisional data of fatalities in Chicago with xylazine as the primary cause from Cook County Medical Examiner Open Data Portal. Data as of 3/15/2023 and is subject to change.

It is important to give naloxone (Narcan) in the event of an opioid overdose, even if you suspect/know that xylazine is involved!

★ Myths about overdose reversal & naloxone

A **cold shower** will not revive someone from an overdose.

Injecting **saline, milk, or any other type of substance** will not revive someone from an overdose and can further injure them.

Putting **ice** on someone's face or body will not reverse an overdose.

Narcan (naloxone) is not addictive.

Narcan (naloxone) does not encourage opioid or other substance use.

Narcan (naloxone) is still effective on xylazine-involved overdoses.

★ Harm reduction resources are available citywide



Visit bit.ly/FindNarcan to see an interactive map with all Chicago locations that have free, publicly-accessible Narcan from CDPH.



Fentanyl test strips can help you make informed decisions when using drugs

CDPH #EndOverdose #10AD2022
To request fentanyl test strips and Narcan, email OSU.CDPH@CITYOFCHICAGO.ORG

NALOXONE AVAILABLE HERE

NALOXONE (NARCAN) SAVES LIVES

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The Chicago Recovery Alliance
People Matters United

CDPH Chicago Department of Public Health
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Immediate treatment is available to everyone in Illinois

MAR MEDICATION
ASSISTED
RECOVERY

is a safe and effective treatment
for opioid use disorder.

With the MAR NOW Program, MAR is
available to anyone in Chicago, regardless
of insurance status, income, or ability to pay.

Call **833-234-6343**
and ask for **MAR NOW**
to receive immediate treatment 7 days/week.

- 24/7 access statewide
- No insurance, income, or ability to pay required
- All languages and ages served
- Transportation to pharmacy, clinic provided

In first year of operation, the program has connected **over 500 people** to services.

★ CARE Program: Crisis Response Teams

Crisis Assistance Response & Engagement (CARE) is Chicago's first alternate 911 response program.

Integrated, healthcare-based teams respond to 911 calls with a mental health component and offer de-escalation, on-site services, transport to alternate destination, and extensive follow-up

- **Alternate Response teams:** paramedic + clinician
- **Multidisciplinary Response teams:** paramedic + clinician + CIT officer
- **Opioid Response team:** paramedic + certified peer recovery coach



★ CARE Opioid Response Team

- Prior overdose significantly increases the risk for repeat nonfatal and fatal overdose
- Each day, CFD EMS responds to 30-35+ opioid overdoses citywide. The West Side experiences ~35% of these overdoses.
- Opioid Response Team:
 - 24-72 hour in-person follow-up with people who have recently overdosed
 - Paramedic + Certified Peer Recovery Specialist
 - East & West Garfield Park, Humboldt Park



CARE includes new approaches to three phases of 911 calls



Pre-Response (Call comes in)

Embed mental health professionals into 911 call center, with goal of resolving appropriate calls over the phone, rather than dispatching team of first responders.

Professionals also provide mental health support to dispatchers/call-takers.

New national **988** mental health helpline number will help with this portion.



Response (Team goes out)

Dispatch mental health professionals from the 911 Call Center to respond to behavioral health crisis calls that require an in-person response. **Three different response models:**

1. Multi-Disciplinary Response Team (MDRT)

Launched Fall 2021

- CDPH mental health crisis clinician
- + CFD paramedic
- + CIT (crisis intervention trained) CPD officer

2. Alternate Response Team (ART)

Launched June 2022

- CDPH mental health crisis clinician
- + CFD paramedic

3. Opioid Response Team (ORT)

Launched January 2023

- Peer recovery specialist
- + CFD paramedic



Post-Response (Patient destination/follow-up)

CARE teams follow up with patient after initial response (e.g. 1, 7, 30 days later)

City developing and funding **alternate drop-off sites** for residents in crisis (not just the emergency department) to better address underlying needs.