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## STATEMENT FROM MAYOR LORI E. LIGHTFOOT AND COMMISSIONER OF CDPH DR. ALLISON ARWADY

"As a City, we are very engaged in the heightened discussions regarding the Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus, particularly with our federal partners. At this point, there are many questions which scientists across the world, and at the Chicago Department of Public Health, are actively working to address all while closely monitoring this strain. While that work continues, we must as a city, and importantly as individuals, continue to follow the public health guidance: get vaccinated, and if vaccinated, get your booster; wear a mask indoors and when you're around other people; and if you are feeling sick, stay home to save lives. The unvaccinated remain the most at risk to themselves and others so please get vaccinated as soon as possible. For more information go to <u>chicago.gov/covidvax</u>."

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