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Chicago COVID-19 Community Transmission and Risk Matrix

	VERY HIGH TRANSMISSION	HIGH TRANSMISSION	SUBSTANTIAL TRANSMISSION	LOWER TRANSMISSION	LOW TRANSMISSION
COVID-19 CASES DIAGNOSED PER DAY Chicago residents - 7-day rolling daily average	800+	400 - 799	200 - 399 Current: 294 Stable	20 - 199	<20
COVID-19 TEST POSITIVITY Chicago residents - 7-day rolling daily average	10%+	6.6 - 9.9%	5.0 - 6.5%	2 - 4.9%	<2% Current: 1.6% Decreasing
HOSPITAL BEDS (NON-ICU) OCCUPIED BY COVID PATIENTS Chicago hospitals - 7-day rolling daily average	1250+	750 - 1249	250 - 749	100 - 249 Current: 156 Decreasing	<100
ICU BEDS OCCUPIED BY COVID PATIENTS Chicago hospitals - 7-day rolling daily average	400+	300 - 399	100 - 299	20 - 99 Current: 58 Decreasing	<20

Source: Chicago Department of Public Health, data current as of October 28, 2021. These metrics represent general community COVID transmission and should not be applied to individual settings that have mitigation practices in place.



For those who received a Pfizer or Moderna Vaccine

- For individuals who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at 6 months or more after their initial series:
 - 65 years and older
 - Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
 - Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
 - Age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings
- *People who are moderately to severely immunocompromised should consult with their specialty provider about timing and dosage of vaccines.*

For those who received a J&J Vaccine

- Booster shots are recommended for everyone 18 and older at least 2 months after receiving their J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine.

★ Where to receive a booster dose

- There is *ample supply* across the city among providers to meet demand for booster doses.
- Hundreds of pharmacies and healthcare providers throughout the city are offering vaccine booster doses.
- Effective October 25, Pfizer and J&J booster doses will also be offered at all CDPH pop-up clinics and events, including joint flu-COVID vaccination clinics, and through Protect Chicago At Home, the City's in-home vaccination program.
- *Note: booster doses do not qualify for City incentive programs, including the \$100 gift card promotion.*





The 2022 Budget has **passed!**

STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT ON THE PASSING OF THE 2022 BUDGET

The 2022 budget was a collaborative process that incorporated feedback from stakeholders across the city. Government is where collective decisions are made, and this budget strategically and intentionally invests \$1.9 billion in community priorities, while also ensuring that the City can continue to deliver the core services residents depend on without passing the burden of a global pandemic on to our taxpayers. This budget builds an environment that promotes economic vitality and strengthens communities where families can grow and thrive. By prioritizing the City's shared values of transparency, accountability, equity, and inclusion to shape decisions, the 2022 budget sets out to strengthen Chicago's neighborhoods while keeping the City on a course towards a stable and sustainable financial future.

★ How to stay safe this Halloween-end!



- 1. Safe Trick-or-Treating –** Masks are recommended for unvaccinated children Trick-or-Treating outdoors this year whenever social distancing is not possible.
- 2. Trick-or-Treating?** Stay on the move! Less congregating means more houses and more candy.
- 3. Keep your candy crew small –** choose a small group of friends to Trick-or-Treat with.
- 4. Eat candy at home,** or after washing or sanitizing your hands.
- 5. Handing out candy?** Please wear a mask while interacting with children and socially distance. Please use hand sanitizer before handing out candy.
- 6. Leave a light on** or hang a Halloween sign in your window to let others know your house is participating in safe Trick-or-Treating.
- 7. Do not hand out candy or participate in Halloween events if you are having symptoms of COVID-19 or feel sick,** even if you have been fully vaccinated.
- 8. Outdoor activities are safer than indoor activities –** Masks are not required outdoors when everyone can social distance.
- 9. For indoor activities such as Haunted Houses or Halloween events – masks should be worn by anyone age 2 and older.** Increase ventilation by opening outside windows.