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Thank you for your interest in public health and in working to make our great city healthier for every Chicagoan! We at the Chicago Department of Public Health are committed to closing the racial life expectancy gap, and prioritize health and racial equity in all that we do. We can't close that gap, however, without dedicated community partners like you, so thank you for your commitment to our city.

—The Chicago Department of Public Health Team

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WHAT'S NEW AT CDPH

DON'T WAIT AND CHECK THE DATE!

Medicaid renewals are crucial after end of public health emergency

Federal projections estimate 700,000 Illinoisans will lose their coverage during the Medicaid Redeterminations process. Here's how current Medicaid recipients can check and renew their coverage:

- Click *Manage My Case* at abe.illinois.gov. Verify mailing address under “contact us,” and find due date (also called redetermination date) in “benefit details.”
- Watch the mail and complete renewal right away.
- Those no longer eligible for Medicaid can connect to coverage at work or through the official Affordable Care Act marketplace for Illinois, GetCoveredIllinois.gov.



[ACCESS THE READY TO RENEW TOOLKIT](#)

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

CDPH offers mental health services at 4 public library branches

Chicagoans can now access mental health services at Edgewater, Beverly, Mt. Greenwood and Blackwood libraries. Services are available to anyone, regardless of insurance status, immigration status or ability to pay.

Visit mentalhealth.chicago.gov, call 211, or call 312-747-1020 for walk-in or appointment information.

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Stay safe at Chicago's events and festivals this summer

Harm reduction basics can help Chicagoans enjoy music and street festivals. Follow these tips to protect yourself and others:

- Stay hydrated
- Engage in crowd safety
- Know the signs of heat stroke
- Carry Narcan
- Test drugs before use

Visit any CPL branch to access free NARCAN or email osu.cdph@cityofchicago.com to request fentanyl test kits.

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SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES

Immediate opioid treatment available for all Chicagoans

Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) NOW provides low-barrier, rapid access to buprenorphine, methadone, and naltrexone to all callers to the Illinois Helpline for Opioids and Other Substances. Help is available regardless of insurance status, income, ability to pay, or documentation status, and follow-up assistance is included.

Call 833-234-6343 and ask for MAR NOW to access immediate care.

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DISEASE PREVENTION

Protect your family against bites and illness from mosquitoes

Summer and mosquitoes go hand in hand. Protect yourself and your family from mosquito-borne illness like West Nile virus by avoiding mosquito bites. Wear insect repellent when spending time in mosquito-friendly places, and drain standing water around your home, such as in outdoor garbage bins, gutters or other containers.

Call 311 or visit 311.Chicago.gov to report any standing water or other potential mosquito hazards.



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HEALTHY CHICAGO 2025 IN ACTION

Partner Updates



Family Connects program adds 7 new partner hospitals

CDPH's Family Connects program, which connects newborns and their families with a visiting nurse, has expanded to 12 total partner organizations and hospitals. Now, families can access this service at these locations:

- Everthrive IL
- Humboldt Park Health
- Sinai Community Health Institute
- Mt. Sinai Hospital
- Sinai Community Health System
- Swedish Hospital

- Metropolitan Family Services
- St. Anthony Hospital
- Rush University Medical Center
- Roseland Community Hospital
- University of Chicago Medicine

All Chicago families who deliver at a participating hospital can participate, including adoptive and foster parents, families with other children at home, and parents who have suffered a loss.

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Communities participate in environmental justice assessment

The Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) is a co-designed, co-led project with environmental justice partners and is a critical step to promoting environmental justice by informing decision-making in policy areas such as land use and zoning; transportation; permitting; and enforcement. In late June, Chicagoans were invited to share feedback on the citywide CIA materials—including a draft Environmental Justice Action Plan—through an open comment period in July and in-person community meetings in July and early August. Feedback from these initial opportunities is being incorporated into the recommendations to Mayor Brandon Johnson in early September.

Ongoing community engagement, especially from impacted communities, is essential to the success of this long-term commitment from the City. Visit [Chicago.gov/cumulativeimpact](https://chicago.gov/cumulativeimpact) to review materials and see upcoming announcements and feedback opportunities.

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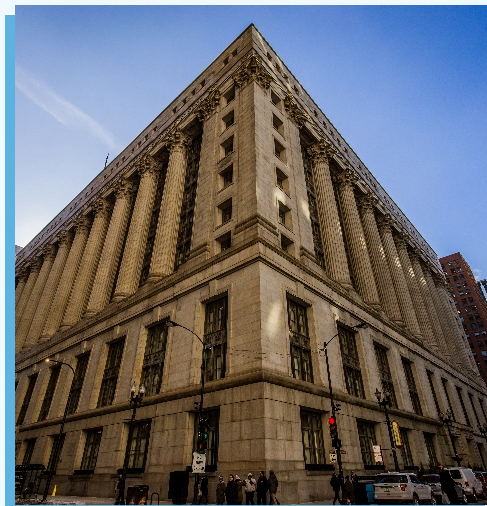
CDPH welcomes new deputy commissioner/chief racial equity officer

Brittany Williams comes to us from PharmaCann, where she served as vice president of social equity, diversity & inclusion. Her passion for equity work, professional experience, and educational background in nonprofit management and communications made her a unique fit for this important role, and we're excited to see Brittany help grow our department.

Health Equity in All Policies approach to decision making

CDPH's Health Equity in All Policies (HEiAP) team was established in 2022 and uses a collaborative approach to improving the health of all Chicagoans by putting equity at the center of decision making across policy areas and sectors. HEiAP shares power through transformative community and government partnerships, focusing on five priority areas: housing, food, environment, neighborhood planning and development, and institutional change.

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES



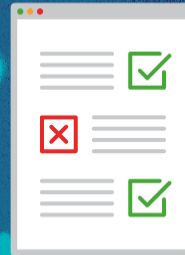
The Chicago Health Atlas is a place to review and compare health-related data over time and across communities. It's an evolving tool that allows residents to see progress against Healthy Chicago priorities.

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