



## **Mayors and Managers Meeting Notes from 3.16.2019**

Participating: Bensenville, Woodridge, Lemont, Wood Dale, Itasca, Oakbrook, Elmhurst, West Chicago, Glendale Heights, Glen Ellyn, Burr Ridge, Winfield, Lisle, Addison, West Chicago, Hinsdale, Wheaton

DuPage County: Murray Snow, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management  
Sheryl Markay, Chief Policy & Program Officer

DuPage County Health Department: Karen Ayala, Executive Director; Kevin Dixon, Asst. Director of Community Health; Dennis Brennan, Legislative Manager; Dr. Linda Fowler; Penny Chanez, Executive Asst.

### **COVID-19 Update on DuPage County Cases**

Director, Karen Ayala

- 5 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in DuPage County
- There are multiple individuals under investigation awaiting test results
- Evidence of community spread with DuPage County within every adult age group
- Will continue to see increased cases in the community in the next couple of weeks.
- Use your communications with residents to include verbiage that we anticipate every community within DuPage County will be impacted with this disease.

#### **Concerns and questions:**

*Burr Ridge* – expressed concern of not being informed of general location of cases, as residents learn of information.

Response, Director Ayala: recognized concern, and added that social distancing messaging is essential for all municipalities, since total infection rate is unknown. If more direct community information is shared it would not be for public distribution.

*Itasca* – will there be daily notifications?

Response, Director Ayala: not ready to do that at this point. Governor's office to notify by county, decade of age and gender.

### **DuPage County Emergency Declaration**

Director Snow- the County has made an initial declaration of emergency.

- Initial declaration is effective for seven days with a renewal next Tuesday.
- Resolution to occur at the County Board for an extended declaration.
- Allows the County to activate emergency plan, track costs for both state and federal level, apply for federal aid and allow for emergency procurement rules to be effective
- All municipalities should enact their own declaration.

**Concerns and questions:**

*Bartlett*- should municipalities use the same verbiage? Can we get copies?

Response, Director Snow: Each municipality should have their own declaration as part of their COOP plan, but yes can follow the County's verbiage for declaration.

**ACTIONS TO TAKE**

Director Ayala reiterated the importance of messaging on social distancing.

- Requested municipal level enforcement of activities across each individual community. This needs to be taken seriously. Events need to be cancelled that involve more than 50 residents.
- Work with safety net providers for adequate food and shelter for your residents.
- Encourage employee health screenings when people arrive at work. \*see addendum 1 as an example
- Health Dept. to work on a link specific to Mayors and Managers on the Health Dept. website. Available by the close of business on 3/17
- Health Dept. is unable to provide recommendations for every service you provide.
- Health Dept. offices are closed to the public.
- Sheryl Markay, County office remain open due to early voting, but has implemented tele-work.
- CDC Guidance for polling places – spread out, disinfectant, stay home if sick. Bathroom need to be well supplied. Need to heighten efforts to keep people apart.

**Concerns and questions:**

*Burr Ridge, Gary Grasso* – questioned if health clubs should remain open? He is concerned about these facilities.

Response, Director Ayala: They should be adhering to cleaning/disinfecting protocols. Karen to follow-up on closure recommendations.

*Glen Ellyn* - if an employee travels, should they be advised to stay home for two weeks?

Response, Director Ayala: they should be fever free, no cough of acute onset and returning from areas without travel advisories. Will post travel guidelines on Health Department website.

*Kerianne* – When the County closes services can that be communicated to Mayors and Mangers? It would be helpful for them to relay this information to their constituents.

Response, Sheryl Markay: there will be more clarity tomorrow from County Board who will have an open discussion on future direction and actions the County will take.

### **Support of Public Health Response**

Director Ayala shared the following:

- Hospitals and Emergency Services – Residents experiencing symptoms should contact primary care provide **by phone**, not present unannounced at any health facility. Call ahead so protective measures are in place and to not overwhelm the healthcare system.
- Contact made with DuPage Chiefs of Fire and Police and they are sharing information with their constituents.
- Governor is exploring an expansion of Medicaid and unemployment benefits to be extended. Will keep you updated on the status of these considerations.

### **Concerns and questions:**

*Gary Grasso, Burr Ridge* - will priority be given to first responders to be tested if they have any symptoms?

Response, Director Ayala: we are prioritizing first responders

*Wheaton* - is there a protocol for testing in DuPage County?

Response, Director Ayala: testing is for those of the highest risk, most symptomatic. There are concerns on result reporting. Those awaiting results are adhering to Health Department self-isolation protocols. Individuals experiencing mild symptoms – are not receiving access to tests at this time.

*Chief Police of Bartlett* – expressed concern over PPE for first responders. Is there a plan to access the stockpile for PPE for first responders as well as the training of the use and fitting of the N 95 mask?

Response - Director Snow – recognized the shortage of PPE. Notified that IDPH will be sending out various equipment and supplies from their emergency cache. Do not know what will be received, or the quantities, types and time frame. Will get them out on a priority list devised by IDPH. Karen – limited supplies go to the individuals at highest risk which includes first responders.

*Bensenville* – waste haulers concern and any disruption in services.

Response, Director Ayala: not sure, we will reach out.

Sheryl Markay– for volunteers wanting to help, please refer them to [givingdupage.org](http://givingdupage.org) site to address critical needs.

*Glendale Heights* – will increased testing be coordinated through the Health Department?

Response, Director Ayala: is not sure that coordination will be the best, especially with private labs. There are no mandates for a private company to coordinate with the Health Department.

Is there communication for Public Safety forces?

Response, Director Ayala: every address and encounter PPE should be worn and each location should be treated as having possible infection.

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Reminder to watch the Governor's daily briefings.