

For Mayors unable to attend today's conference call (7/20/20) with the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) on the COVID-19 pandemic the following summary is provided:

- The call began with DCHD noting over the weekend DuPage County exceeded 10,000 total COVID-19 cases. Members were asked to share a news release (distributed to members early in the afternoon today) and to remind people to wear masks, practice social distancing, and wash hands or use hand sanitizer.
- DCHD provided international, national and County COVID-19 case data. The recovery rate is 95% in Illinois and 93.7% in DuPage County. An increase in cases for school age and 20-29 year old residents has been observed. Three cases of multisystem inflammatory system, each requiring hospitalization, have been seen in young people. Over the last two weeks the doubling time has decreased in the County. The County dashboard was utilized to illustrate mild increases in cases, positivity and hospitalizations. DCHD addressed member questions about apparent recent decreases in hospitalizations noting they are a lagging indicator with current data 1-2 weeks behind. Reiterating the increase in cases involving younger people, DCHD noted over the last two weeks the average age of a case has dropped from 47 to 36 and the average age for hospitalizations from 62 to 55. The average age for deaths has increased over the same period from 80 to 82. Deaths were also identified as a lagging indicator. DCHD stated that while a slight uptick has occurred a surge is not occurring like those seen in other parts of the country.
- DCHD responded to a member concern about travel bans noting the County has a [recommendation](#) offering guidance for residents traveling out of state. The guidance is not a ban and was prepared in consultation with other public health agencies.
- DCHD, in response to a member question, advised the turnaround time for results from the County COVID-19 testing facility in Wheaton is 3-4 days.
- In response to a member question, DCHD advised a person who tests positive is considered contagious for 14 days after the collection date of the positive sample.
- DCHD responded to a question about the severity of recent cases by stating it is too early to comment. Recent experience in Florida was provided as an example of seemingly mild conditions degenerating exponentially.
- DCHD addressed events with large groups of young people like house parties noting the need to work with residents to limit high risk settings. The increase in cases from 10-19 years of age was repeated.
- DuPage County was reassigned to a new health region last week. The new region, [Region 8](#), includes DuPage and Kane Counties. DCHD is already working with Kane County. DCHD provided information on the new region and the possible implementation of [additional control measures](#) by the state if an increase in disease activity is seen.

The next call with the Health Department will be held on Monday, July 27 at 10:00 am. The need for weekly calls in August will be reassessed on July 27.