

News reports about deaths in nursing homes from COVID-19 nationally and within our own county has caused a great deal of consternation. Hopefully, it will lead to innovative solutions regarding the care for our elderly relatives, friends and neighbors who are in nursing homes. DuPage statistics indicate 63.8% of our deaths, or 60 of our 94 deaths, from COVID-19 have been nursing home deaths. That number is especially troubling since the age group in nursing homes has a much smaller percentage of the COVID 19 cases.

Innovation has been a key driver in the delivery of services at the DuPage County Health Department. Sometimes that innovation has come through working cooperatively with the county and other organizations in groups like the HOPE Taskforce. At other times, we've developed programs with law enforcement, hospitals, or community groups. In the future, that innovation may come in the form of substance use treatment or communicable disease prevention. Please keep "DuPage Health Matters" our 501(c)(3) organization, in mind during Giving Days DuPage, which continues through May 14th. The link to our page is [HERE](#). Together, we can make a difference.

As for the case counts today, the DuPage County Health Department confirmed COVID-19 cases have increased to 1,759 compared to 1,693 cases yesterday. 94 deaths have occurred, as of today, compared to 87 DuPage residents reported as of yesterday. The 7 additional DuPage deaths from COVID 19 since yesterday are as follows:

- Female resident of a Burr Ridge long-term care facility in her 90s with underlying conditions,
- Female resident of a Wheaton long-term care facility in her 40s with underlying conditions,
- Male resident of a Westmont long-term care facility in his 70s with underlying conditions,
- Male resident of a Carol Stream long-term care facility in his 90s with underlying conditions,
- Male resident of a Wheaton long-term care facility in his 60s with underlying conditions,

- Female resident of a Naperville long-term care facility in her 70s with underlying conditions, and
- Female resident of a Naperville long-term care facility in her 90s with underlying conditions.

Illinois has made the nursing home deaths available online and you can search by county to find those cases and deaths. This is the [link](#) for that page. We will continue to provide DuPage numbers each day in this report.

The Illinois Department of Public Health announced today that there are 1,151 new cases compared to 1,197 new cases yesterday and compared to 1,585 new cases the day before. The total confirmed cases in Illinois now total 31,508. The state announced an additional 59 deaths compared to 33 deaths yesterday and compared to 125 deaths the day before. The death total in Illinois is now 1,349 compared to 1,290 yesterday. Illinois has now performed 148,358 tests compared to 143,318 tests yesterday and 137,404 tests the day before.

The specific number of cases and deaths in surrounding counties, as of today, are as follows:

Chicago has 13,013 cases and 514 deaths compared to 12,533 cases and 492 deaths yesterday and compared to 12,007 cases and 491 deaths the day before.

Suburban Cook County has 9,088 cases and 401 deaths compared to 8,739 cases and 385 deaths yesterday and compared to 8,388 cases and 369 deaths the day before.

Lake County reported 2,216 cases and 82 deaths compared to 2,162 cases and 75 deaths yesterday and compared to 2,073 cases and 75 deaths the day before.

Will County reported 1,692 cases and 102 deaths compared to 1,643 cases and 101 deaths yesterday and compared to 1,603 cases and 94 deaths the day before.

Kane County has 638 cases and 31 deaths compared to 605 cases and 30

deaths yesterday and compared to 582 cases and 29 deaths the day before. McHenry has 351 cases and 17 deaths compared to 340 cases and 17 deaths yesterday and the day before.

Kendall County has 138 cases and 3 deaths compared to 135 cases and 3 deaths yesterday and the day before.

International statistics from the World Health Organization and CDC provide the following breakdown of cases from earlier today:

Worldwide Cases total 2,442,924 cases compared to 2,372,993 cases yesterday

Deaths worldwide total 167,926 compared to 163,637 yesterday

Number of people who have recovered worldwide is 640,196 compared to 611,747 yesterday

Globally, there are 1,634,802 active cases compared to 1,597,609 active cases yesterday. The active cases are divided between 'mild condition' cases and 'serious or critical condition' cases. Active mild cases continue to be 97% of the cases.

Worldwide mild condition cases: 1,578,546 cases compared to 1,543,153 yesterday

Serious or Critical Condition cases: 56,256 cases compared to 54,456 cases yesterday.

Closed cases internationally total 808,122 cases compared to 775,384 yesterday

The United States shows slightly more "mild" condition cases compared to global statistics that differentiate between mild and serious case percentages. The trend has continued from early this week.

United States confirmed cases: 770,076 compared to 742,459 yesterday
US Deaths: 41,316 compared to 39,651 deaths yesterday

Total US Recoveries: 71,489 compared to 68,658 yesterday

US Active cases: 657,271 active cases compared to 634,150 active cases yesterday

Mild condition: 643,705 (97.9%) compared to 620,599 (97.8%) yesterday
Serious or Critical Condition cases: 13,566 (2.1%) compared to 13,551 (2.2%) yesterday