

Dear Colleagues in Human Services,

Thank you for all you are doing to keep our neighbors healthy, safe and prosperous. As COVID-19 vaccine supply lags behind demand, here are actions you can take with your constituents to promote the best possible health and well-being for your constituents.

1. The DuPage County Health Department is encouraging everyone who lives, works or attends college/university in DuPage to register for information about vaccine availability here: [www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine](http://www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine) . On-line registration is best, but **telephone access is also available – COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center (630) 682-7400 operating 8am - 4:30pm Monday-Friday**. COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center postcard in English and Spanish is attached. Health departments outside of DuPage are also providing pre-registration.
2. Vaccine supply is moving through many systems – more than 90 are approved to administer vaccine in DuPage County. Refresh or establish your relationship with your primary care doctor or health system. Explore all your options: If you have a primary health care provider and are related to a health care system, make sure that your relationship and your electronic record is up to date. If you do not have a primary health care provider – develop a relationship with one.
  - a. Federally Qualified Health Care Centers provide free and low-cost care. <https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/> The FQHCs in DuPage County include Access Community Health Network, VNA Health Care, Hamdard Healthcare, and Pillars Community Health.
  - b. Free and Charitable Clinics provide free and low-cost care. Visit <https://www.illinoisfreeclinics.org/clinic-search/clinic-directory/> to identify free or low-cost service near you.
  - c. For our neighbors in DuPage who have low incomes but are not eligible for Medicaid or the Affordable Care Act because of age and citizenship status, Access DuPage can arrange health services including primary care, specialty care, medication access and hospital services. For more information visits [www.accessdupage.org](http://www.accessdupage.org) or call (630)510-8720 to enroll or be connected to an enrollment site.
  - d. Open enrollment for ACA Marketplace health insurance and subsidies begins Monday February 15. Individuals and families unfamiliar with ACA enrollment should engage with an assister, certified application counselor, or navigator to help them understand their options. In DuPage, call DuPage County Health Department for a virtual appointment at 630.682.7400 select option 2, then option 7. See <https://www.dupagehealth.org/580/Open-Enrollment-2021---Get-DuPage-Covered> . Find the client-friendly English and Spanish language flyer at that site. If you are outside of DuPage, find a local assister here: <https://widget.getcoveredamerica.org/?original=/IL/> In Illinois, Get Covered Illinois (GCI) at [www.getcoveredillinois.gov](http://www.getcoveredillinois.gov) is the official ACA Health Insurance Marketplace for the state of Illinois, helping you shop for health insurance to fit your needs and budget. Individuals and families who prefer to make application on their

- e. own may do so at <https://www.healthcare.gov/> . *Enrollment in ACA Marketplace Insurance is not considered a public charge impacting individuals seeking change in immigration status.*

Thank you!

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