



Lake County Funders Call

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Participants

Jeanne Ang, Advocate Health
Frank Baiocchi, Hunter Family Foundation
Angela Baran, Healthcare Foundation of
Northern Lake County
Angela Bentsen, AgeGuide
Bruce Boyd, Arabella Advisors
Cindy Camacho, Julian Grace Foundation
Damon Coleman, Lake County Govt
Courtney Combs, LCCF
Kevin Considine, Lake County Partners
Molly Cullum, The John & Kathleen Schreiber
Foundation
Andrea Danks, North Shore Gas
Adrian Esquivel, CWFA
Cassandra Hiller, Lake County Health
Department
Carol Hinker, Julian Grace Foundation
Willard Hunter, Hunter Family Foundation

Judi Israel, Vivo Foundation
Anne King, Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital
Alison Lopez, Julian Grace Foundation
Agnes Monton, University Center of Lake
County
Gail Nelson, Steans Family Foundation
Brenda O'Connell, Lake County Govt
Leah Perri, LCCF
Alma Rodriguez, Walder Foundation
Heather Sannes, The John & Kathleen Schreiber
Foundation
Quinton Snodgrass, United Way
Peggy Talbot, WCBT Taskforce
Emily Weber, LCCF
Greg Weider, Lake County Bar Association
Anna Yankelev, Lake County Health Department
Pat Yuzawa, Circle of Service Foundation

Welcome & Call Goals

Emily Weber, Director of Programs and Community Investment for The Lake County Community Foundation, thanked participants for joining the call and noted the goals for the conversation were to:

- Re-cap emerging needs of Lake County
- Hear an update on the collaborative Waukegan broadband initiative
- Learn how our sector can support equitable public policy and advocacy
- **Lake County Covid-19 Update – Anna Yankelev, Lake County Health Department**
 - As of March 1, 2022, Lake County has had over 122,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 1,331 deaths. Over 2.4 million tests have been administered. Lake County's recovery rate is at 98.5 percent.
 - Data hub: <https://covid19response-lakecountyil.hub.arcgis.com/>

- As February 26, 2022, the Region 9 positivity rate is 3.3% (Lake 2.9%) (McHenry 4.2%). Region 9 has had 10 days of decreases in COVID-19 patients and ICU bed availability is at 25%.
- Region 9 Data: <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/data/region-metrics.html?regionID=9>
- In total, over 1,244,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to Lake County residents. Over 477,364 of our residents, or 68% of our population are fully vaccinated. Over 99% of our 65 and older population, over 82% of our population age 18-64, over 80% of our population age 12-17, and over 50% of our population age 5-11 have received at least one dose.
- Vaccination data: <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccine/vaccine-data.html?county=Lake>
- Illinois lifted the statewide indoor mask requirement on Monday February 28, 2022. Masks will continue to be required where they are federally mandated. Illinois will continue to require masks in the following settings:
 - Healthcare Settings: Continue mask requirement
 - Long Term Care Facilities: Continue mask requirement
 - Congregate Settings (prisons, shelters, etc.): Continue mask requirement
 - Transportation: Follow federal guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/face-masks-public-transportation.html>)
- Read the updated Executive Order at <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/resources/executive-orders/display.executive-order-number-06.2022.html>
- While masks are no longer required in most indoor locations they do offer an additional layer of protection especially for those who have an underlying health condition or who are around those who do.
- If you find yourself in a crowded indoor setting, a mask can still help protect you.
- Visit the CDC page, Prevent Getting Sick, to learn more about how masks can protect you <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/masks.html>
 - For information on what masks are most effective, visit the CDC's Types of Masks page at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/types-of-masks.html>
 - Read the IDPH press release on the mask mandate ending at <https://www.illinois.gov/news/press-release.24498.html>
 - The CDC recently updated guidance around mask wearing to help people make decisions about when to wear a mask. The CDC recommends masking based on the new COVID-19 Community Level framework, which is a measure that takes into consideration COVID-19 hospitalizations, hospital capacity, and cases within a community.
 - CDC's masking recommendations based on COVID-19 community level are:
 - Low: Mask use is based on personal preference and risk assessment.
 - Medium: People who are at high risk for severe health impacts if infected with COVID-19, or who regularly interact with someone at high risk, should strongly consider wearing a mask in indoor public settings for additional protection from COVID-19.
 - High: People should wear masks in indoor public settings, including in schools and workplaces.
 - Read more about the new COVID-19 Community Level and COVID-19 Prevention here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html>

- Effective Monday, Feb. 28, 2022, in response to the CDC's recommendation that masks are needed only in areas of high transmission, Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) lifted the state's indoor masking requirements in day care settings.
- Read the updated guidance from DCFS here: https://www2.illinois.gov/dcfs/brighterfutures/healthy/Documents/Updated_guidance_re_masking_requirements_in_day_care_settings_022822.pdf
- On Friday, February 4th, the judge in Sangamon County mask/quarantine case ruled in favor of the plaintiffs and school districts listed
- This decision allowed the specific plaintiffs and schools districts listed to choose to make their school mask policy "recommended" instead of required, and not enforce quarantine per the existing governor's executive order; while districts and plaintiffs listed can make this change, the decision does not require them to do so and schools who choose can continue to enforce universal masking.
- http://digitaledition.chicagotribune.com/infinity/article_share.aspx?guid=99449956-d40e-402a-8956-4be9df71d2a5
 - On February 11, 2022, Pfizer postponed their FDA request for a COVID-19 vaccine for children under 5. After reviewing its initial data, the FDA announced it would wait until more data from the ongoing trial is available.
 - Children under 5 are not currently eligible for COVID-19 vaccination. Pfizer is conducting ongoing clinical trials in this age group.
 - The trial showed that two smaller doses of the vaccine in younger children do not create the same immune response as the larger doses used in older children, and scientists are now evaluating data about the effectiveness of a third dose.
 - This evaluation is part of the rigorous review process that all COVID-19 vaccines have undergone before being authorized for a given age group.
 - Read the Pfizer press release at <https://www.pfizer.com/news/press-release/press-release-detail/pfizer-and-biontech-provide-update-rolling-submission>
 - Learn how to best protect young children from COVID-19 at the CDC's Families and COVID-19 page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/groups/families-covid-19.html>
 - Due to decreased demand at the state community-based testing sites (CBTS) and the availability of free at-home COVID-19 tests, the state-run CBTS will now be open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.
 - Locations previously open on Sundays will be closed this Sunday. Learn more here: <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/testing>
 - A new Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) provides real-world evidence that COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy might help protect babies younger than 6 months from hospitalization due to COVID-19. These findings emphasize the importance of COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy to protect pregnant people and to protect their babies.
 - Individuals who are pregnant, breastfeeding, planning to get pregnant now or in the future, should get vaccinated and stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines to help protect themselves and their baby.
 - Read the report: bit.ly/MMWR7107e3.
 - The Lake County Health Department is conducting their county wide Community Health Survey. This survey gives insight into how the community's health is currently and how it can be improved.

- The results will help guide future planning, creating priorities and strategies for achieving the highest level of health and wellness for all in Lake County.
- Residents can take the survey and find more information at lakecountyil.gov/yourvoice.
- There you can also find graphics, newsletter messages and answers to FAQs to help encourage your community members take the survey.
- Residents that have any questions or need help taking the survey can email HealthAssessment@lakecountyil.gov or call our Community Help Line at (847) 377-8444.
- COVID-19 vaccination remains our best path forward to ending the COVID-19 pandemic. We encourage residents to explore their options for COVID-19 vaccines and boosters.
- As a reminder, appointments are available on AllVax or by walking up to the site. The Health Department is currently providing first and second doses as well as a limited number of booster appointments at the following locations:
- Grand Avenue Health Center (3010 Grand Avenue in Waukegan), Belvidere Medical Building (2400 Belvidere Road in Waukegan), Midlakes Health Clinic (224 W. Clarendon Drive in Round Lake Beach), and Zion Health Center (1191 27th Street in Zion)
- Appointments are available on AllVax, allvax.lakecohealth.org. Community members with additional questions should call (847) 377-8130.
- We encourage residents to explore their options for vaccination at pharmacies, healthcare providers, and mobile clinics throughout Lake County. Visit <https://www.vaccinefinder.org> for a location near you.
- To sign up for an appointment at a mobile vaccination clinic, visit <https://www.vaccinefinder.org>. All sites are walk-in friendly
- If your organization would like to host a mobile pop-up vaccination event or include vaccinations at your upcoming event (including fairs, farmers markets, back to school events), please register here: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccinationclinics>
 - For the most up to date information on the COVID-19 pandemic, make sure that you follow the Health Department on social media and subscribe to our COVID-19 newsletter.
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/healthdepartment/>
 - Newsletter: (English: <http://bit.ly/lccovid-19>, Spanish: <https://bit.ly/lccovid-19-es>).
 - The key points, chat files, and audio recordings are posted to the Health Department's website. <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/4428/Conference-Calls>

ConnectWaukegan Update– Peggy Talbot and Anne Durot, WCBT Taskforce Members

- See PowerPoint attached

Supporting Equitable Public Policy and Advocacy in the Philanthropic Sector

Presenter: Adrian Esquivel, Deputy Director for Chicagoland Workforce Funders Alliance

- See presentation attached

Next Lake County Funders Call - 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13th