

# Annual Report

2021



## KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS



*A Caring Place*

**KENDALL COUNTY**  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT



Dear Friends,

As we reflect on an unforgettable year, I feel extremely fortunate to present to the Board of Health, Kendall County Board, and our community, the *2021 Kendall County Health Department Annual Report*.

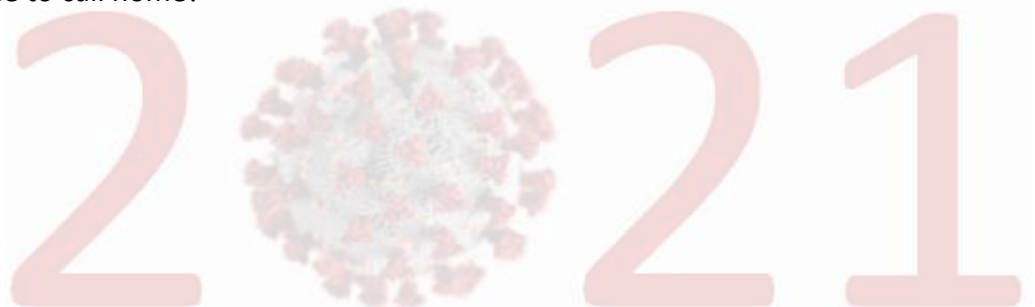
Despite the complexity of COVID-19, we continued our vital work to protect our residents. We responded to the pandemic by administering over a 100 thousand doses of COVID-19 vaccine, addressing misinformation, consulting with local partners, and advocating for public health measures, all to assist in the mitigation efforts of this rapidly changing virus. Through all of these tremendous efforts, I am reminded of the courage and strength of our staff. We never gave up!

As you read through this report, please know, our success in this past year is defined by the partnerships and collaborations with our first responders, hospital systems, local school and business leaders, volunteers, elected officials and the many others that provided support to assure our community remained healthy and safe. Whether you have shown your commitment to our mission with your time, expertise, or a contribution, thank you. We are so grateful for the all the support and encouragement.

As a community, we pooled our resources and did the best job possible to help our residents. For several months, we lead the State of Illinois in vaccine administration by population. That result was evidence of leadership by dedicated staff and over 300 local community volunteers. I am honored and proud. Kendall County is a great place to call home!

All my best,

RaeAnn VanGundy  
Executive Director



# The **mission** of the Kendall County Health Department

is to promote physical health, mental health, environmental health, protect the community's health, prevent disease, and promote family economic self-sufficiency through both person based services and population based programs.



## TEN ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Local Health Departments as governmental entities, derive their authority from state law. Accordingly, Local Health Departments exist for the common good and are responsible for demonstrating strong leadership in the promotion of health and wellbeing; including family socioeconomic wellbeing, behavioral health, environmental health, and every aspect of physical health. The programs provided by Local Health Departments to fulfill this responsibility are developed to reflect the diversity of community need. In addition to programs rendered, all Local Health Departments are charged with the following essential services:

- ✓ Monitor health status to identify community health problems.
- ✓ Diagnose and investigate identified health problems and health hazards in the community.
- ✓ Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.
- ✓ Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems.
- ✓ Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
- ✓ Enforce laws and regulations that protect and ensure safety.
- ✓ Link people to needed health services and ensure the provision of needed health care.
- ✓ Ensure a competent public health and personal health care workforce.
- ✓ Assess effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based services.
- ✓ Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

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Kendall County Health Department is led by a volunteer Board of Health who selflessly gives of their time and expertise in providing leadership and direction. The Board of Health represents a high level of dedication and professionalism in the development and advancement of policy, promoting quality services in behavioral health, community health, environmental health, and community action services. The Board of Health commits their time and energy in policymaking, discussion of services, and working with stakeholders in Kendall County.

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BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO

UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS

ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY NATIONAL LOUIS UNIVERSITY

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(Tripartite Advisory Board)

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# FINANCIAL REPORT

December 1, 2020 — November 30, 2021

## REVENUE:

### Levy & General Revenues

Operational Reserve	\$390,551	(a)
Public Health Property Tax Levy	1,452,335	
Interest Income	163	
Miscellaneous Income	45,137	
Public Health - Health Protection	459,714	
<b>Total Levy &amp; General Revenues</b>	<b>\$2,347,900</b>	

### Behavioral Health Services

Behavioral Health Counseling Fees	\$238,941	
708 Mental Health	420,344	
Behavioral Health Grants	108,637	(b)
Senior Citizens Fund Transfer	29,883	
Area Agency on Aging – Title III E Caregivers	12,002	
Dept. of Public Health Tobacco	41,725	
<b>Total Behavioral Health Services</b>	<b>\$851,532</b>	

### Environmental Health Services

Septic Inspection Fees	\$21,063	
Public Health - Restaurant Inspection	207,103	
Public Health -Tanning and Body Art	450	
Kendall Co. Well Permit Fee	18,770	
Solid Waste	2,075	
Public Health - West Nile Virus	16,466	
Public Health Non-Community Well	738	
Climate Change	13,200	
IEMA- Radon	6,850	
<b>Total Environmental Health Services</b>	<b>\$286,715</b>	

### Community Health Services

Youth Immunization	\$1,771	
Adult/Travel Immunization	3,675	
Human Services - Family Case Mgmt.	54,643	
Human Services - Women, Infant and Children	64,965	
TB Board Contract	12,430	
Public Health - Lead	2,755	
Fox Valley United Way	3,289	
Public Health - Emergency Response	116,553	
Health Works	18,403	
Public Health - COVID-19 Response	389,869	
<b>Total Community Health Services</b>	<b>\$668,353</b>	

### Community Action Services

Community Action Grants	\$3,609,265	
<b>Total Community Action Services</b>	<b>\$3,609,265</b>	(c)

**Total Revenues** **\$7,763,765**

## EXPENDITURE:

### Personnel

Program Support	\$561,584
Community Action Services	446,987
Behavioral Health Services	607,408
Environmental Health Services	406,165
Community Health Services	883,312
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>\$2,905,456</b>

### Contractual & Client Assistance

Dues/Subscriptions	\$11,731
Conferences & Training	7,152
Contractual Services	108,766
Printing & Publications	18,150
Telephone	29,055
Advertising	7,846
Direct Client Assistance	3,224,166
<b>Total Contractual &amp; Client Assistance</b>	<b>\$3,406,866</b>

### Other

Postage	\$2,952
Mileage	12,730
Non-Medical Supplies	22,772
Medical Supplies	11,386
Vehicle Maintenance	229
Refunds	52,259
Rent	145,814
Fringe Benefits	1,085,473
Adult/Travel Vaccine	11,070
Miscellaneous Expense	12,650
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>\$1,357,335</b>

### Capital Expenditures

Capital Expenditures	\$92,358
<b>Total Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>\$92,358</b>

**Total Expenditures** **\$7,762,015**

**Revenues over Expenditures** **\$1,750**



- (a) Operational Reserve is dedicated to the operational sustainability of health and human services.
- (b) Includes \$57,052 for Caregiver Connections, \$27,260 for Outpatient Fitness Restoration, \$20,653 Mental Health Awareness Training, and other small grants.
- (c) Includes \$3,517,134 for energy assistance, home weatherization, and client assistance and \$92,131 for homeless prevention assistance.

*Funding provided by Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, Illinois Department of Health Care & Family Services, Fox Valley United Way, Illinois Department of Human Services, Illinois Department of Public Health, Northern Illinois Area Agency on Aging, Chaddock, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 708 Mental Health Board and local property tax levies set by the Kendall County Board.*

# COMMUNITY ACTION SERVICES

## Morris Battery Fire Incident

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the town of Morris Illinois experienced a battery fire incident. People living near the fire had to evacuate to hotels or to family member's homes living away from the fire for what they thought was going to be just a day, but due to the nature of the fire, ended up being over 5 days total. Over 1000 homes were evacuated and 100 tons of lithium batteries caught fire in a storage facility. The fire department could not put out the fire with water because the lithium would explode if it came into contact with water. The fire department had to just let the fire burn.

Once residents were able to go back into their homes, that is when Community Action started to receive phone calls for assistance. Community Action met with other partners to assist with deploying assistance to help the victims of this incident. The first day that information was launched we had over 100 applicants in just 24 hours. Some of the requests that families were in need of were groceries, medications, hotel reimbursements, furnace filters, air duct cleaning, carpet cleaning, rent due to loss of income, and furniture replacement just to name a few. The pandemic was still a concern during this time so most displaced individuals had no choice but to stay in hotels to avoid community spread. This was an expense that many residents could not afford. The majority of the affected population were low-income or senior citizens.



Residents were able to apply for assistance on a case-by-case basis and we held a special event for residents to receive some additional supplemental assistance and information on other resources that were available. The event took place at the Morris City Hall on August 11<sup>th</sup>. The event was a success with over 200 families participating. The families received gift cards for groceries, energy savings kits, as well as information on our other programming including energy assistance.

## Community Action Outreach Services

Living in a rural community can be great. However, driving long distances to receive basic services is not great. Community Action has added two new outreach sites to serve our communities hardest to reach families. We have partnered with the Community Foundation of Grundy County and the Village of Plano Library to provide residents the ability to apply for LIHEAP, Weatherization and other Community Action programs outside the Kendall County Health Department's main sites. The South Grundy Resource Center at 229 Liberty St, Gardner, IL and the Village of Plano Library at 15 W North St, Plano, IL have been hosting space for Kendall-Grundy Community Action every other Wednesday and will continue to do so into 2022.



# Helping People

# Changing Lives

Kendall

\$1283

Average rent for a two bedroom apartment

\$24.98

Housing wage

27%

Children in free lunch program

7.64%

Households receiving SNAP

Grundy

\$1158

Average rent for a two bedroom apartment

\$22.63

Housing wage

25%

Children in free lunch program

10.63%

Households receiving SNAP

Kendall County continues to grow. The community's population has seen an increase of 131% since 2000.

Both county's community partners have expressed the need for more affordable housing and case management for those without a home.

Our Programs offer access to:

- Home energy assistance and energy conservation education to help households lower and afford their home energy costs
- Academic scholarships that help families afford high cost of post-high school education
- Employment supports intended to assist the newly employed with job-related equipment and expenses
- Housing assistance to help households maintain safe and affordable housing
- Help obtaining transportation to and from work

Sources: National Low Income Housing Coalition, Illinois State Board of Education, Food Research and Action Center, Georgetown University.

# COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES



## Vaccine Roll-Out Looking Back on OUR Year

The first COVID-19 vaccine, Moderna, arrived in Kendall County on December 28, 2020. The first COVID-19 vaccine clinic followed on December 29. Together, we mapped out clinic sites based on CDC Vaccine Administration Phase guidelines.

**WINTER** The City of Yorkville donated a vacant building (651 Prairie Pointe) to serve as the mobile vaccination site for daily vaccination clinics. We utilized this site from January through June of 2021. To assist with operations, a volunteer coordinator was hired to screen and schedule over 300 medical and non-medical volunteers to staff our clinics. Appointments were necessary, and curbside service was available for those with mobility concerns.



Amidst the vaccine roll-out and to ensure integrity, we purchased a portable refrigerator/freezer (we named "Olaf") to assist with transferring vaccines off-site. This portable freezer was used daily at the mobile clinic, as well as, at weekend mass vaccination clinics at local high school gyms. Kendall County's leadership, alongside local school district leadership, partnered to create weekend mass vaccination clinics in both Yorkville and Oswego. Each weekend "mass vax" clinic served over 2,000 residents a day. All clinics received invaluable local volunteers from all areas such as: civic organizations, municipalities, higher education, elected officials, local board members, schools, faith-based sites, those enjoying retirement, law enforcement, fire protection districts, and pharmacies, all from within our great community!

**SPRING** We continued our vaccination efforts at the mobile clinic administering 1st and 2nd doses on two floors of the mobile clinic, began vaccinating 12-16 year olds, and launched outreach vaccine efforts to those that were homebound or in jail. BinaxNow (rapid antigen tests) arrived and we began to distribute these tests to our first responders, schools, hospice providers, and long-term care facilities.



**SUMMER** As the vaccine demand slowed, we transitioned our vaccine clinic to within the Health Department still utilizing many community volunteers. As summer progressed the Delta variant appeared locally and we worked with the schools to best understand the updated guidance on testing, isolation, and quarantine for students and staff.

**FALL** Our clinics began to provide booster doses for those immunosuppressed and ages 65 or older. As we moved indoors, we experienced increased cases due to fast spreading variants. During a time of high transmission, staff and volunteers were trained in pediatric vaccination procedures and began administering the vaccine to 5-11 year olds. As the year came to a close and Omicron arrived, we were experiencing over 800 new cases a week.



**Throughout this pandemic, we continued to contact trace individuals and outbreaks. We informed our residents by means of local media, social media, website, virtual meetings and town halls, radio interviews and many, many phone calls.**



# COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES During COVID-19

CD

Communicable Disease Surveillance  
monitored /reported  
333 cases



FCM

Family Case Management  
connected 60 families to  
health and wellness  
services



IMMS

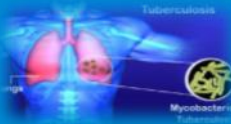
Vaccines for Children held 20+  
extra clinics in the fall,  
providing 136 vaccines



TB

ACTIVE &  
LATENT

Nurses completed 185+ hours of  
surveillance/monitoring for  
29 Active/Latent TB cases



WIC

Women, Infants, and Children  
provided curbside/phone  
services for nutrition  
education to 756 families



# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

## Ordinances

Each year the Environmental Health Unit reviews Kendall County ordinances related to food, water, sewage and public health nuisance, looking to see if updates are necessary. This year, it was determined that the Food Protection, the Private Sewage Disposal and the Public Health Nuisance Ordinances all should be updated. The food and sewage ordinances required few revisions, however the Public Health Nuisance Ordinance had not been updated since its original approval in 2005 and there were a number of additions, clarifications and omissions to be made to get it up to date. New drafts were created and presented and reviewed by a number of boards and offices, including, but not limited to, the States Attorney's Office, Illinois Department of Public Health, the Board of Health and the County Board. Each ordinance passed with very little modification from the original draft iterations.

## Collaborative IPLAN Process

Environmental Health, like the other Units of the Health Department, was charged with developing a Community Health Improvement Plan program based on the health priority selected earlier by community members and partners. The team integrated a root-cause analysis exercise into a staff meeting to allow contributions from all unit staff members in developing objectives. Selected objectives were further honed by the unit leadership and finally, the Director and Assistant Director of the Unit drafted the report, incorporating ideas from all team members, ultimately making implementation more effective.

## Food Inspection

Utilizing a scheduling tool developed in 2020, Environmental Health Unit completed required inspections at a moderate pace through the entire year. Completing inspections in this manner allows for more thorough inspections as sanitarians don't feel rushed, improving the overall quality of the work itself. This scheduling also allows sanitarians to complete this work with a little bit of time left at the end of the year. This is important as well as it allows for sanitarians time to complete annual reports and office work at what is traditionally, the busiest time of the year for food establishments.

## Well & Septic

The Well and Septic program saw an uptick in permits and inspections over previous years. This occurred despite a dramatic increase in building material costs. The Environmental Health Unit worked hard to adequately cross train newer staff to ensure that they had ample opportunities to assist in completing inspections throughout the year. This training takes more time than it has in the past due to the increasing number of alternative septic systems now permitted in Illinois. These new systems often take more time for permit review and often has a more elaborate inspection process. Staff worked closely with the Well and Septic Program Coordinator to ensure that the correct process was followed and the work is completed as efficiently as possible.

# Site Evaluations for Building Projects

The Site Evaluation process ensures that building site improvements will not damage existing well and septic utilities, which could lead to a loss of service and/or require very a costly repair.

**145**

**...Site Evaluations performed in 2021.**

This is the highest yearly total since the program started.

**Only 10%**

**...of Site Evaluations require a site visit and a fee.**

We only charge a fee if we need to visit the site and locate these utilities. If we can perform this work from our desks, we do so and save our clients money.

**32% increase  
in 2021...**

**...over 2020 Site Evaluation totals.**

This is about 30% more than 2019 numbers as well. The current increase is happening despite increases in materials costs.

*Site Evaluations can be very educational for clients. Staff conducting the inspection often explain where a septic system is located and teach about the importance of it's proper operation and maintenance.*

*Since this program formally started in 2013, we have performed close to 1000 evaluations and have helped protect as many clients in this process. All efforts are made to expedite the inspection process to avoid delays to construction projects.*



# MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

## Adapting Services

2021 has continued to be a time of adaptation to meet expectation and need despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We have continued to utilize telehealth (video) and telephonic (telephone) services, in addition to being able to resume seeing established and new clients in the building for services. Our staff continues to utilize professional development opportunities to meet the needs of individuals we provide treatment to in areas such as trauma, tele-services, and cultural diversity and multicultural awareness. These services are extended to a variety of individuals and their unique needs, whether this be substance use treatment, mental health care, change of life, or co-occurring disorders. In addition to addressing the mental health needs of our community, we also provide additional services and care. Below are two of the ways that we provide education, meet needs, and decrease stigma to those we aid.

## Substance Use Prevention Services (SUPS)

Substance Use Prevention Services (SUPS), though some prevention is addressed through therapy, are also completed through a specialized program that is geared toward working within the school setting. The target audience for SUPS are the students in the Kendall County area in grades six (6) through high school. Within these services students, staff, and families learn about substance use prevention and can become better informed about substances to allow for informed decision making. Currently, the SUPS program utilizes a teaching strategy called Project Alert. Additionally, the SUPS program has been able to provide information to a school district regarding trauma-informed classrooms and how trauma can impact students' ability to process information in school, as well as, how this can sometimes lead to substance use in hopes to address emotional pain. The SUPS staff person also works with "Drug Take Back" days to decrease the misuse or abuse of prescription drugs and to provide education to the community at large. A highlight from this year for SUPS was the ability to collaborate with different community sectors that engage with youth to prevent substance use and address mental health barriers while finding new creative methods to reach the adolescent population during the pandemic.

## Victim Sensitive Interviews (VSIs)

We also work with the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) to provide Victim Sensitive Interviews (VSIs). These interviews are completed for those who are under 18 years old and are victims of abuse or neglect. The VSIs are completed with a multi-disciplinary team which include a forensic interviewer, who is trained through an extensive course, law enforcement, an Illinois Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) representative, a State's Attorney representative, and other appropriate personnel. Within these interviews, we are looking to help the victim to be heard, obtain information regarding the event(s) that occurred, and aid in the prosecution of the offender(s) without creating further trauma for the individual being interviewed. To date, from January 1 through December 10, 2021, 124 interviews have been conducted.



## Mental Health First Aid through Mental Health Awareness Training

**2**



**Trained Mental Health  
First Aid facilitators.**

In January of 2021,  
41% of adults  
reported symptoms  
of anxiety disorder  
and/or depressive  
disorder.

From: [Mental Health - Household Pulse  
Survey - COVID-19 \(cdc.gov\)](#)

**Trainings offered annually.** ←

**12**

This workshop offers attendees information on how to address and refer individuals who are in need of mental health services. Nearly any interested individual has something to gain from this training and it is offered for free.

**In Kendall County,  
in 2020, there were  
13 suicides reported.**

From: Kendall County Coroner's  
Annual Report

**87**



**Participants in 5  
courses thus far.**

**Average rating (out of 5) that  
our facilitators get for their  
trainings (rated by participants).** ←

**4.5**

# DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY WELLBEING

In 2021, We...

- ◆ Provided services to **2** individuals for Outpatient Fitness Restoration.
- ◆ Worked with **5** clients who successfully graduated from Drug Court.
- ◆ Issued **8** well plugging permits to protect groundwater.
- ◆ Provided **9** scholarships to students who were seeking higher educational supports.
- ◆ Ran **10** traps through the West Nile Virus season, with **3.5%** of tests resulting positive for the virus.
- ◆ Weatherized **15** single family homes to increase energy efficiencies.
- ◆ Served **22** families in need of transportation to work, assistance with car repairs, insurance, car payments, rides, or with the purchase of a vehicle.
- ◆ Monitored **26** latent and **3** active Tuberculosis (TB) cases.
- ◆ Repaired or replaced **35** furnaces for families who called to let us know they did not have any heat.
- ◆ Collected **35** ticks (**17** deer ticks and **18** dog ticks) over the course of **3** drags.
- ◆ Completed **40** unduplicated Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counseling with **84** hours of services provided.
- ◆ Assisted over **40** families with high risk infants through Family Case Management services.
- ◆ Tested **115** West Nile Virus mosquito samples.
- ◆ Completed **124** Forensic Interview/Victim Sensitive Interviews.
- ◆ Issued **142** well and septic permits.
- ◆ Performed **145** site evaluations (for improvements such as pools, sheds, additions, etc.).
- ◆ Worked to prevent **231** individuals and families from becoming homeless by providing critical emergency shelter and/or assistance toward their rent or mortgage.
- ◆ Reported over **333** cases of communicable diseases excluding COVID-19.
- ◆ Have **490** food service establishments are under permit, the highest number of facilities ever.
- ◆ Conducted **753** total routine food establishment inspections.
- ◆ Provided **756** clients with WIC benefits via Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards.
- ◆ Provided **2,157** families with energy assistance and energy conservation education.
- ◆ Administered over **205,700** COVID-19 vaccination doses.
- ◆ Began to be a treatment provider for **Mental Health Court**.
- ◆ Collected ticks in the months of **December** and **January** over the course of the last 3 years.
- ◆ Resumed **services at the Senior Center** after COVID shelter-in-place.



# The Road to Your 2021-2026 Community Health Improvement Plan

## LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM ASSESSMENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2020 MEETING

We began by performing a comprehensive assessment that includes all of the organizations and entities that contribute to our public's health.

We endeavored to answer: *"What are the activities, competencies, and capacities of our local public health system?"* and *"How are the 10 Essential Public Health Services being provided to our community?"*

## COMMUNITY THEMES & STRENGTHS ASSESSMENT

MAY 5, 2020 MEETING

We then looked at the issues our residents feel are important.

We endeavored to answer: *"What is important to our community?"* *"How is quality of life perceived in our community?"* and *"What assets do we have that can be used to improve community health?"*

## COMMUNITY HEALTH STATUS ASSESSMENT

AUGUST 20, 2020 MEETING

We identified and analyzed priority community health and quality of life issues.

We endeavored to answer: *"How healthy are our residents?"* and *"What does the health status of our community look like?"*

## FORCES OF CHANGE/STRATEGIC ISSUES/FORMULATING HEALTH PRIORITIES

JUNE 10, 2021 MEETING

We identified forces, trends, and/or events such as legislation, technology, etc. that affect the context in which our community and public health system operate.

We endeavored to answer: *"What is occurring or might occur that affects the health of our community or the local public health system?"* and *"What specific threats or opportunities are generated by these occurrences?"*

## OUR RESULTING PRIORITIES — COMMENCING SPRING 2022

- Promote Opportunities to Reduce Vaccination Hesitancy
- Increase Community Awareness to Protect Against Vector Borne Disease
- Connect our Most Vulnerable to Assets that Reduce Socio-Economic Duress & Support Mental Health

# SOCIAL MEDIA



We got vaccinated today. Compliments to all the fantastic volunteers, health Workers and the KCHD for the efficiency and ease of giving us residents the first dose of the vaccine.  
**VERY WELL ORGANIZED AND WELL DONE**



I can't compliment Kendall Health Dept enough on how good they are handling these vaccine clinics They are just wonderful from the person checking us in, to the person leading us to get our shot and everyone in between. They are polite, cheerful and so respectful. thank you Kendall County



Thank you all so much! We received our second dose today from these amazing heroes! Happy to be fully vaccinated!



Thank you to everyone for all of the hard work. Great job! I was in and out in less than 30 minutes.



Thank you Kendall County for your amazing job yesterday. So proud of all of you!!



**Facebook followers increased by 139%**



Received my second shot yesterday at the Senior 65+ event at Yorkville High School. What an outstanding job to all who volunteered! I thank you. From the moment I walked in the door till I walked out, nothing but kind and very knowledgeable people. This is why I love living in Yorkville .



Thank you for an amazingly smooth and efficient process!! Everyone was so friendly and we were in and out in no time!!



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# COVID-19

## Vaccine Response

### Vaccines were administered at

- ◆ Fire Stations
- ◆ High Schools
- ◆ Physician Offices
- ◆ City Hall
- ◆ Retirement Communities
- ◆ Police Departments
- ◆ Curbside
- ◆ Jails
- ◆ Health Department
- ◆ Homebound Residences
- ◆ And more!

**Senior  
Saturday**

**Where did  
you get  
yours?**

**Super  
Teachers  
Sunday**

### Largest Mass Vaccination Event

**2286** Doses Administered

**40+** Volunteer Nurses

**94+** Volunteers (Non-Nurses)



Jurisdiction-Specific Age Demographics

Percent of Age Group Doses Administered

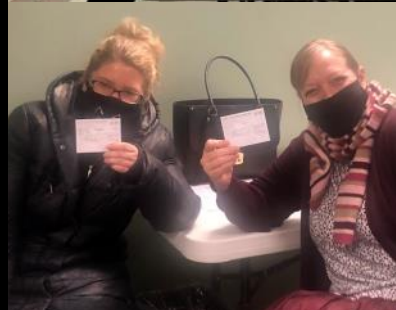


**Lead Illinois in  
Doses Administered  
per population for  
several weeks!**

Source: IDPH, 8/2021



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