



Call begins at 4:00 p.m. Please dial 1-888-398-2342, passcode 4724630#

If you have questions you'd like us to address on the call, please email [ccdph.covid19@cookcountyhhs.org](mailto:ccdph.covid19@cookcountyhhs.org).

## 1. What is the situation?

- a. In an effort to provide assistance to residents affected by COVID-19 and decompress hospitals in suburban Cook County, CCDPH, in collaboration with the Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security, launched an initiative to provide housing to eligible patients being discharged from area hospitals.
- b. McCormick Place Alternate Care Facility is open. This facility is a regional asset and a one step-down facility from a hospital. COVID-19 patients stable for transfer from the hospital meeting the inclusion criteria, who have not completed the minimum isolation period and cannot return home due to the risks of that home setting (any congregate setting, or immunocompromised/elderly family members from which they cannot remain isolated) will be considered for placement at this facility.
- c. Article "Covid-19, Data, and Health Justice"  
<https://www.commonwealthfund.org/blog/2020/covid-19-data-and-health-justice>

## 2. What is CCDPH doing?

- a. Hotline: 9a-4p M-F at 708-633-3319.
- b. CCDPH COVID-19 resource [webpage has been beautified so it is easier on the eyes and easier to search](https://www.cookcountypublichealth.org/communicablediseases/covid-19/resources/) <https://www.cookcountypublichealth.org/communicablediseases/covid-19/resources/>
- c. Health inequities: We continue to see considerably higher rates of COVID-19 illnesses and deaths among African Americans. We must work together to reduce structural racism, a root cause of health inequities, and advocate for pro-equity policies.
- d. Cook County has unveiled two data dashboards:
  - o [Social Vulnerability Index](https://maps.cookcountyil.gov/svi/) - describes the vulnerability of a community to a catastrophic event based on factors like poverty, transportation access, and language barriers. This is shown in a map format for Cook County census tracts, and available in English and Spanish. <https://maps.cookcountyil.gov/svi/>
  - o [Medical Examiner's COVID-19 Dashboard](https://maps.cookcountyil.gov/medexamcovid19) - provides data on Cook County residents that have died from COVID-19, including deaths by race and ethnicity. The data does not always match CCDPH data or other health departments due to differences in reporting timing. <https://maps.cookcountyil.gov/medexamcovid19>
  - o FAQ about the Medical Examiner's dashboard  
here: <https://datacatalog.cookcountyil.gov/stories/s/Medical-Examiner-COVID-19-Dashboard-Data/ttk4-trbu/>



### 3. What can you do?

- a. CCDPH continues to promote worker health and safety. If you have questions about whether a business is not allowing for safe social distancing or that it is not maintaining a safe and sanitary work environment to minimize the risk of spread of COVID-19, please contact the Workplace Rights Bureau of the Illinois Attorney General's Office at 844-740-5076 or email [workplacerights@atg.state.il.us](mailto:workplacerights@atg.state.il.us). You can also directly call the CCDPH Hotline at 708-633-3319.
- b. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois Launches \$1.5M Grant Program to Support Illinoisans Impacted by COVID-19-Apply for \$20K, by 4/24. BCBSIL yesterday, opened a \$1.5M funding program to support community-based organizations with missions focused on access to health care, hunger and shelter. The BCBSIL [COVID-19 Community Collaboration Fund](#) will release \$20,000 grants to organizations around the state. The program is designed to distribute the funds quickly to respond to the current health crisis. Link: [https://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/ao\\_login.login?x\\_gm\\_id=6786&x\\_proposal\\_type\\_id=50848](https://www.cybergrants.com/pls/cybergrants/ao_login.login?x_gm_id=6786&x_proposal_type_id=50848) ) **April 15, 2020** – Application opens; **April 24, 2020** – Application closes.
- c. Nominate an Everyday Hero: We want to recognize people on the front lines who are helping each other during these extremely difficult times. <https://bit.ly/cookcountyhero>
- d. April 23<sup>rd</sup> **CanTV event** at 11:00 a.m. "[Understanding the Coronavirus Pandemic Through the Lens of Racial and Social Justice](#)" to be broadcast on CanTV/watch and [YouTube.com/ChiCanTV](https://www.youtube.com/ChiCanTV) [#CovidRacialJustice](#) <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-the-coronavirus-pandemic-through-the-lens-of-racial-social-tickets-102846474574>

### 4. Questions From Partners (please email [ccdph.covid19@cookcountyhhs.org](mailto:ccdph.covid19@cookcountyhhs.org))