Mitigation Order 2021-11

December 27, 2021
Omicron is Global and Increasing Rapidly in the US

Accessed 12/26/2021
Proportion of US COVID-19 Cases by variant

United States: 9/12/2021 – 12/18/2021

United States: 12/12/2021 – 12/18/2021 NOWCAST

** USA **

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<td>5.1-65.8%</td>
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<td>Omicron</td>
<td>B.1.1.529</td>
<td>VOC</td>
<td>73.2%</td>
<td>34.0-94.9%</td>
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<td>0.1%</td>
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* Enumerated lineages are US VOC and lineages circulating above 1% nationally in at least one week period. "Other" represents the aggregation of lineages which are circulating <1% nationally during all weeks displayed.
** These data include Nowcast estimates, which are modeled projections that may differ from weighted estimates generated at later dates.
# AY.1, AY.125 and their sublineages are aggregated with B.1.617.2, BA.1 and BA.2 are aggregated with B.1.1.529.

https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#variant-proportions

12/22/21
Regional Proportions of Specimens

United States: 12/12/2021 – 12/18/2021 NOWCAST

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12/22/21
Case Data

As of December 23, 2021:

- **344,425** Confirmed Cases
- **5,127** Deaths*
- **548** Weekly Case Rate per 100,000
- **7.8%** Test Positivity Last Week

High Community Transmission Level
COVID-19 Cases by Report Date in Suburban Cook County

COVID-19 Cases by Report Date in Suburban Cook County, IL
(n = 344,425)

https://ccdphcd.shinyapps.io/covid19/ , 12/27/21
Inpatient Hospital Admissions for COVID-19-like Illness

![Graph showing inpatient hospital admissions for COVID-19-like illness (CLI)](image-url)
Projected Daily Deaths in Illinois

Daily deaths is the best indicator of the progression of the pandemic, although there is generally a 17-21 day lag between infection and deaths.

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Vaccinations Can Save Lives, from Delta and Omicron

**The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE**

**Symptomatic Covid-19**

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Unvaccinated Group</th>
<th>Vaccinated Group</th>
<th>Vaccine Effectiveness (95% CI)</th>
<th>Risk Difference (95% CI)</th>
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<td>events (no. at risk)</td>
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<td>95 (70,203)</td>
<td>41 (70,227)</td>
<td>57 (39–71)</td>
<td>86.1 (49.0–123.7)</td>
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<td>84 (57,803)</td>
<td>15 (57,878)</td>
<td>82 (73–91)</td>
<td>133.0 (101.1–169.4)</td>
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<td>151 (47,194)</td>
<td>11 (47,303)</td>
<td>93 (88–97)</td>
<td>379.6 (317.0–451.3)</td>
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**PRESS RELEASE - 14 DECEMBER 2021 13:47**

**Discovery Health, South Africa's largest private health insurance administrator, releases at-scale, real-world analysis of Omicron outbreak based on 211 000 COVID-19 test results in South Africa, including collaboration with the South Africa**

Johannesburg, 14 December 2021

**Summary:**

1. **Vaccine effectiveness:**
   - The two-dose Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination provides 70% protection against severe complications of COVID-19 requiring hospitalisation, and 33% protection against COVID-19 infection, during the current Omicron wave.

2. **Reinfection risk:** For individuals who have had COVID-19 previously, the risk of reinfection with Omicron is significantly higher, relative to prior variants.

3. **Severity:** The risk of hospital admission among adults diagnosed with COVID-19 in the current Omicron wave is significantly lower compared to previous waves.

From: [https://www.discovery.co.za/corporate/news-room](https://www.discovery.co.za/corporate/news-room)
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Vaccination Rates

As of December 23, 2021:

COVID-19 Vaccines Administered to Suburban Cook County Residents

- 1,770,913 People with at least one vaccine dose
- 1,360,779 People with complete vaccine series
- 77.4% Percent of total population with at least
- 59.5% Percent of total population with

https://cedphcd.shinyapps.io/covid19/, 12/27/21
Find a COVID-19 vaccine near you

Use vaccine.cookcountyil.gov to find a location near you, then schedule, call or visit their website to make an appointment.
Rides to Vaccine Appointments

Find a vaccine.
Find a place to get your vaccine. When possible, make an appointment.

Call or go online to schedule a ride.
Schedule your ride by calling 833-308-1988 to schedule a ride.

A vehicle will arrive to pick you up.
In most cases, your ride will arrive between 30 and 60 minutes before your vaccine. This might change depending on traffic, time of day, and fleet availability.

Your driver will take you home after your shot.
Drivers will be able to work with folks immediately after their vaccination to get them home. Kaizen will take you to your second shot too!
Mitigation Order 2021-11 - Masking

• Masking when indoors in a public place, regardless of vaccination status. (No change from Order 2021-10 issued in August)
• Applies to all businesses
• Public Transportation, transportation hubs
• Congregate settings
• Healthcare settings

Vaccine Requirements – Covered Businesses

- Indoor settings where food or drink are served for on-premises consumption
- Health and fitness centers

Includes, but is not limited to:
- Indoor dining establishments
- Event spaces
- Recreation and entertainment venues
- All indoor settings for recreation and exercise

Vaccine Requirements

Patrons

- Businesses must require any individual 5 years of age and older to show proof that they are fully-vaccinated against COVID-19 with an approved vaccine.

- Businesses must require Patrons age 16 and older to show identification with information that corresponds to the vaccination proof.

- Businesses may, in the interests of efficiency, allow patrons to provide the required vaccination proof prior to entry, either directly to the business itself or through an intermediary such as an event planner.
Vaccine or testing Requirement

Employees

• Employees must be fully-vaccinated against COVID-19 or must show proof weekly of a negative COVID-19 test.
Signage and plans

- Businesses must post signage advising patrons of this vaccine requirement
  - posted at all entrances to the premises
  - prominently posted in an area visible to patrons and staff within the establishment.

- Businesses must develop a written protocol providing details for how they will enforce this Order.

- All businesses shall comply with OSHA standards 1910.501(e) & (g) relating to employee vaccination status and testing, regardless of the number of employees.
Signage Example

Available on the CCDPH website

- https://cookcountypublichealth.org/communicable-diseases/covid-19/mitigation-guidance/
Documentation Template

Available on the CCDPH website

• Written protocol for complying with the order, documenting staff vaccination / testing
• Adapted from Chicago’s template – businesses with locations in both city and suburbs have the same template/requirement

Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH)
Guidance for businesses to ensure compliance among employees
COVID-19 Proof Of Vaccination Compliance Plan

➢ Cook County Department of Public Health’s Mitigation Order 2021-11 requires businesses subject to Order to develop and keep a written record describing the protocol for implementing and enforcing the requirements of the Order.
➢ This document provides guidance for employers to ensure compliance with this Order among employees.
➢ Please add your business name in the empty field below.

LINK:
Business Documentation

Safety coordinator

• Staff person appointed to monitor the plan, ensure compliance

We have appointed a COVID-19 Safety Coordinator(s) to aid implementation and monitoring of this plan. The COVID-19 Safety Coordinator(s) has the business's full support in implementing and monitoring this COVID-19 plan, and has authority to ensure compliance with all aspects of this plan, including confirming the vaccination status of employees and ensuring they comply with testing requirements.

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<th>COVID-19 Safety Coordinator(s)</th>
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Vaccination status

Guidance and documentation templates

5. Documentation of employee compliance with Mitigation Order No. 2021-11: Proof of vaccination

Proof of vaccination is usually required only once. This sheet can be used to record compliance by a number of employees.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Employee name</th>
<th>Proof of compliance demonstrated (Yes/No)</th>
<th>Date proof of compliance provided</th>
<th>Signed by employee</th>
<th>Verified by: (usually COVID-19 Safety Coordinator)</th>
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Weekly COVID-19 Testing

6. Documentation of employee compliance with Mitigation Order No. 2021-11: COVID-19 testing for employees who are not fully vaccinated

Proof of COVID-19 testing for employees who are not fully vaccinated is required every 7 days. This sheet can be used to record compliance by one employee over a period of approximately three months.

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<th>Week commencing</th>
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<th>COVID-19 test result (Positive or Negative)*</th>
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Exemptions

- Individuals entering an establishment for less than 10 minutes for:
  - ordering and carrying out food
  - making a delivery
  - or using restroom facilities

- Individuals who have previously received a medical exemption must show proof of the medical exemption and a negative COVID-19 test administered by a medical professional within the last 24 hours prior to entering the covered business.
Exemptions

• A nonresident performing artist or nonresident person accompanying the artist who is not regularly performing in a business only for the duration of the performance.

• A nonresident professional athlete or nonresident person accompanying the athlete, who enters a covered location as part of their regular employment for competition.

• An individual 18 years of age or younger who enters a business subject to this Order to participate in a school activity or after-school program pre-kindergarten through 12th grade school.

• Any person entering a business subject to this Order for the purposes of voting in a municipal, state, or federal election; or, pursuant to law, assisting or accompanying a voter or observing such elections.
Enforcement

• Investigations for violations of the Mitigation Order may be conducted by local municipal staff, county health department staff, local police, or Cook County Sheriff.

• Investigations result from concerns and complaints received by Cook County Health Department or a local municipality.

• Citations can be issued for violations of any section of the order.

• Administrative action may be taken if compliance to order is not adhered to.
Definitions
Fully Vaccinated

An individual is considered fully-vaccinated:
• Two weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series with an approved COVID-19 vaccine, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
• Two weeks after a single-dose series with an approved COVID-19 vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine.

This definition is based on the current CDC definition as may change to include boosters.

An approved COVID-19 Vaccine is a vaccine has been authorized or approved by either the Food and Drug Administration or the World Health Organization to prevent COVID19, whether for emergency use or otherwise.
Proof of Vaccination

One of the following:

- A CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card
- An official immunization record from the jurisdiction, state, or country where the vaccine was administered (medical record)
- An ‘app’ that provides a digital record of vaccinations
- A digital or physical photo of such a card or record that includes the individual’s name, the vaccine brand administered, and the date the vaccination was administered.
Indoors

- A roof or overhang that is enclosed on at least three sides.
- A temporary outdoor structure that holds multiple parties that has less than 50% of the sides open to allow airflow.
- An outdoor dining structure meant for individual parties that does not have adequate ventilation to allow for four to six air exchanges per hour.