FAQs about the Public Health Emergency Declaration Ending

Q: Does this mean COVID-19 is no longer a threat?
A: No. COVID-19 is here to stay and remains a serious public health concern.

Q: Will the COVID-19 virus continue to cause variants of concern?
A: Yes. The COVID-19 virus will continue to mutate and cause new variants of concern.

Q: What is the best way to prevent serious COVID-19 illness?
A: Vaccines and boosters are still the best way to prevent serious COVID-19 illness.

Q: Will CDPH continue providing free vaccines and boosters in suburban Cook County?
A: Yes. CDPH will continue providing vaccines and boosters in suburban Cook County at community vaccination events. Find events at: https://cookcountypublichealth.org/calendar.

Q: Will CDPH continue providing free in-home vaccinations?
A: Yes. CDPH will continue providing free in-home vaccinations. Visit bit.ly/40PfJF8 to learn more.

Q: Will CDPH continue providing free rides to COVID vaccination appointments?
A: Yes. CDPH will continue providing free rides to COVID vaccination appointments. Visit https://cookcountypublichealth.org/destination-vaccination to learn more.

Q: Will CDPH continue supporting free COVID testing and referrals for treatment?
A: Yes. CDPH has free COVID-19 test kits for select organizations to distribute to vulnerable and high-risk populations. Learn more at: https://cookcountypublichealth.org/covid-19-rapid-antigen-test-request.

Q: Will CDPH continue monitoring COVID-19 community transmission levels?
A: Yes. CDPH will continue monitoring COVID-19 community transmission levels. To see the latest COVID surveillance data, visit: https://ccdphcd.shinyapps.io/covid19.

Q: Will CDPH continue informing and educating the public about COVID threats and prevention?
A: Yes, for the latest information about COVID threats and prevention, visit boostupcookcounty.com and follow us on social media (facebook.com/ccdph, twitter.com/cookcohealth and instagram.com/cookcountypublichealth).

Q: Will CDPH continue recovery efforts for communities hit hardest by COVID-19?
A: Yes. CDPH will continue recovery efforts for communities hit hardest by COVID-19. For example, CDPH recently awarded 39 grants totaling over $8 million in Building Healthier Communities (BHC) COVID-19 Response, Recovery and Resiliency funding and 20 grants totaling nearly $17 million in BHC Behavioral Health funding to expand mental health and substance use prevention, treatment and support in suburban Cook County.