



## **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT**

### *Essential Service #2. Protect people from health problems and health hazards*

#### **KCHD on the Front Lines Against COVID-19**

The public knows that health care workers and first responders are on the front lines against COVID-19, but so are the public health workers at the Kane County Health Department. We are in direct contact with hospitals, first responders, municipalities, long-term care facilities and more. We work to distribute personal protective equipment from the Illinois state stores to various agencies, arrange for housing for isolation and quarantine, track hours and expenses for possible Federal reimbursement and much, much more:



In response to public interest, KCHD has launched a database dashboard about COVID-19 disease at KaneHealth.com. This dashboard tracks positive COVID-19 cases for Kane County and by community, as well as reported deaths for the county. The dashboard also breaks down positive cases by age, gender, confirmed cases by date of onset, and confirmed cases by municipality. The information updates daily by 5 p.m. In the 24 hours following the launch of the dashboard, the website recorded 8,300 engagements and the Facebook post reached more than 20,000 people.

The Kane County Coroner's Office began providing weekly updates on COVID-19 deaths by municipality, gender and age. The information updates on their Facebook page each Monday.

The Governor has asked the Illinois National Guard to provide additional force in the fight against COVID-19. The IDPH and IEMA (Illinois Emergency Management Agency) are the lead agencies. The Guard's primary mission is to keep hospitals open. They are collecting data from the emergency managers of hospitals to determine capacities and resource needs so that they can see where to best maximize state resources. The information gathered provides a single database that communicates what is current in the state and identifies trends and build-ups. There are two members of the Illinois National Guard in Kane County, Major Darrin Dunsworth, from Macomb and Master Sergeant David Mathis, from Pingree Grove.

Over the past few weeks, KCHD has distributed personal protective equipment to over 70 organizations including hospitals, Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers, long-term care facilities, shelters, home health organizations and law enforcement.

KCHD has created an Employee Symptom Checking Protocol for COVID-like Illness. It provides for daily monitoring and check-in, handling employee illness, guidance for return to work and return to work practices and work restrictions. These guidelines can be adapted by other employers that may want to consider using a symptoms checklist for those who are working in offices.

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#### **Ten essential services of Public Health**

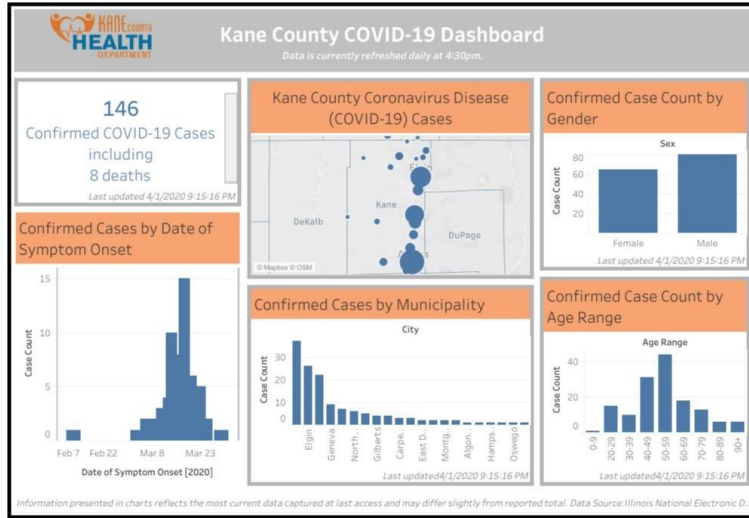
1. Monitor health status and understand health issues facing the community
2. Protect people from health problems and health hazards
3. Give people the information they need to make healthy choices
4. Engage the community to identify and solve health problems
5. Develop public health policies and plans
6. Enforce public health laws and regulations
7. Help people receive health services
8. Maintain a competent public health workforce
9. Evaluate and improve programs and interventions
10. Contribute to and apply the evidence base of public health

Link to Departmental Statistics: [kanehealth.com/Pages/Public-Health-Reports.aspx](http://kanehealth.com/Pages/Public-Health-Reports.aspx)

Essential Service #3. Give people the information they need to make healthy choices

COVID-19 Social Media Messaging

Kane County Health Department staff have created a variety of social media infographics to relay important community health messages. A sampling is displayed below.



**The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Kane County increased by 114.6% in one week (3/29-4/5).**

Anyone can be infected with COVID-19. Stay home and stay safe.

For up to date case counts visit: [www.kanehealth.com](http://www.kanehealth.com)

**THANK YOU CUSTODIAL & SANITATION WORKERS!**  
We're grateful for all you do!

**¡GRACIAS A LOS TRABAJADORES DE CUSTODIA Y SANEAMIENTO!**  
Estamos agradecidos por todo lo que hacen!

**GROCERY STORES- DEDICATED TIMES FOR SENIORS & THOSE HIGH RISK**

In an effort to protect our senior citizens and those considered high risk for contracting COVID-19, many grocery stores have set aside times for these populations to shop.

- Jewel-Osco** Every Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9 a.m.
- Meijer** Meijer stores and pharmacies will provide dedicated shopping times on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-8 a.m. local time.
- ALDI** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-9:30 a.m. for seniors, expectant mothers and those with health concerns
- The Fresh Market** Monday through Friday 8-9 a.m.
- Woodman's** Wednesday morning between 6-8 a.m. at all locations
- Trader Joe's** Every day between 9-10 a.m., Crew Members will maintain an additional line outside the front door for senior customers
- Elgin Fresh Market** Wednesdays and Fridays from 8-9 a.m. for senior citizens and those physically handicapped
- Butera Market** Suggested to visit stores from 7-9 a.m.
- Costco** Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8-9 a.m. for members 60+ and those with physical impairments

This is a list of the common grocery stores in the area. If you have questions about a store not listed, contact them directly.

**TIEMPOS DEDICADOS PARA PERSONAS MAYORES Y AQUELLOS DE ALTO RIESGO**

En esfuerzo para proteger a nuestros personas mayores y a aquellos considerados de alto riesgo de contraer COVID-19, muchos supermercados han reservado tiempos para estas poblaciones que compren.

- Jewel-Osco** Todos los Martes y Jueves de 7 a 9 a.m.
- Meijer** Las tiendas y farmacias de Meijer ofrecerán horarios de compras dedicados los Martes y Jueves de 7 a 8 a.m. hora local
- ALDI** Martes y Jueves de 8:30-9:30 a.m. para personas mayores, mujeres embarazadas y personas con problemas de salud
- The Fresh Market** Lunes a Viernes de 8 a 9 a.m.
- Woodman's** Miércoles por la mañana entre 6-8 a.m. en todos los lugares
- Trader Joe's** Todos los días, entre 9 y las 10 a.m., los miembros personales mantendrán una línea adicional fuera de la puerta de la entrada para los clientes mayores
- Elgin Fresh Market** Miércoles y Viernes de 8 a 9 a.m. para personas mayores y físicamente discapacitados
- Butera Market** Recomendado visitar las tiendas de 7 a 9 a.m.
- Costco** Martes, Miércoles y Jueves de 8 a 9 a.m. para miembros mayores de 60 años y personas con impedimentos físicos

Esta es una lista de los supermercados comunes en el área. Si tiene preguntas acerca de una tienda que no aparece, póngase en contacto con ellos directamente.

**Cómo hablar con niños y jóvenes sobre la Pandemia de Coronavirus 19 (COVID-19)**

Para la información que comparte con sus hijos o adolescentes en el hogar, considere lo siguiente:

- Recuerde que es muy importante tener un tono calmado y tranquilo al hablar con sus hijos o adolescentes sobre la pandemia de COVID-19.
- Pueden hacerle saber que están preocupados por lo que ven en las noticias o en las redes sociales.
- Pueden responder cualquier pregunta que tengan de forma simple y directa. Los niños de edad más joven pueden confundirse fácilmente por palabras o expresiones que no entienden.
- Pueden recordarle que los miembros de su familia se cuidan y se protegen entre ellos.
- Si usted es su padre o cuidador, debe estar tranquilo y tranquilo al hablar con sus hijos o adolescentes.

**How to talk with children and young people about the Coronavirus 19 (COVID-19) Pandemic**

How much information you share with children depends on their developmental age and maturity. The most important thing to do is to be consistently calm with them and address their questions and concerns.

- Remember that it is very important to have a calm and steady tone when talking to your children about COVID-19.
- Children may tell you they are worried about what they see in the news or on social media.
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**CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR SAFETY AT HOME?**

Call **Illinois Domestic Violence Helpline**

1-877-863-6338

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Mutual Ground (Aurora): 1-630-897-0080  
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