



**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT**

*Essential Service #7: Help people receive health services*

**Mobile COVID Testing in Kane County Benefits Thousands**

A mobile testing unit managed by the Illinois Department of Public Health provided nearly 3,000 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) tests to the community in late July - early August.

“We are especially grateful to our community partners for helping us stage these sites so quickly,” said Uche Onwuta, Kane County Health Department Director of Health Protection. “This was a community-wide effort to serve as many of our communities as locally as possible.” Onwuta acknowledged the community partners responsible for setting up the sites. “In addition to the Regional Office of Education, the school districts in Elgin and Carpentersville, the Illinois Youth Center and the officials in the City of Aurora, we’d like to also thank the Illinois Department of Public Health, Compañeros En Salud and Aurora African American Health Coalition. We’d like to thank our partners the Village of Carpentersville Police, the Elgin Police Department, Aurora Emergency Management Agency and the Kane County Office of Emergency Management for providing traffic control.”



Date	Site	Total Tested
Monday, 7/27	Regional Office of Education, Geneva	239
Tuesday, 7/28	Kimball Middle School, Elgin	401
Wednesday, 7/29	Kimball Middle School, Elgin	403
Thursday, 7/30	Dundee Crown High School, Carpentersville	367
Friday, 7/31	Illinois Youth Center, St. Charles	212
Saturday, 8/1	Phillips Park, Aurora	186
Sunday, 8/2	Dundee Crown High School, Carpentersville	348
Friday, 8/7	Dundee Crown High School, Carpentersville	300
Saturday, 8/8	Kimball Middle School, Elgin	257
Sunday, 8/9	Kimball Middle School, Elgin	233
	<b>Total Tested</b>	<b>2,946</b>



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

### Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children Associated with COVID-19

Multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) is a condition where different body parts can become inflamed, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes, or gastrointestinal organs, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). MIS-C is a rare but serious condition that can be deadly. Many children with MIS-C have had COVID-19 or a close contact to a case of COVID-19. Children with MIS\_C may exhibit such symptoms as: fever, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, neck pain, rash, bloodshot eyes, or feeling extra tired. Parents are asked to seek emergency help if children show such emergency warning signs of MIS-C as:

- Trouble breathing
- Pain or pressure in the chest that does not go away
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face
- Severe abdominal pain



The best way to avoid MIS\_C is to follow the everyday precautions of COVID-19 which includes:

- Children two years and older should wear a mask over their nose and mouth when in public places
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or hand sanitizer
- Avoid contact with people who are coughing or sneezing
- Avoid large crowds
- Keep children at least 6 ft distance from other people outside your home
- Clean and sanitize high-touch areas

For more information, see <https://www.cdc.gov/mis-c/>

## Essential Service #3. *Give people the information they need to make healthy choices* *August is National Immunization Awareness Month*

The school year will look different this fall because of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), but children should still receive their routine vaccinations. Vaccines help protect children from diseases like chickenpox and pertussis, which remain common in the U.S.



KCHD has several partners aligned to spread the word on the importance of childhood immunizations this month. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is teaming up with the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics on a social media campaign that will raise awareness of the importance of vaccines. KCHD works with Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) like Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness, the Greater Elgin Family Care Center, VNA Health Care, as well as community health partners Well Child Center and the Tri City Health Partnership to provide immunizations to all.

In addition, August marks the roll out of a regional initiative to combat vaccination hesitancy in our communities, funded by a grant from IDPH. In conjunction with media partner Jasculca Terman Strategic Communications, KCHD will launch the "I-Protect" campaign on various social and media channels across Illinois Region 7, which includes the counties of Kane, DuPage, Lake, Will, McHenry, Kankakee, Kendall and Grundy.