

Kane County Health Department Creates COVID-19 Guidance Toolkits for Schools, Businesses, Community Organizations and Faith-based Groups

November 9, 2020 – The Kane County Health Department (KCHD) has created toolkits to guide Kane County schools, businesses, community organizations and faith-based groups to respond to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. The toolkits are available on the KCHD website at KaneHealth.com.

The Kane County Health Department has worked with many business organizations, schools and faith-based organizations since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. As the pandemic persists, KCHD realized that additional and specific guidance was needed.

The **Business and Organization Toolkit** is a reference document that provides support to the business community within Kane County in an effort to prevent exposure to COVID-19 within the workplace as well as to keep all that enter the workplace do so safely.

The **School Toolkit** is designed to support all Kane County public and private schools to guide the implementation of measures to reduce COVID-19 transmission in the school setting, while meeting the educational needs of all students. The toolkit contains guidance for school personnel to understand what processes to follow to report any individuals who tested positive or have COVID-like symptoms. The document also provides resources to help school personnel implement state and federal guidance. KCHD has worked with schools in Kane County for the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance.

The **Faith Toolkit** is designed to support all Kane County places of worship and providers of religious services to assist in safer worship practices and activities for congregants and providers of religious services. The toolkit also guides the implementation of measures to reduce COVID-19 transmission in places of worship settings, while meeting the faith and religious needs of all congregants. The Faith Toolkit is available in both English and Spanish.

The guidelines within the toolkits are referenced from the IDPH and the Illinois Department Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) which were designed specifically for COVID-19 prevention of exposure, isolation and quarantine and contact tracing.

For more information about COVID-19, visit the KCHD website at KaneHealth.com

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