



**Kane County Health Department Director Reminds Residents to Continue  
Practicing the 3 W's to Stop the Spread of COVID-19:  
Wear a Mask, Watch your Distance, Wash your Hands**

*Department Partners with Local Medical Community to Launch New Awareness Efforts*

**September 17, 2020** - Kane County Health Department Director Barbara Jeffers cites high test positivity and case rates as a reason for the public to get back to the basics and practice the 3 W's: Wear your Mask, Watch your Distance and Wash your Hands.

“We continue to see people not wearing their masks and getting together in groups that are simply too big for this stage of the pandemic” stated Director Jeffers. Current Illinois guidelines require wearing a mask in public when social distancing cannot occur and limit the size of special events to no more than 50 people.

“Practicing the 3 W's is what people should do” said Jeffers. “Each of us should consider for ourselves why it is important. Taking these protective measures will protect your health, prevent you from missing work or school and protect a loved one who may be older or have a health condition. You may literally be saving someone's life by preventing the spread of the disease.”

“Another important reason why to follow the 3 W's is that our actions now determine what the winter will be like for our schools and the business community, including restaurants who will be losing outdoor seating when the cold weather comes.” Jeffers continues, “Protecting our economy and getting students back to regular activities, like sports, will be much easier when we reduce the amount of illness in Kane County”.

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The Kane County Health Department is pleased to announce a new awareness campaign that will kick off with videos created in partnership with the Northwestern McGaw Family Medicine Residency at Delnor and the Rush Copley Family Medicine Residency.

“As family physicians we feel it is crucial to be actively engaged with the communities we serve,” states Dr. Jessica Lapinski.

“Our ultimate goal is to ensure we are providing the most up-to-date information to keep you and your family safe,” continues Dr. Rebecca Lara.

“The collaboration between the two residencies in Kane County is important because it represents a united physician front to reach the entire county,” concludes Dr. Natalie Choi.

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