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**To:** Honorable John P. Daley, *Chairman, Finance Committee*

**From:** Cook County Health

**CC:** Annette C.M. Guzman, *Budget Director*  
Department of Budget & Management Services

**Date:** August 1, 2021

**Re:** Request for Information from FY2021 Mid-Year Budget Hearing

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The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing held on July 20, 2021 to discuss our FY2021 Mid-Year Budget position.

**I. Request ID# 4020-01**

Commissioner Miller asked, "Can you provide data in the form of a chart that reflects unvaccinated areas and provide that information to Bureau of Administration/Economic Development that will help show which areas/businesses will have both a slower economic return and high unvaccinated rates."

**Response:**

CCH provided the CCDPH maps to the Bureau of Economic Development to incorporate into their analysis to determine distribution of resources to communities most impacts. Economic Development indicated this would be incorporated into their model that was developed by the County Finance team for the equitable distribution of CRF funds. The

link: <https://ccdphcd.shinyapps.io/covid19/> (go to "Maps" tab)

Download link here:

[https://ccdphcd.shinyapps.io/covid19/\\_w\\_b7dd8d65/session/95342f4ca8bc749350657da1289180ea/download/downloadTowns?w=b7dd8d65](https://ccdphcd.shinyapps.io/covid19/_w_b7dd8d65/session/95342f4ca8bc749350657da1289180ea/download/downloadTowns?w=b7dd8d65)

**II. Request ID # 4020-02**

Commissioner Miller stated, "would like more data related to the BCBS equity bonus as well as the information on the entities that are participating in their program."

**Response:**

Attached are the BCBS guidelines which contain information on what data is collected (starting on Page 7). We are meeting with BCBS in the coming weeks to discuss further what they will be doing with this data, but in the guidelines, they indicate they would use this data to evaluate the Hospitals' participation in the program and report on all participants' results. Note, this program is still ramping up – for example they are still setting up the site for our data upload.

The list of participants includes Loyola/Trinity Health, Mt. Sinai, Northshore, RUSH University Medical Center, Southern IL U/Memorial Health, and University of Illinois Health. It is likely that most of these participants have a higher BCBS population than we have.

**III. Request ID # 4020-03**

Commissioner Lowry asked “[to] receive data by each district that shows unvaccinated individuals in addition to the target populations that still have yet to receive the vaccinations.”

**Response:**

CCDPH’s “ShinyApp” data on the website shows rates by the municipalities in CCDPH’s jurisdiction. For the city districts, the Chicago Department of Public Health has rates laid out by neighborhood Click [here](#).

**IV. Request ID # 4020-04**

Commissioner Sims asked “How many of the CCH clinics have televisions that provide educational health PSAs like Advocate Hospital does and what are the current educational information that is provided? Also, is there a possibility of adding vaccination information for patients to the televisions to educate them while they are in the waiting rooms within all of the CCH clinics?”

**Response:**

Many Community Clinics have televisions but do not have the devices that provide educational health PSAs. Currently CCH has educational brochures in multiple languages and there is a comprehensive catalog of educational materials providers can access from the electronic medical record system. To accomplish providing educational health PSAs via television CCH would need to contract a vendor(s) to provide televisions, PSA messaging Applications and collaborate with the CCH Information Technology Department. CCH will review options to determine the feasibility of displaying PSAs in this manner.

**V. Request ID # 4020-06**

Commissioner Moore asked “Do you need a doctor’s order at the COVID testing tent on the Stroger campus?”

**Response:**

Currently, the COVID testing tent is only open to patients and employees, but we are looking at ways to expand this to open access.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions,