



# CDPH Board of Health Updates – April 2024

**April 24, 2024**

**Commissioner Olusimbo (Simbo) Ige, MD, MS, MPH**

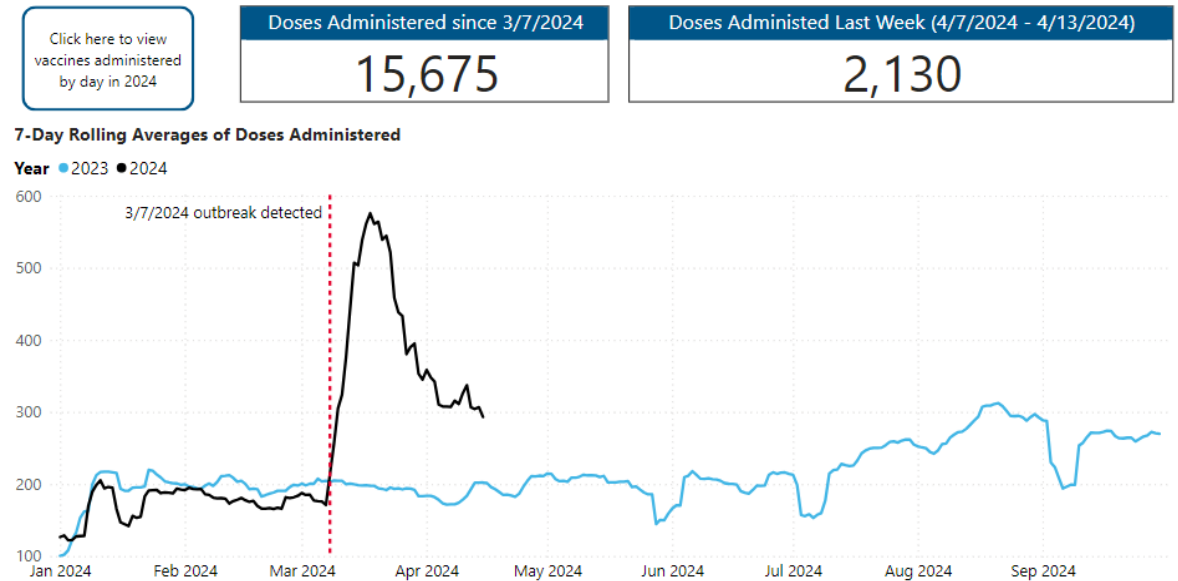
# Priority Initiatives

- Enhance capacity for early detection, investigation, and response to communicable diseases
- Syndemic Infectious Diseases
- Release a progress report on Healthy Chicago 2025
- Expand Family Connects Chicago
- Expand Crisis Assistance Response and Engagement (CARE) 911 Alternate Response
- Narcan Distribution Strategy
- Treatment not Trauma Clinic Expansion
- Increase vaccine preventable infectious disease vaccination rates in most impacted communities (flu, COVID, MMR, Varicella)
- Plan and prepare for 2024 Democratic National Convention
- Improve internal systems achieve an equitable delegate pool
- Increase public health visibility in marginalized communities**
- Expand workforce capacity and increase efficiency of hiring process

# Commissioner's Update

# ★ Infectious Disease Update

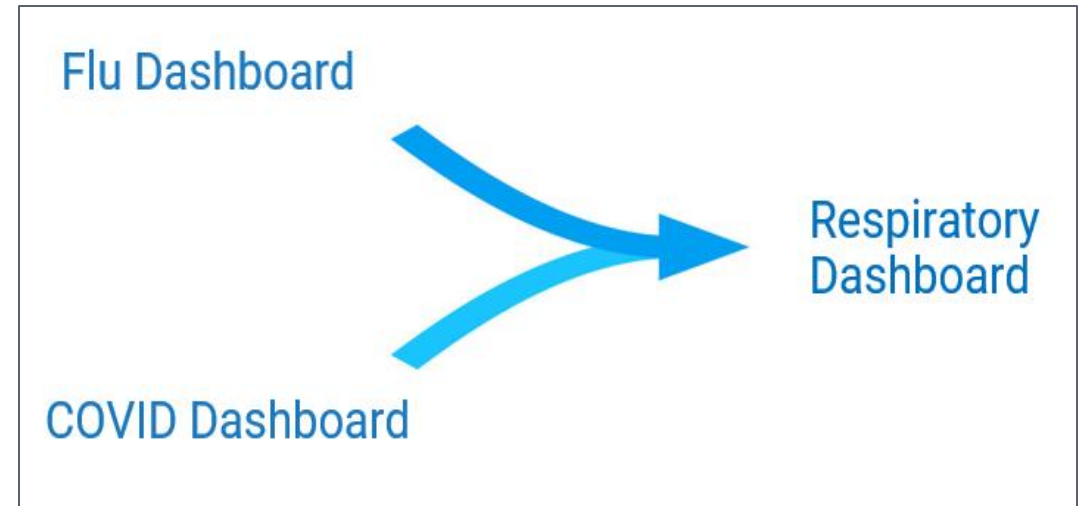
- CDPH on pace to receive more disease reports in 2024 than in any of the past 5 years
  - Disease Control Bureau has investigated over 20 infectious disease outbreaks this year
  - Resurgence of VPDs likely due to COVID-19 pandemic-related effects
    - Delays in childhood vaccination rates/shifts in vaccine sentiments
- 64 documented cases of measles since early March
  - Vast majority of cases associated with exposure in new arrivals shelter
  - Rate of infection has slowed due to vaccination campaign, but recent cases are not associated with the original shelter
    - Broader outreach/education regarding vaccination is necessary



[Measles-Containing Vaccines Administered to Chicago Residents](#)

# ★ Change in COVID Reporting Guidelines

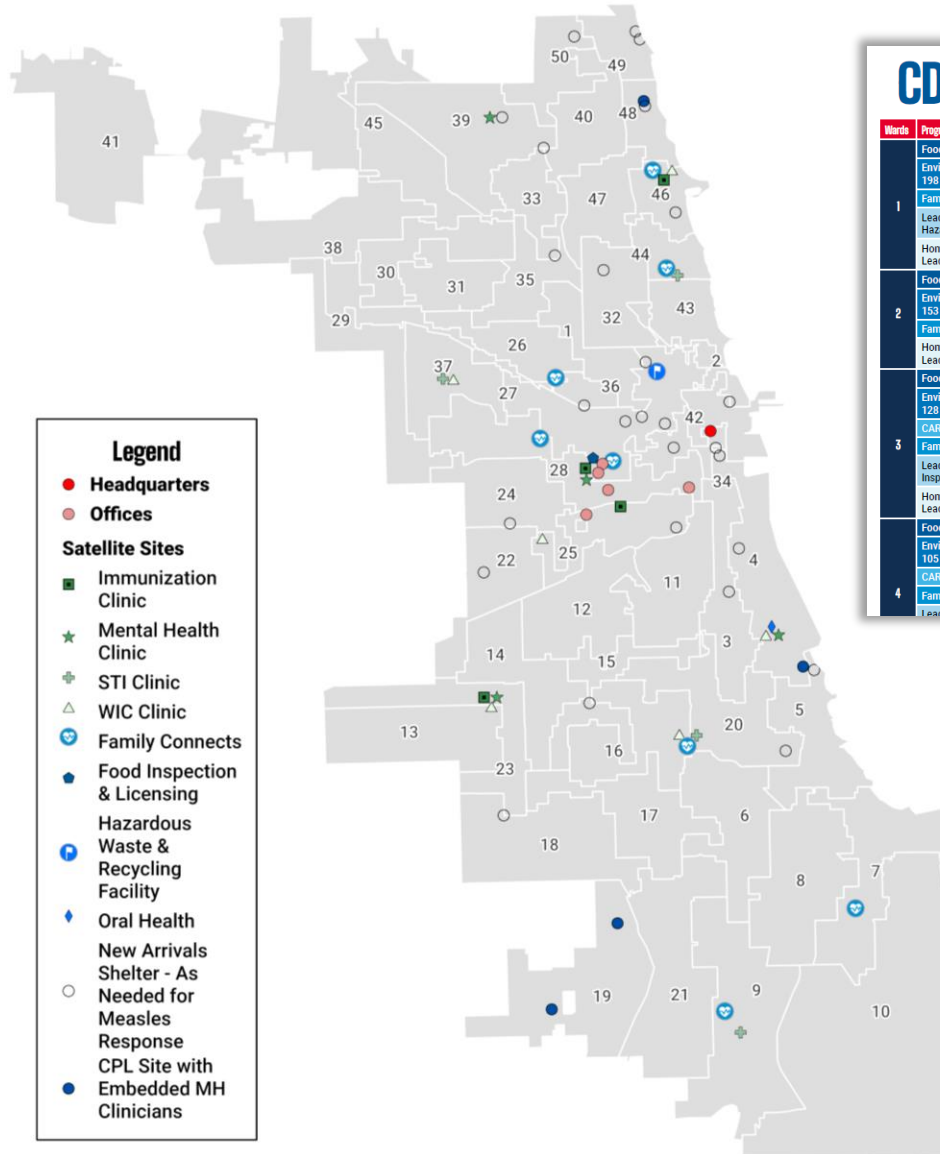
- **February 2024** – IL Administrative Rules for communicable disease reporting were updated to align COVID-19 reporting requirements with those of influenza and newly-reportable RSV.
- **After April 30** – Hospitals will no longer be required to report hospital respiratory pathogen, bed capacity, and supply data (i.e., “COVID-19 Hospital” data) to HHS.
- **After May 18** – IDPH will operationalize these updates within I-NEDSS, which will significantly impact CDPH’s current data collection processes.
- **May 18 – August** – Development of merged respiratory dashboard for planned August launch



# CDPH Lease

- 111 West Washington Lease Ends in August
- 198 staff housed at HQ
- June City Council Meeting
  - Waiting for agreement with building
- Where We Are: map of CDPH locations and table of CDPH direct services by ward

## CDPH Locations 2024



## CDPH Field Work Services by Ward

Wards	Programmatic Field Work	Wards	Programmatic Field Work	Wards	Programmatic Field Work	Wards	Programmatic Field Work
1	Food Inspection: 705	7	Food Inspection: 215	13	Food Inspection: 235	18	Food Inspection: 198
	Environmental Inspection: 198		Environmental Inspection: 92		Environmental Inspection: 50		Environmental Inspection: 101
	Family Connects Visits: 27		Family Connects Visits: 73		CARE Responses: 6		CARE Responses: 17
	Lead-Based Paint Hazard Inspection: 4		Lead-Based Paint Hazard Inspection: 28		Lead-Based Paint Hazard Inspection: 4		Family Connects Visits: 60
2	Home Visits to Lead-Exposed Children: 4	8	Home Visits to Lead-Exposed Children: 21	14	Home Visits to Lead-Exposed Children: 2	19	Lead-Based Paint Hazard Inspection: 4
	Home Lead Abatements: 3		Home Lead Abatements: 3		Home Visits to Lead-Exposed Children: 2		Home Visits to Lead-Exposed Children: 7
	Food Inspection: 547		Food Inspection: 336		Food Inspection: 254		Home Lead Abatements: 1
	Environmental Inspection: 153		Environmental Inspection: 94		Environmental Inspection: 130		Food Inspection: 244
3	Family Connects Visits: 5	9	CARE Responses: 31	15	CARE Responses: 5	20	Environmental Inspection: 71
	Home Visits to Lead-Exposed Children: 1		Family Connects Visits: 67		Family Connects Visits: 117		Family Connects Visits: 24
	Food Inspection: 300		Lead-Based Paint Hazard Inspection: 28		Lead-Based Paint Hazard Inspection: 16		Lead-Based Paint Hazard Inspection: 5
	Environmental Inspection: 128		Home Visits to Lead-Exposed Children: 20		Home Visits to Lead-Exposed Children: 12		Home Visits to Lead-Exposed Children: 2
4	CARE Responses: 11	10	Home Lead Abatements: 4	16	Home Lead Abatements: 2	21	Food Inspection: 186
	Family Connects Visits: 72		Food Inspection: 173		Food Inspection: 189		Environmental Inspection: 172
	Lead-Based Paint Hazard Inspection: 10		Environmental Inspection: 131		Environmental Inspection: 109		CARE Responses: 5
	Home Visits to Lead-Exposed Children: 4		CARE Responses: 1		CARE Responses: 21		Family Connects Visits: 108
5	Food Inspection: 436	11	Family Connects Visits: 62	17	Family Connects Visits: 143	22	Lead-Based Paint Hazard Inspection: 27
	Environmental Inspection: 105		Lead-Based Paint Hazard Inspection: 24		Lead-Based Paint Hazard Inspection: 29		Home Visits to Lead-Exposed Children: 27
	CARE Responses: 11		Home Visits to Lead-Exposed Children: 19		Home Visits to Lead-Exposed Children: 19		Home Lead Abatements: 1
	Family Connects Visits: 60		Home Lead Abatements: 1		Home Lead Abatements: 1		Food Inspection: 301
6	Lead-Based Paint Hazard	12	Food Inspection: 345	18		23	



# Medicaid Redetermination

## Focus Population: Chicago Public Schools

- As of March 2024:
  - A total of 342,424 children were enrolled at CPS
  - ~ 2,779 new students enrolled between December and March
  - 79% are Medicaid eligible
  - 84.61% are enrolled in Medicaid

## Success driven by:

- Established Child Family Benefits Unit
- Helpline for enrollment support
- Multi-phase, multi-modal marketing campaign
- School-based events
- Direct outreach to families



# Departmental Updates

**CDPH Deputies**





# Financial Updates: Grants – Mary Emmanuel

## Submitted:

- 1/16/2024: Support and Scale Up of HIV Prevention Services in Sexual Health Clinics (\$1,000,000)
  - Strengthen the infrastructure of CDPH's STI Specialty Clinics and improve service delivery to address the Syndemic of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs).
- 3/29/2024: Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services through National Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nation's Health (\$700,000)
  - Strengthen CDPH's capacity and readiness to launch a national Community of Practice (CoP) to design and share local and national promising practices to reduce gaps and reverse declines in life expectancy.

## In Progress:

- 4/29/2024: High-Impact HIV Prevention and Surveillance Programs for Health Departments (\$9,466,440)
  - Implement a comprehensive, person-centered HIV prevention and surveillance program to prevent new HIV infections and improve the health of people with HIV in addition to supporting community engagement, health equity, Syndemic and whole person approaches to HIV prevention.

## Ending:

- No grants ending as of 4/31/2024.



# Financial Updates: Opioid Settlement – Mary Emmanuel

- The Illinois Opioid Allocation Agreement and a complementary agreement between the City of Chicago and the IL Attorney General govern the amount of funds Chicago will receive directly from national opioid settlements.
- Chicago will receive approx. \$90 mil. in settlement funds over the next eighteen years (Attorney General's Office est.)
- Pursuant to the terms of the settlement and affiliated agreements, these funds must be utilized for outside counsel fees and approved abatement programs identified in the allocation agreement.
- CDPH has expended approx. \$4 mil. of received funds, with much more planned for existing and future programs across eight priority areas.



# Financial Updates: Opioid Settlement Priority Areas – Mary Emmanuel

Priority Area	Description
Low-Barrier Harm Reduction	Improve access to and education around key harm reduction resources to promote the health and wellbeing of people who use drugs and prevent overdose deaths.
Linkage to Care & Substance Use Disorder Treatment	Invest in trauma-informed linkage to care and evidence-based treatment services for substance use disorder so that all Chicagoans in need of substance use disorder treatment are able to access a range of treatment services.
Long-Term Supports for People in Recovery	Invest in a holistic recovery support infrastructure citywide to destigmatize recovery and foster healthy communities of people in recovery.
Public Safety Partnerships	Work with public safety systems to support their ability to respond to the needs of people who use drugs with evidence-based treatment and recovery services to prevent cyclical utilization of emergency health and public safety systems and promote the long-term health and wellbeing of people who use drugs
Data Analysis, Epidemiology, & Geographical Analytics	Conduct actionable data analysis to inform effective interventions and provide community partners with community-level data to support holistic programming.
Education, Communication, & Outreach	Increase investment in public education around substance use, overdose prevention, and evidence-based treatment options, and promote stigma-reduction messaging.
Systems Coordination	Serve as a central convening hub for data and information related to substance use, work with other city departments to integrate public health and overdose prevention practices into their programming, collaborate with community partners, state partners, and neighboring local jurisdictions, to build a cohesive continuum of care for people with substance use disorder in Chicago.
CDPH Staffing	Increase the data and geographic analytic capability, internal evaluation, communications, and project management capacity of the CDPH Office of Substance Use.



# Financial Updates: Juul Settlement – Mary Emmanuel



## The Settlement

- The City filed suit against various entities for engaging in unfair and/or deceptive marketing in the selling of vaping products to Chicagoans under 21 years of age.
  - EQUITE litigation still ongoing
  - Juul Settlement: \$23.8 million awarded to the City of Chicago
- Chicago high school students are 10x more likely to use e-cigarettes than traditional combustible cigarettes.
- 10.9% of Chicago adults report being current smokers. Smoking rates are higher among Black residents (16.9%), people living at or below poverty (17.9%) and LGBTQ+ residents (14.4%)

## CDPH Action

- Juul Settlement funds will be used to mitigate youth vaping through education, local policies, parent and teacher supports, cessation supports, improvements in data, community engagement and outreach initiatives
- 500K has been expended to date
  - A creative firm, Youth Marketing Connection, was selected in late 2023 and has developed an educational media campaign around smoking cessation. Will launch May, 2024
  - CDPH plans to release an educational RFP with \$500 for two years to reach young adults and parents/guardians and all those that support youth: teachers, coaches, and other school support staff. Estimated 50,000 people to be reached in first two years



# Staffing Updates – Fikirte Wagaw

## New Hires

- March: 12
- Q1 (YTD): 43

## Separations

- March: 6
  - 5 resignations, 1 retirement
- Q1 (YTD): 14
  - 10 resignations, 4 retirements

## Funding Source

- Grant-funded positions: 525 (73%)
- Corporate-funded positions: 190 (27%)

## Net Change

- +18 staff for Q1, 2024

# ★ Legislative Updates – Kate McMahon

## City

- [O2024-0007340](#) – **Health and social service contracts**
  - Sponsor: Ald. Villegas
  - Status: Passed City Council – March 20
- [O2024-0007880](#) – **City Council consent of CDPH commissioner appointment**
  - Sponsor: Ald. Lawson
  - Status: Passed City Council – March 20
- [O2024-0007305](#) – **Clean and Affordable Building Ordinance (CABO)**
  - Sponsor: Mayor Johnson
  - Status: Subject Matter Hearing – April 3
- [SO2024-0008386](#) – **DFSS to provide City Council reports of New Arrivals and Asylum Seekers to be removed from Chicago shelters**
  - Sponsor: Ald. Vasquez
  - Status: Passed City Council - April 17

## State

- [HR 0665](#) – **Harm Reduction Solidarity**
  - Sponsor: Rep. Ford
  - Status: Placed on Calendar Order of Resolutions
- [SB 3301](#) – **IDPH – Local Health Protection Grants**
  - Sponsor: Sen. Morrison
  - Status: Heard in Senate Appropriations – Health and Human Services Committee – April 17
  - Companion Bill: [HB 4823](#)

## Federal

- [S 3393](#) – **Support for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act**
  - Sponsor: Sen. Sanders
  - Status: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders
  - Companion Bill: [HR 4531](#)



# Media Updates – Andrew Buchanan

## ***Headlines***

[CDPH Commissioner Dr. Ige talks to ABC-7 about Black Maternal Health](#)

[Chicago measles cases decline following vaccination efforts](#)

[Illinois, Chicago health departments celebrate response to measles outbreak](#)

[Health officials brace for a summer surge in asylum-seekers](#)

[City accelerates measles vaccine regimen, extends quarantine for children at shelter](#)

[Girl, 5, at migrant shelter recovering from tuberculosis, her father says, as city officials confirm ‘small number’ of cases](#)

## ***Healthy Chicago Podcast***

[Dr. Ige with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Regional Director Michael Cabonargi](#)

[Dr. Luna talks to Dr. Juanita Mora \(en Espanol\)](#)