

# FAQs

## about the Public Health Emergency Declaration Ending



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**Q: Does this mean COVID-19 is no longer a threat?**

A: No. COVID-19 is here to stay and remains a serious public health concern.

**Q: Will the COVID-19 virus continue to cause variants of concern?**

A: Yes. The COVID-19 virus will continue to mutate and cause new variants of concern.

**Q: What is the best way to prevent serious COVID-19 illness?**

A: Vaccines and boosters are still the best way to prevent serious COVID-19 illness.

**Q: Will CCDPH continue providing free vaccines and boosters in suburban Cook County?**

A: Yes. CCDPH will continue providing vaccines and boosters in suburban Cook County at community vaccination events. Find events at: <https://cookcountypublichealth.org/calendar>.

**Q: Will CCDPH continue providing free in-home vaccinations?**

A: Yes. CCDPH will continue providing free in-home vaccinations. Visit [bit.ly/40PfJF8](https://bit.ly/40PfJF8) to learn more.

**Q: Will CCDPH continue providing free rides to COVID vaccination appointments?**

A: Yes. CCDPH will continue providing free rides to COVID vaccination appointments. Visit <https://cookcountypublichealth.org/destination-vaccination> to learn more.

**Q: Will CCDPH continue supporting free COVID testing and referrals for treatment?**

A: Yes. CCDPH has free COVID-19 test kits for select organizations to distribute to vulnerable and high-risk populations. Learn more at: <https://cookcountypublichealth.org/covid-19-rapid-antigen-test-request>.

**Q: Will CCDPH continue monitoring COVID-19 community transmission levels?**

A: Yes. CCDPH will continue monitoring COVID-19 community transmission levels. To see the latest COVID surveillance data, visit: <https://ccdphcd.shinyapps.io/covid19>.

**Q: Will CCDPH continue informing and educating the public about COVID threats and prevention?**

A: Yes, for the latest information about COVID threats and prevention, visit [boostupcookcounty.com](https://boostupcookcounty.com) and follow us on social media ([facebook.com/ccdph](https://facebook.com/ccdph), [twitter.com/cookcohealth](https://twitter.com/cookcohealth) and [instagram.com/cookcountypublichealth](https://instagram.com/cookcountypublichealth)).

**Q: Will CCDPH continue recovery efforts for communities hit hardest by COVID-19?**

A: Yes. CCDPH will continue recovery efforts for communities hit hardest by COVID-19. For example, CCDPH recently awarded 39 grants totaling over \$8 million in Building Healthier Communities (BHC) COVID-19 Response, Recovery and Resiliency funding and 20 grants totaling nearly \$17 million in BHC Behavioral Health funding to expand mental health and substance use prevention, treatment and support in suburban Cook County.