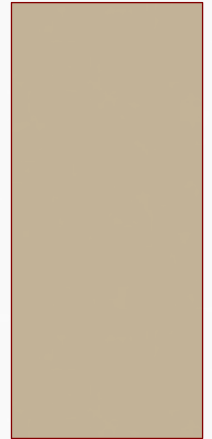


KEEPING OUR MISERICORDIA COMMUNITY SAFE

OCTOBER 30, 2022



WHAT'S NEW?

- Executive Order from 9/23/2022 changed Illinois guidance
- Directed all Medicare/Medicaid licensed facilities to CMS/CDC guidance
- Easing of mask usage
- Still waiting on updated IDPH LTC regulations
- Advised to continue current practices for now

CORE PRINCIPLES OF INFECTION CONTROL

- Vaccinations
- Surveillance and screening
- Source Control/PPE
- Detection/isolation/quarantine
- Hand Hygiene
- Surface cleaning/disinfecting
- Respiratory Protection/ventilation

MASKING

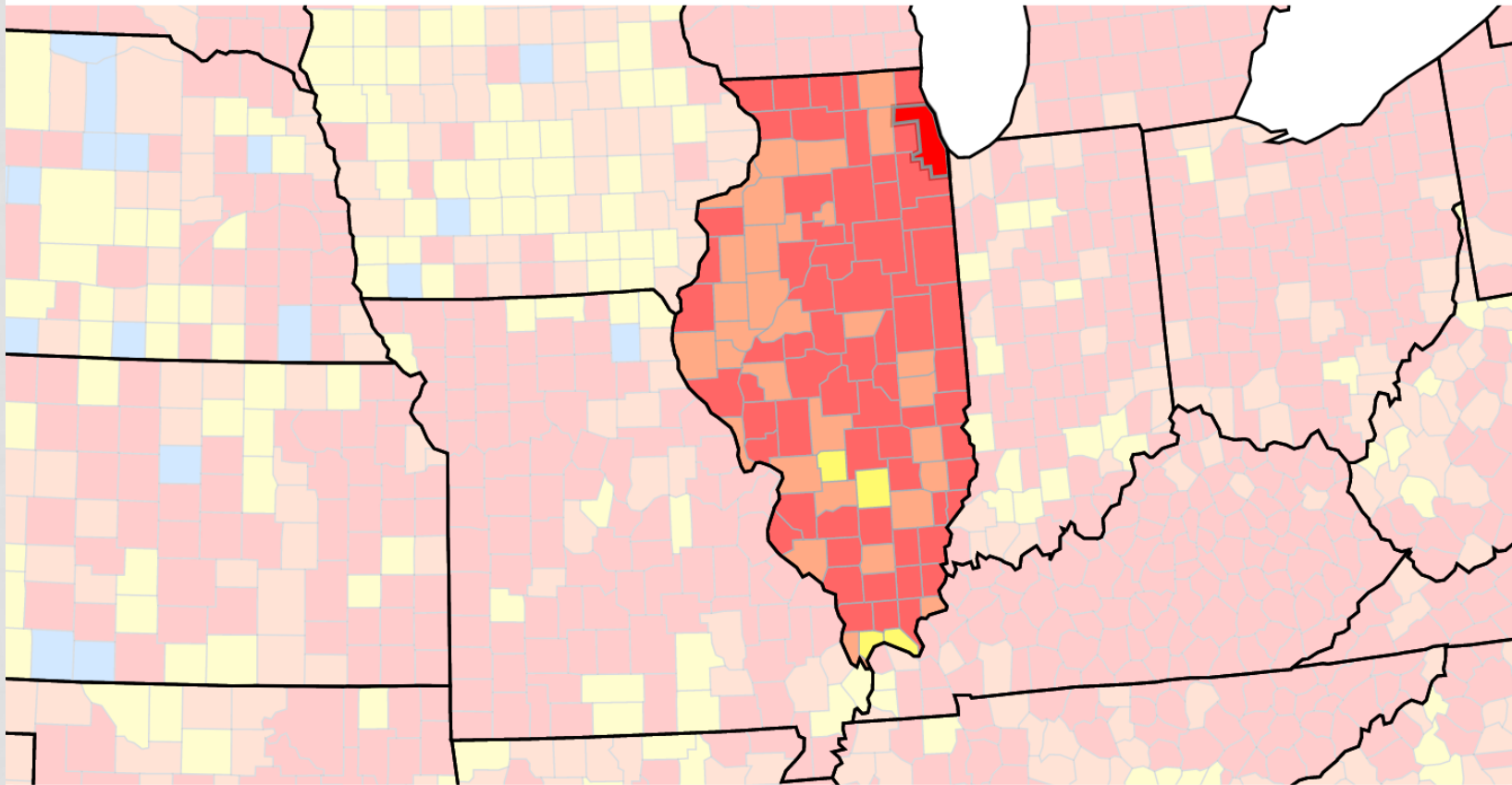
- There are other illnesses we are concerned about:
 - Influenza – we have already had cases this fall
 - RSV – increasingly more common among adults
 - Norovirus
- Masking is a key component of infection control
- McAuley will continue to mask at all times
- Campus will follow Community Transmission levels to determine mask usage – beginning 11/7/2022

COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION LEVELS

- Currently required to follow county transmission levels.
- Found on CDC website – healthcare facility use
- Covid outbreak in cohort supersedes transmission level guidance
- Provide guidance on mask usage
 - Red – high
 - Orange – substantial
 - Yellow – moderate
 - Blue - low

COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION AS OF 10/28/2022

Community Transmission in Illinois



● High ● Substantial ● Moderate ● Low ● No Data

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COMMUNITY
TRANSMISSION LEVEL

DATE:



RED – HIGH
SURGICAL OR N95/KN95
MASK REQUIRED

VACCINE BOOSTER

- Bivalent booster is highly recommended
- Walgreens is not staffed to run a clinic here at this time
- All families are strongly encouraged to take their family member to their doctor, Walgreens, etc to receive the booster
- Many families have already done this with ease
- Easy registration online
- Request a copy of your family member's current vaccination card before you go
- Bring proof back to Misericordia for the medical record

RESIDENTIAL UPDATES

- Check community transmission level
- If red (high) – schedule an appointment for visits
- If orange (substantial), yellow (moderate) or blue (low) – visits may happen within homes/ apartments/units while maintaining social distance
- Small outbreaks continue to occur
- Holiday gatherings will be determined by residential area. Considerations will include space, community transmission levels, and outbreaks of covid or other illnesses. Please contact your administrator with questions.
- We anticipate outbreaks around the holidays as well, we encourage caution

MASK USAGE AND VISITATION GUIDANCE 11/7/2022

COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION	MASK USAGE	MCAULEY MASK USAGE	VISITATION
HIGH 	N95/KN95 required	N95/KN95 required	Visits should be scheduled and may be in designated spaces only
SUBSTANTIAL 	Surgical mask recommended	Surgical or N95/KN95 required	Visitation is open pending social distancing
MODERATE 	Surgical mask optional	Surgical or N95/KN95 required	Visitation is open pending social distancing
LOW 	Surgical mask is option	Surgical or N95/KN95 required	Visitation is open pending social distancing