



Health Alert



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Chicago COVID-19 Hot Spot Report

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Summary and Action Items

- **COVID-19 test positivity continues to decline in Chicago, however case incidence is slightly higher this week than last week.**
- The CDC is monitoring for spread of COVID-19 variants, which could lead to a new surge of COVID-19 cases. Continue to encourage consistent adherence to effective public health measures such as masking, social distancing, and hand-washing, even for those who have been vaccinated.
- **Enrolled vaccination sites should continue to vaccinate HCW in 1a priority, in addition to vaccinating patients and community members eligible for vaccination in 1b, especially seniors. People with underlying medical conditions are included in phase 1c in Chicago.**

Chicago COVID-19 Trends: includes testing data through 2/25/21

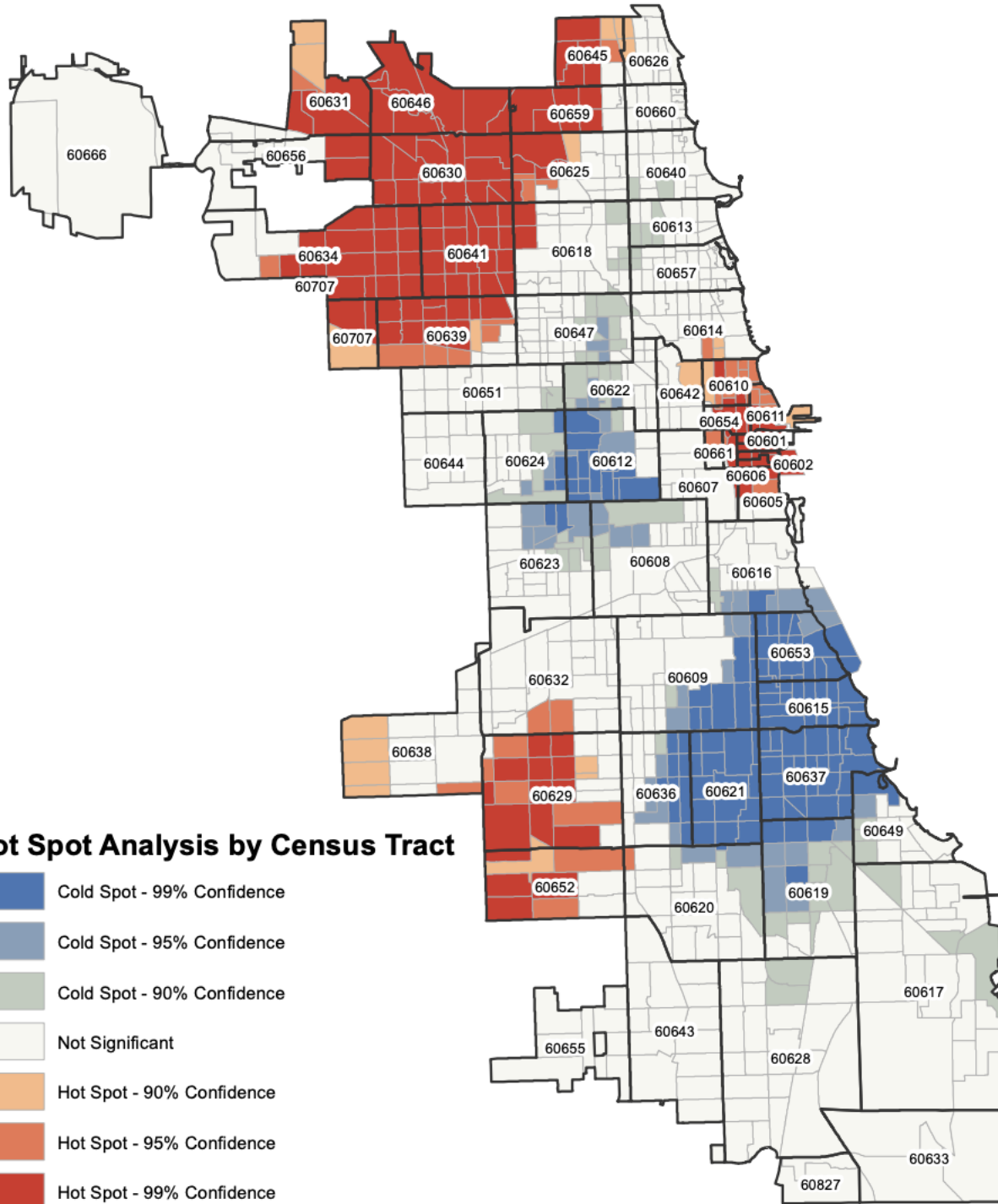
- 7-day rolling average for COVID-19 test positivity in Chicago is 2.9%. This is a **decrease** from the prior week's 7-day average of 3.2%.
- 7-day rolling average for daily COVID-19 cases in Chicago is 283. This is an **increase** from the prior week's 7-day average of 263 daily cases.
- 7-day rolling average for deaths related to COVID-19 is 6 deaths per day. This is a **decrease** from the prior week's 7-day average of 7 deaths per day.
- See [Chicago COVID Dashboard](#) for more details.
- The COVID-19 variant B.1.1.7 (strain first identified in U.K.) has been detected in Chicago. Other variants of concern (e.g. B.1.351 and P.1) have been detected elsewhere in the US and are likely circulating at some level. See [CDC page](#) for more information.
- While testing capacity has remained high, the daily volume of COVID-19 diagnostic testing has reduced.
- **Continue to offer testing to anyone with any possible COVID-19 symptom and anyone with possible or confirmed exposure to someone with COVID-19.**
- **Please also consider offering testing to anyone - regardless of symptoms or exposure - if their living or work circumstances make physical distancing difficult (e.g. living in multi-generational households or working in close proximity to others), or if they reside in the most affected areas of Chicago (see map below).**

COVID-19 vaccination information in Chicago:

- **The Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine was approved under Emergency Use Authorization by the FDA on February 27.** Chicago is anticipating a shipment of Johnson & Johnson vaccine this week.
- **The United Center is opening appointments for scheduling on zocdoc.com/vaccine on Thursday 3/4 at 8:30 AM. Appointments will be reserved for seniors only for scheduling until Sunday 3/7 at 4pm.**

COVID-19 trends and vaccination data:

Graphs and data regarding COVID-19 vaccination can be found on our [website](#) under "Latest Data".



Hot Spot Analysis by Census Tract

- Cold Spot - 99% Confidence
- Cold Spot - 95% Confidence
- Cold Spot - 90% Confidence
- Not Significant
- Hot Spot - 90% Confidence
- Hot Spot - 95% Confidence
- Hot Spot - 99% Confidence

Cases reported 2/7 - 2/20
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