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# CEO Report

Israel Rocha, Jr.  
Chief Executive Officer

December 9, 2022



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# Recognition



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# Stroger Hospital 20th Anniversary

**December 12, 2022**

An event will be held to celebrate Stroger Hospital's 20th anniversary on December 12, at 4pm in hospital cafeteria.

A video about the hospital and more details about its history are available at [cookcountyhealth.org/stroger-hospital-20th-anniversary](https://cookcountyhealth.org/stroger-hospital-20th-anniversary)



# Cermak OTP Accreditation

After a thorough survey, the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) will continue to accredit **Cermak Health Services** for its compliance with NCCHC's Standards for Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) in Correctional Facilities.

Accreditation by NCCHC signifies that Cermak meets the nation's premier standards on correctional health care. Cermak is one of the few correctional health sites in the country that has an accredited OTP.



**NATIONAL COMMISSION  
ON CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE**



# Health Care Equity Honor



The Illinois Commission on Diversity and Human Relations honored Cook County Department of Public Health Chief Operating Officer Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck at its 53rd annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Remembrance Dinner on November 19.

The theme of this year's event was "Heeding Dr. King's Call for Health Care Equity." Dr. Hasbrouck was recognized for his role in advancing health care equity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Carol Emmott Fellowship



Andrea Gibson, Cook County Health Chief Strategy Officer, was selected to participate in the Carol Emmott Fellowship Class of 2023. Ms. Gibson was one of 21 women leaders selected across the U.S.

The Carol Emmott Fellowship is dedicated to increasing gender equity and diversity in health care by focusing on establishing pathways for accomplished women to senior health care leadership and governance positions.

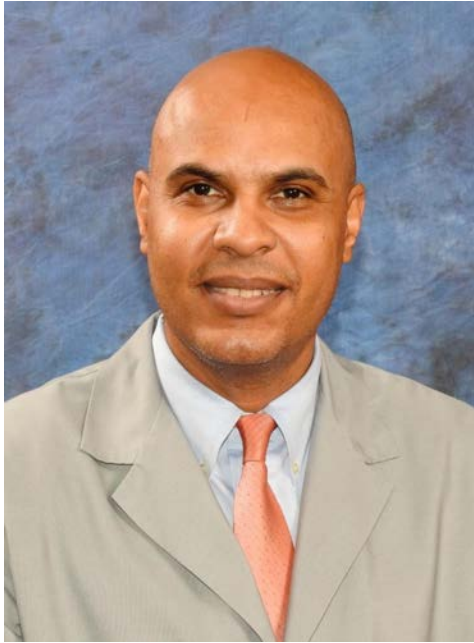
# Mark of Excellence



The National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) Chicago Chapter recognized Shannon Andrews, Chief Equity and Inclusion Officer with the Mark of Excellence for her exceptional years of public service at an award ceremony on October 29.

At the event, CCH Board of Directors Vice Chair and Cook County Commissioner Dennis Deer (2nd District) was honored with the President's Award.

# ACP-IL Governor-Elect



Dr. Benjamin Mba, Associate Chair of Medicine for Faculty Development & Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency Program, was appointed the American College of Physicians (ACP) Illinois Northern Chapter Governor-elect Designee.

Dr. Mba will start his four-year term as Governor in the Spring of 2024.

As Governor, he will serve as the official representative of the College for the Illinois ACP-American College of Physicians, providing a link between members at the local level and leadership at the national level.



# New Leaders



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# Welcome

## New Hires

### **Kerianne Burke**

Project Manager Support Services Health, Administration CORE

### **Maritza Guzman**

Corporate Communications Manager, Public Relations

### **Felica Hale**

Managed Care Clinical Operations Manager, Clinical Services

### **Deanna Read**

Manager of Quality of Care & Population, Managed Care

# Welcome

## New Hires

### **Allison Horton**

Communications Manager, Public Relations

### **Mithu Lijo**

Physical Therapy Manager, Physical Therapy

### **Shelia Peques-Porter**

Director of Public Health Communications, Public Health

### **Andrea Ramel**

Director of Quality Improvement-Hospital Based Services, Quality & Patient Safety

# Welcome

## New Hires

### **Marco Shelby**

Director of Care Coordination & Complex Care Management, Health Plan Services

### **Sherri Spencer**

Director of Medical/Surgical Nursing, Nursing Administration

### **Tony Thomas**

Occupational Therapy Associate Manager, Occupational Therapy

### **Austyn Young**

Senior Operations Manager, Health, CountyCare

# Congratulations

## Promotions

### **Denise Gilbert**

*\*Chief Nursing Officer, Department of Public Health*

### **Priyang Baxi**

Senior Director of Business Operations and Finance in Nursing, Nursing Administration

### **Gina Taglia**

Director of Systems and Operations in Nursing, Nursing Administration

### **Rachelle Casambre**

Director of Delegation & Vendor Oversight, County Care

### **Lori Howard**

Manager of Juvenile Justice Care Coordination, Behavioral Health



# Congratulations

## Promotions

### **Jerome Pagell**

Security Information Officer, Health Information Systems

### **Ashlesha Patel**

Associated Medical Chairman, OB/GYN Administration

### **Emily Lupo**

Countycare Director of Population Health & Performance Improvement, Managed Care

### **Ena Mahapatra**

Chair of the Division of General Medicine, General Medicine

# Respiratory Virus Update



Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck, COO, Cook County Department of Public Health

Dr. Sharon Welbel, Division Chair, Infection and Hospital Epidemiology



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# Suburban Cook County Surveillance



LaMar Hasbrouck, MD, MPH, MBA

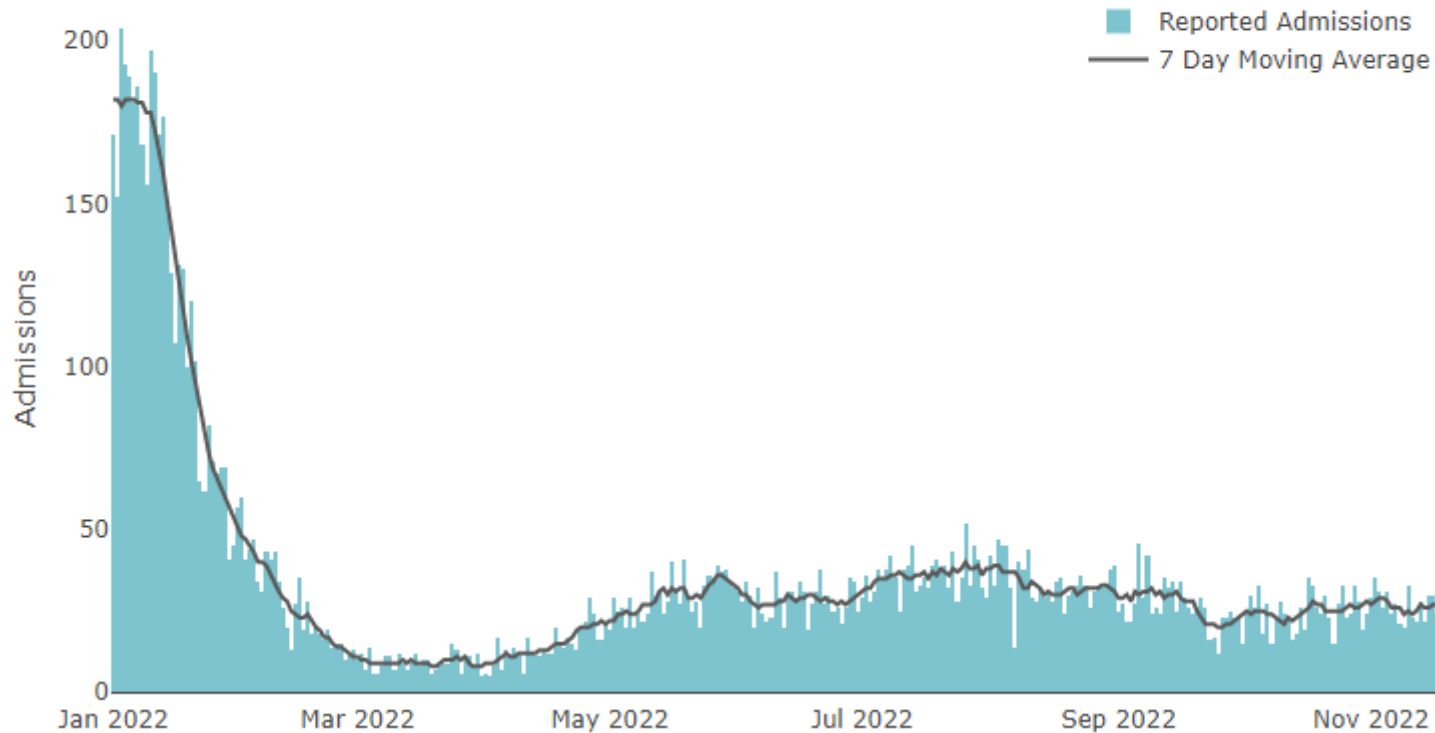
COO, Cook County Department of Public Health



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# COVID-19

COVID-19 Hospital Admissions



- Case counts, ED visits, and hospital admissions showing uptick
- New variants, BQ.1 family, B.2.75.2, and XBB, present in our area
- Pfizer and Moderna bivalent boosters effective against these strains
- Get Boosted!

# Respiratory Diseases: Influenza, RSV

## Influenza

For Week 47, ending Nov 26, 2022\*:

**High**

Risk Level for Influenza

**5.72%**

Percent of ED Visits for Influenza-like Illness

**25.5%**

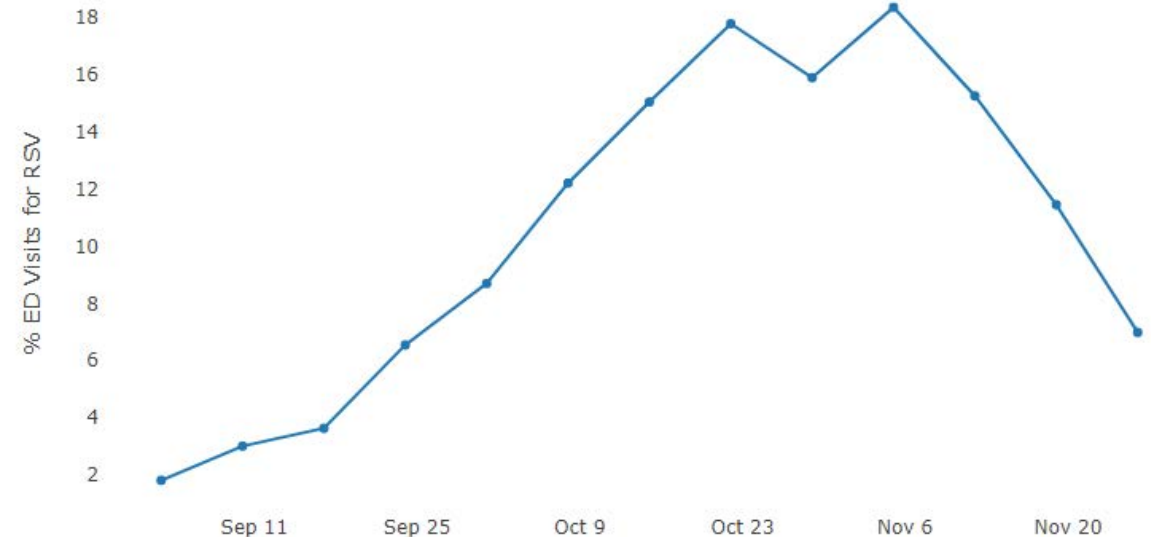
Percent of Lab Specimens Positive for Influenza

- 16% of ED visits among those <5 years are for Influenza-like illness
- Nationally, cumulative hospitalizations are the highest since 2010
- Coverage in pregnant women and some children **lower** this year than 2021

## RSV

- ED visits for RSV in children under 5 are currently at 7% and have been declining for three weeks
- Percent of lab specimens testing positive at our sentinel laboratories has also declined in the previous weeks

Percent of ED Visits for Children <5 Associated with RSV





# CCH Respiratory Virus Cases



Dr. Sharon Welbel, Division Chair, Infection and Hospital Epidemiology

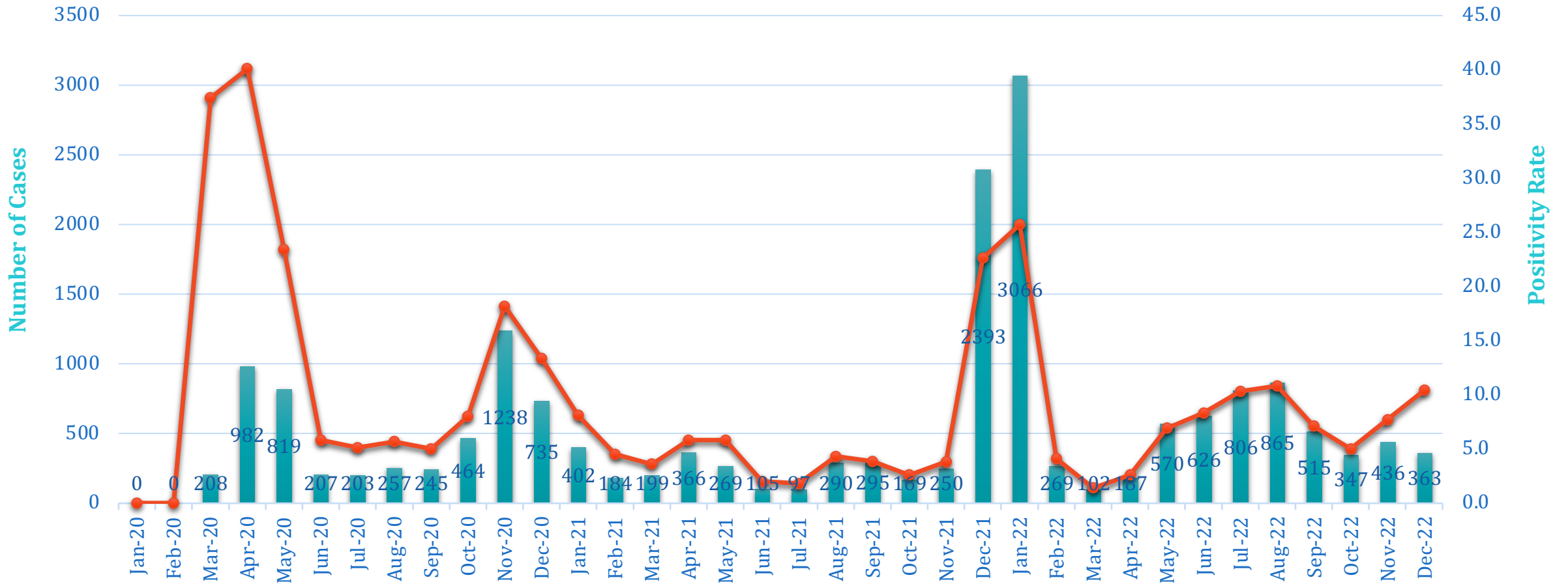


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# COVID Update

Jan. 1, 2020 – Dec. 5, 2022\*

## COVID-19 Cases and Rates per Month (JSHCC and ACHN)

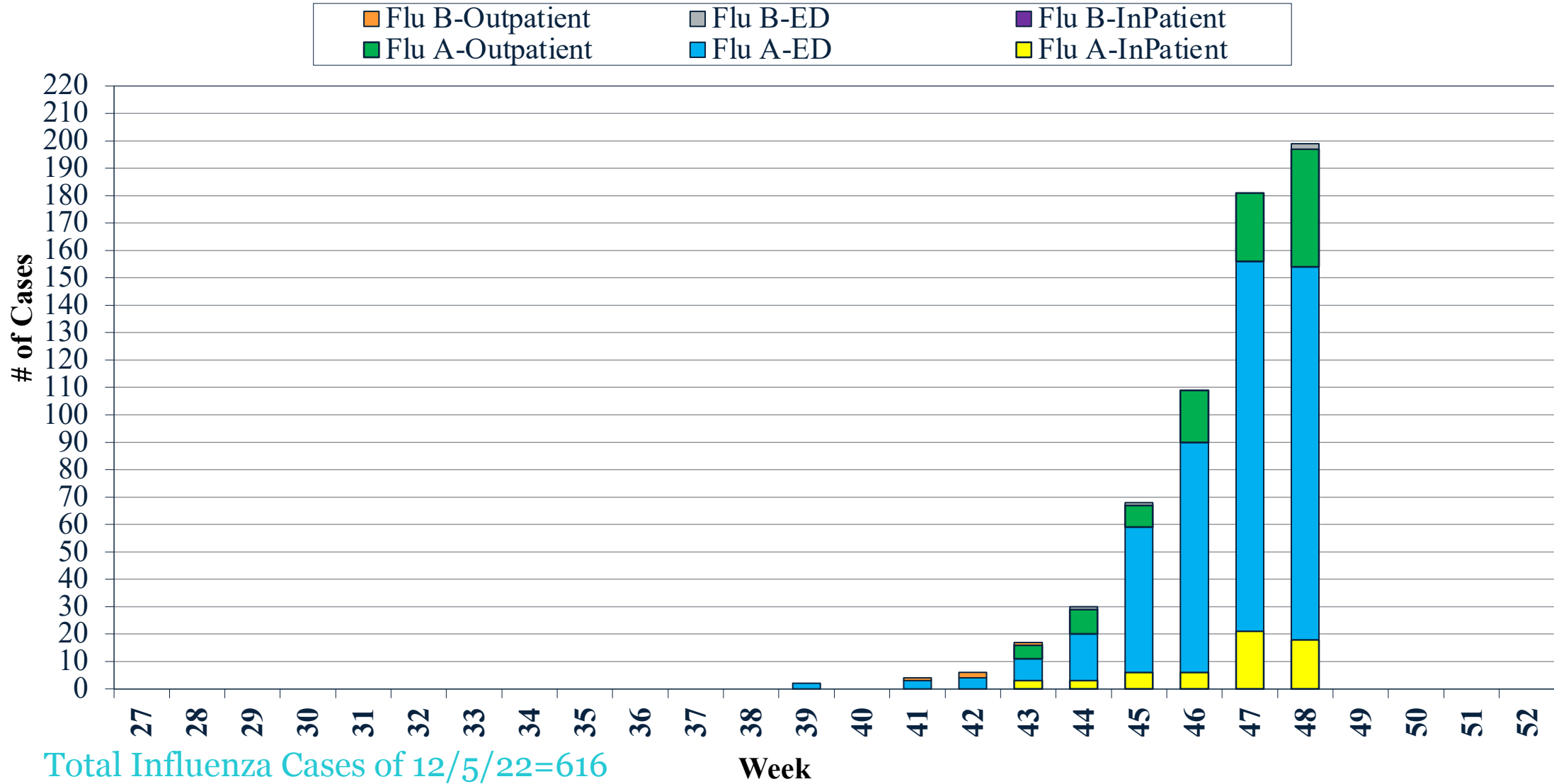


c 2022 cases as of 12/5/22 (66/636), Positivity Rate =10.4



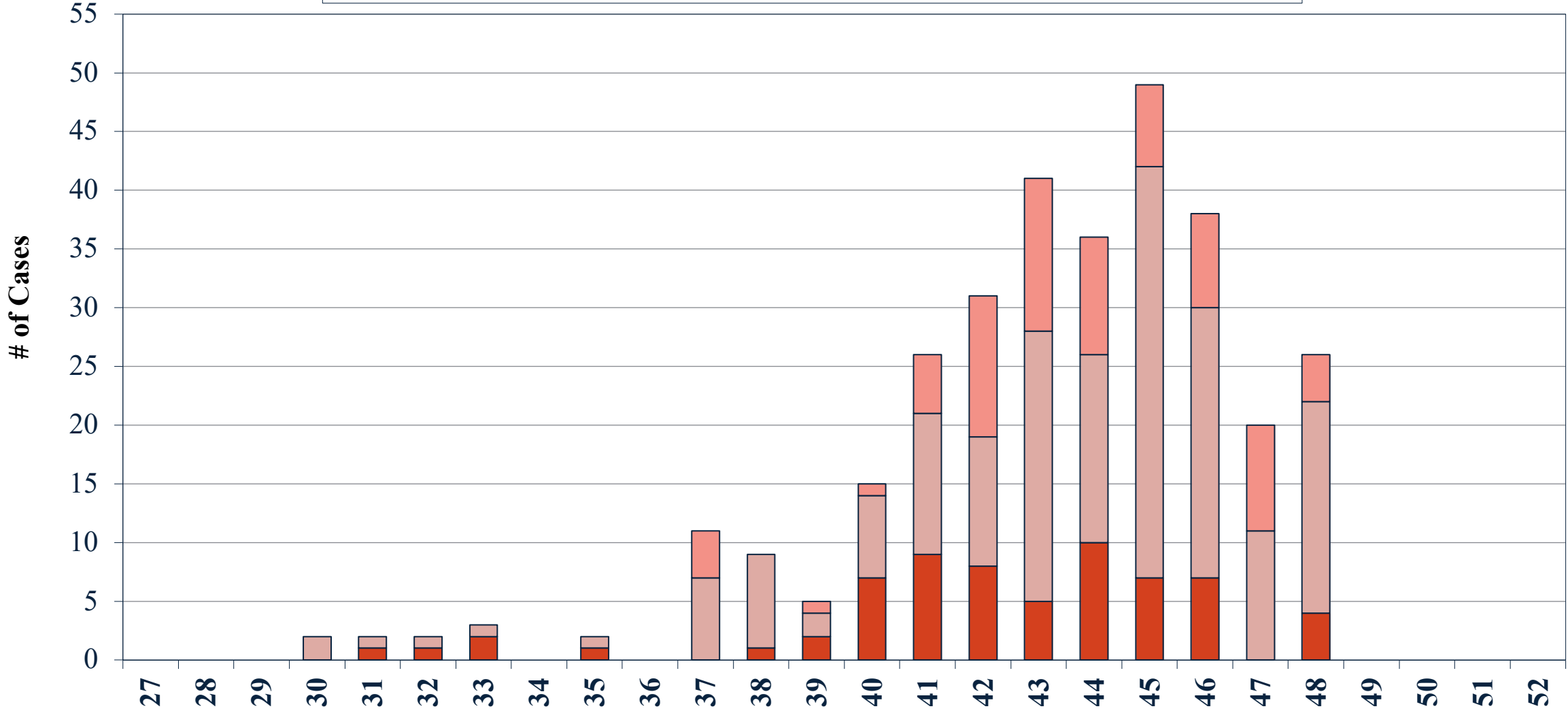
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## Influenza Cases, 2022-2023 Season, as of 12/5/2022



Total Influenza Cases of 12/5/22=616

# RSV Cases, 2022-2023 Season, as of 12/5/2022



# COVID-19 Vaccines

## Bivalent Vaccine Availability

CCH is offering bivalent COVID-19 boosters to staff, patients and community members by appointment at the following locations:

- Stroger Hospital cafeteria
- Provident Hospital 6th floor
- Arlington Heights Health Center
- Blue Island Health Center
- North Riverside Health Center

Patients may also get vaccinated during a doctor's visit at any ACHN location.

Visit [vaccine.cookcountyil.gov](https://vaccine.cookcountyil.gov) to schedule a vaccine appointment.

Just approved:  
bivalent vaccines  
for kids  
6 months to  
4 years.



# Systemwide Updates



Israel Rocha, Jr, CEO



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# Systemwide Operational Updates

- To address an expected seasonal surge in hospitalizations due to respiratory illnesses, inpatient capacity at Provident Hospital is being expanded from 25 beds to 38 beds through the introduction of semi-private rooms. Adult and pediatric surge space is also being added at Stroger Hospital, including a pediatric step-down unit.
- CCH plans to add two mobile MRI machines to the Stroger Hospital campus in the spring to increase access to radiology services.
- Telemetry has been expanded to the Stroger Hospital observation unit, with the goal of reducing the amount of time a patient spends in the observation unit or in an inpatient bed.

# Systemwide Operational Updates

- The expansion of rehabilitation services at Provident Hospital is in progress.
- Environmental Services has launched a project to decrease bed turnaround time at Stroger Hospital. To date, the team has achieved and maintained a 25% decrease in bed turn time, resulting in 117 additional days of bed availability during a 60-day time period.
- CCH and the Cook County HIV Integrated Program hosted an event on December 2 in honor of Worlds AIDS Day. The event celebrated the medical advancements made in the past 40 years to treat HIV/AIDS and reduce viral transmission.

# Appendix



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# Media Dashboard

- February 18 - March 24, 2022



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# Earned Media Dashboard: October 24 – December 4, 2022



Total Media  
Placements  
**563**



Total Reach  
**1.41 Billion People**



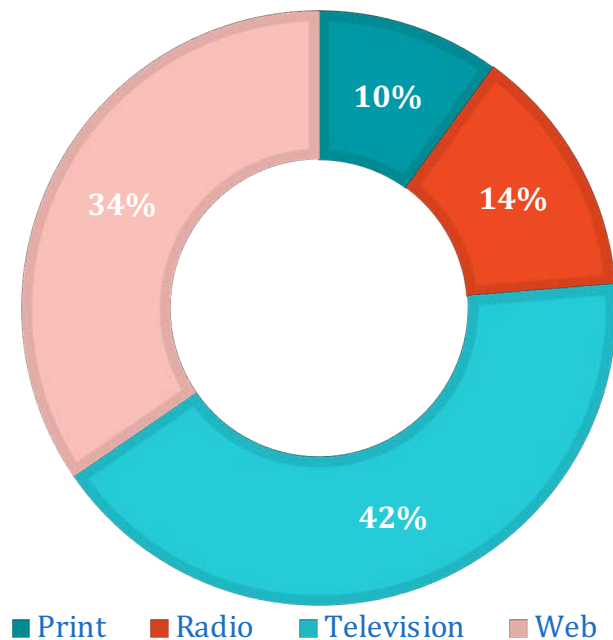
Total Media Value  
**\$13.0 Million**

## Top 5 Local Media Outlets

1. *NBC 5 Chicago*
2. *WBBM Radio*
3. *WGN*
4. *WBEZ*
5. *WGN Radio*

# Media Dashboard: October 24 – December 4, 2022

## Media Outlet Type



## Most Common Topics

1. Respiratory illnesses (COVID, flu and RSV)
2. Behavioral Health and Building Healthy Communities grant
3. Vaccines (COVID boosters and flu vaccine)
4. Health atlas
5. COVID variants and updates



# Recent Cook County Health COVID-19 Media Coverage

22,744 Media Hits on COVID-19 since February 2020



Flu cases skyrocket nationwide, pushing hospitals to brink



Should You Gather for Thanksgiving as Respiratory Viruses Surge? What to Think About



Cook County residents urged to get COVID booster, flu shot ahead of holidays



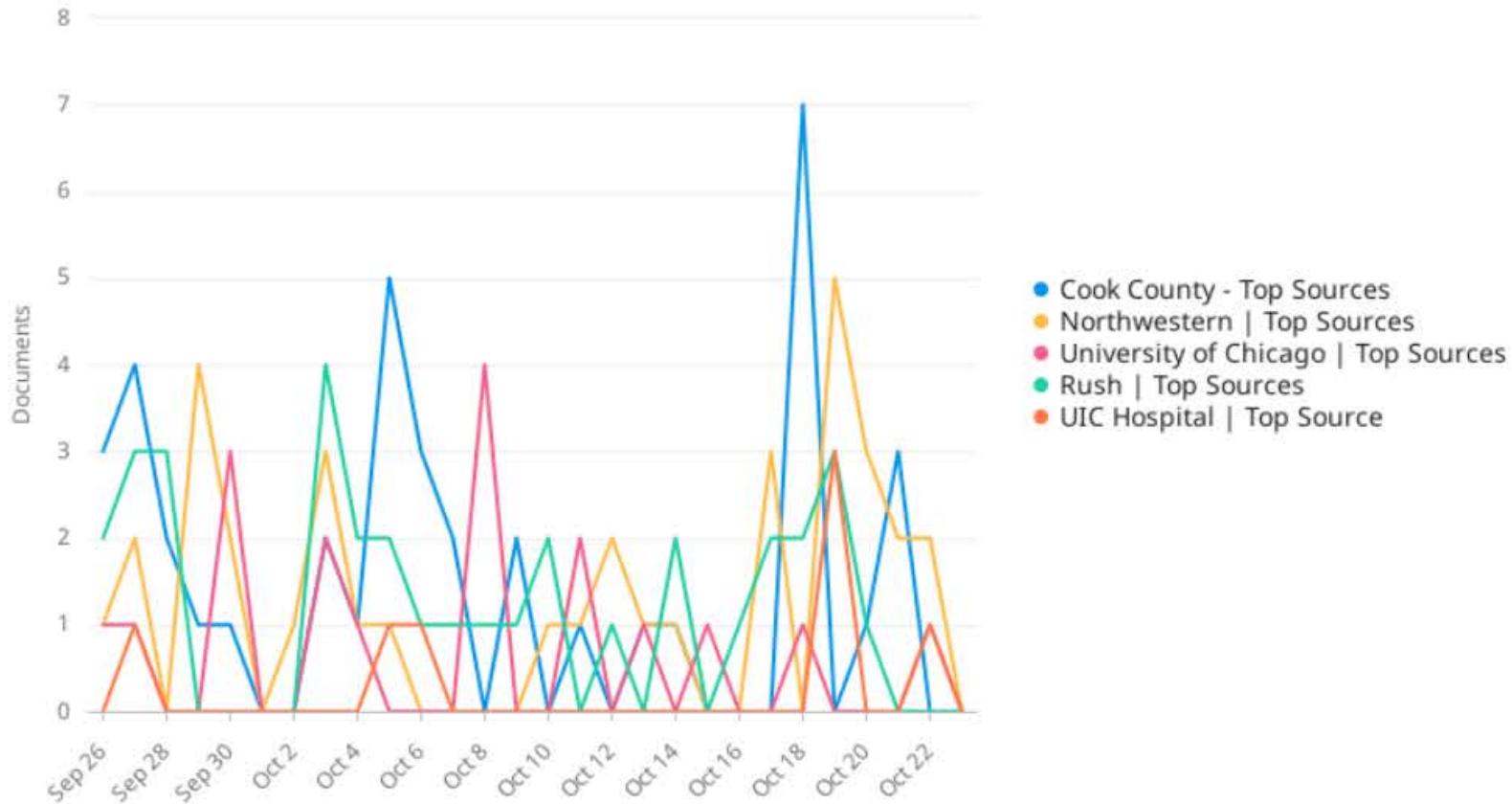
Worried health officials urge public to get boosted



Cook County Health wants residents to get 'Boo-sted' before Halloween

# Media Benchmarks

Top Chicago media outlets share of voice



Share of Voice by Search

