

# Mayor's Task Force Meeting Notes

March 17, 2020

## **Emergency Operations Center**

Opening March 18 at 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Steve Hagerty - City Manager Erika Storlie - Assistant City Manager Kimberly Richardson - Director of Health and Human Services Ike Ogbo - Fire Chief Brian Scott - Police Chief Demetrious Cook - Division Chief Kim Kull - Sean Ciolek - Patrick Diegnan

## **City of Evanston (Steve Hagerty)**

- Mayor Hagerty stressed the importance of having all sectors of the community covered so that they understand the sense of urgency in slowing the spread of the coronavirus
- There are 105 confirmed cases in Illinois as of today.
- Takeaways from the Governor's Call: federal and state aid packages for local communities—a few supplement packages would focus on the low-income population, business and healthcare

Critical points of interest were:

- 1) Slowing down the pace of the virus and following CDC directives
- 2) Having proper supplies and logistic units assembled
- 3) Working with Intergovernmental agencies to address human disruption
- 4) Blood donation to increase supply for those in need

- Director Ogbo confirmed there are four COVID-19 cases in Evanston. The individuals have been identified, quarantined, and are in isolation.
- Chief Kull confirmed the City is at a Level 3 activation for command center operations. We are operating under a National Incident Management System, there is a Unified Command Unit who will make key decisions and continue to work with community members.

## **Education (Eric Witherspoon)**

- District 65 and ETHS classes are cancelled through April. April 13 will be a tentative re-open date; however, they are prepared to extend that date if needed.
- Only essential personnel are on-site
- E-learning (remote learning) is going well for students and login numbers can be tracked
- Free meals for all youth are continuing to be distributed through these community centers: Robert Crown, Fleetwood Jourdain, Mason, and Cayman

## **Health Systems (Doug Silverstein)**

- Setting up immediate care facilities for patients exhibiting symptoms of the virus in Lake Bluff, Gurnee, Nilens and Skokie

- Stopped all elective procedures
- Temperature checks conducted for all visitors and employees
- Testing performed in labs are up to 200 test per day
- Working with neighboring facilities to maintain appropriate PPE

### **Non-Profits (Monique Jones)**

- Working with Northwestern University to conduct standing calls, invitations will be going out to local Executive Directors of the various non-profit local organizations
- Also researching funds available for long term community needs and emergency relief funding

### **Business (Roger Sosa)**

- Assembling a working group of ten members for a standard call
- Monitoring resources are available and will continue to update the City's taskforce. Looking to involve a large spectrum of industries and business associations
- Federal funds are available, and they will continue to research aid package options

### **Legislative Representative (Sen. Laura Fine)**

Continuing to monitor and address concerns from local constituents

- Working closely with State legislators on adjustments for issues such as: mortgage abatement, extended time for tax filing, business license fees, and extension for unemployment
- Other issues to address will be childcare, COBRA, medical funding, and a general stimulus package for local governments
- The Governor's Office provides updates twice a week to mayors and legislators
- Senate will review information this evening for the nutritional programs, and WIC. Updates will be forthcoming.

### **Houses of Worship (Pastor Nabors)**

- Will assemble a conference call for clergy and non-denominational leaders to disseminate pertinent information for local Houses of Worship
- Confirmation of no public worship service in the interest of safety for the community. Options are online worship
- Also seeking to work with potential lending institutions for immediate community needs

### **Seniors (Mary Leary)**

- Planning a conference call with long term care providers
- Will monitor and check with providers to learn if there are any urgent needs to share with the City
- Will determine if the CDC has any additional directives they can share regarding the health and welfare of Seniors

## **St. Francis Hospital (Kenneth Jones)**

- Three items to expedite from a State perspective:
  - Making sure we have collaborating agreements in place for hospital staff to transfer to emergency services roles as needed
  - There's been an extreme slow down for COVID-19 testing as the turnaround time is currently seven days