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, Niles 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