

Mayor's COVID-19 Task Force, Meeting Notes

March 31, 2020

Situation Report (Mayor Hagerty)

- The Federal, State and City of Chicago have collaborated to create three alternative care facilities: McCormick Place (Chicago), Metro South Medical Center (Blue Island) and Advocate Sherman Hospital (Elgin) for low to mild issues involving COVID 19
- The Shelter in Place order from the Governor's Office is still essential to follow
- Still monitoring local numbers for confirmed cases. Evanston is currently at 71. We are also tracking neighboring municipalities in Skokie and Chicago.
- PPE supply is ample for now
- The University of Washington has an analysis of individual state data. Please visit www.covid19healthdata.org for more information.
- City staff in the City Manager's Office are coordinating with local schools and hospitals for FEMA cost recovery training. Staff will be holding sessions regarding federal funding. Businesses and Nonprofits are encouraged to have an additional line item code in their respective budgets for COVID 19 for future cost recovery opportunities.

Spotlight on Evanston Community Foundation (Monique Jones)

- Survey for nonprofit organizations was distributed for assessment of needs, current operations and collaboration with their organizations
- Responses reflected addressing immediate and long-term needs for rental facilities, food insecurities, senior living, and support for childcare for first responders
- Created partnerships with additional leaders to examine how to consult on getting the necessary funding for rental assistance, grants, and have a centralized location to distribute this information
- Continuing to fundraise for the Foundation. If there is an interest, please contact the Community Foundation.
- Ways to support non-profit organizations would be to gather a few success stories you are aware of, meaning people working together for the community and promote.

Hospitals

- St. Francis (Kenneth Jones) - no update
- Evanston Hospital (Doug Silverstein)
 - Over 7,000 COVID-19 tests performed
 - PPE supply is ok for now. Isolation gowns and masks are a priority need, working with vendors for shipment of supplies.

Legislators

- **Jan Schakowsky's Office (Ann Limjoco)**
 - Question and Answer sheet on the status of various assistance bills available at <https://schakowsky.house.gov>
- **Senator Laura Fine's Office (Laura Fine)**
 - April 1 is Census Day and this is important for the flow of Federal dollars to the community
 - Outreach to have everyone participate will consist of digital advertising as well as social media
- **Robyn Gabel's Office (Robyn Gabel)**
 - We anticipate the Governor will communicate to extend the Stay-at-Home order to the end of April
- **Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz's Office (Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz)**
 - No update
- **Ald. Larry Suffredin's Office (Adam)**
 - Continuing to assist with County issues such as the property assessments
 - Property assessment deadline has been suspended until further notice

Senior Living (Mary Leary)

- The Working Group will meet April 1. Continuing to address re-entry of COVID-19 patients into the congregate population once released from hospital
- PPE supplies still needed

Business (Roger Sosa)

- Did a Facebook live session for the business community
- Distributing pertinent information to assist with emergency loan information
- Continuing to promote the SBA webinar, which will be held on Wed., April 1 at 1 p.m. register.gotowebinar.com/register/6041502340150566669
- Surveying businesses to see where the needs are and speaking with banks regarding loan information

Education (Eric Whitterspoon & Phil Ehrhardt)

- Received direction from the State to begin taking official school attendance
- Remote learning will continue through the end of April
- Continuing to partner with D202, D65 & PRCS to provide lunches over Spring Break
- Continuing to stress social distancing directives to students

Northwestern University (Dave Davis)

- Classes will be starting online this week

Faith-Based (Rev. Michael Nabors)

- Houses of Worship will ring the bells in an effort to show solidarity through these unprecedented times on Sunday morning, time to be determined.
- Still needing assistance on virtual worship services

Next Meeting: Friday, April 3 at 1:30 pm