

COVID-19 Task Force, Meeting Notes

April 17, 2020

Situation Report (Mayor Hagerty)

- Senior living centers continue to coordinate efforts with the City and community partners to care for people in congregate living facilities. We want to continue to monitor this closely so they have what they need.
- No official ordinance for masks, however, it's recognized as a best practice and CDC recommendation so people are expected to govern themselves to stay safe.
- Reading articles on flattening the curve, however there will be no loosening of the rules until evidence is solid and it is safe to do so. The data suggest confirmed cases are rising at a slower pace, but there is still a long way to go, and we will follow the plan as laid out by officials.

Spotlight on Local Hospitals (Doug Silverstein & Kenneth Jones)

- Evanston Hospital (Doug Silverstein)
 - The number of Intensive Care Unit patients are going down
 - Over 17K tests given with the 23% positivity rate
 - Over 2K people tested through the drive-thru method
 - The next steps include a robust taskforce for hospital services and how to do it safely for patients. The Physician Chairman board is providing essential input.
 - Examining areas of redress will include: mammography, invasive surgery, and types of PPE should be included in everyday service.
- St. Francis (Kenneth Jones)
 - Showing a steady decrease of patients on ventilators
 - PPE and n95 masks are all in great supply, however, isolation gowns are short
 - Universal masking protocol is practiced
 - Guiding principles from a re-emergence perspective are: protecting staff, associates, and the public; continued testing for COVID 19, responsible for proper PPE and availability, understanding out-patient flow, and clean areas
 - Continuing to monitor the Stay-in-Place Order

Legislators

- **Jan Schakowsky's Office (Ann Limjoco)**
 - IRS stimulus payments began to be distributed this week.
 - Paper copies of payment checks will go out the end of April
 - Any issues with the web portal will be identified

- **Senator Laura Fine's Office (Laura Fine)**
 - Monitoring the reopening efforts at a state level for IL who is also working with OH, WI, MN, MI and KY for best practices.
- **Robyn Gabel's Office (Robyn Gabel)**
 - Gig workers should continue to apply for IDES benefits.
- **Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz's Office (Karen McCormick)**
 - New state drive-up testing site will be located in the Evanston/Skokie area. More details at a later date.
- **Commissioner Larry Suffredin's Office (Adam Newman)**
 - Cook County Emergency Management continues to provide masks to Evanston health officials for distribution.

Education (Eric Whitterspoon & Phil Ehrhardt)

- Anticipating the Governor's announcement to close schools for the remainder of this school year.
- Working on a transition plan to begin classes again in August.
- Meal distribution will continue.
- Tonight ETHS Lazier Field big spotlights will be on for 20 minutes to honor the Class of 2020 Seniors from 8:20-8:40 p.m. This is part of a celebration in many parts of the country. Households will also be turning on their porch lights.

Senior Living (Mary Leary)

- Long-term care facilities reported new confirmed cases for employee workers
- A provider is working to coordinate with a local hospital concerning the proper discharge of patients.

Business (Roger Sosa)

- Some loans were approved this week. The majority of them were under \$150K
- Providing information on alternative lending sources to assist vendors
- Providing information on securing additional PPE for vendors such as grocery stores.
- On April 13 the City Council approved a partnership between the City and Northwestern University for the LEND program.
- This program provides microloans to women-owned businesses and minority-owned businesses for up to \$5K.

Northwestern University (Luke Figora)

- The university has shifted into recovery mode, reprioritizing needs for students on campus.

Nonprofit (Monique Jones)

- Kimberly Holmes-Ross, Evanston Cradle to Career, announced there will be a Facebook live event on Monday, April 27 at 3 p.m. for students and parents in response to COVID-19 to share stories, express concerns, and discover new coping skills as it relates to the crisis. Continuing to coordinate efforts around issues concerning non-profit organizations.

Faith-Based (Pastor Michael Neighbors)

- Regular working group calls continue
- Houses of Worship are reaching out to their constituents

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 21 at 1:30 p.m.

Student Advocates

Evanston Cradle to Career



COVID-19 Response

Join us **Monday, April 27@3pm- Facebook Live** for a critical conversation. Students and parents will have a chance to share stories, express concerns, and discover new coping skills as it relates to the Corona Crisis.

Co-Hosts

Pastor Monte Dillard, Leadership Trainer

Student Advocates

Kim Holmes-Ross, Community Engagement EC2C

