Evanston and COVID-19
An Evanston City Clerk’s Office Presentation
Hospital Beds in the City of Evanston

- Evanston Northshore Hospital has 26 ICU beds and 354 total beds
- St. Francis Hospital has 35 ICU beds and 215 total beds
- 61 total ICU beds and 469 total hospital beds in the City of Evanston
Lack of Equipment

- **1,600 ventilators available statewide** as of March 25

- Glaring **lack of PPEs** (personal protective equipment) such as masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer
  - CDC is allowing for the hospital use of surgical masks that are not effective at preventing COVID-19 due to a lack of available industrial masks that are better equipped to prevent the virus.
Severity of the Issue

- 20.7-31.4% of cases in the US are hospitalized and 4.9-11.5% are admitted to the ICU
- Many people across the country are already being denied hospitalization and/or tests
- About 15% of Evanston residents are above 65 years of age, a particularly vulnerable demographic
Potential Mortalities

Potential Evanston Mortalities Due to COVID-19
Given a 1.5% Mortality Rate

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Current Evanston Numbers as of March 26

- 55 cases, 6 from the last 24 hours
  - 2 of which are residents of the assisted living facility Three Crowns Park
- Evanston Northshore Hospital is able to provide only 600 tests a day, and restricts them to cases with mild-severe symptoms
- Columbia University researchers estimate that the true nationwide number of cases is 11 times the number reported due to undetected cases and a lack of testing
Economic Threats

- 39.6% of Evanstonians make under 30k a year and 13.3% live under the poverty line, as of 2017
- 15% are food insecure
- 17% don’t have internet access at home
- 5.45% do not have health insurance.
Economic Threats

- On an average day there are an estimated 1,000 homeless people in Evanston
  - The City of Evanston and nonprofits such as Connections for the Homeless have taken measures in recent weeks to provide housing for more of Evanston’s homeless population during this crisis
Free Lunches for Youth

- A little under 40% of D65/202 students are eligible for free or reduced lunch.

- **Meals are currently available for any resident 1-18 years old** with no financial need requirements. Pickup is on Mondays at Fleetwood, Robert Crown, Mason Park, and Kamen Park from 1-4pm. Youth can pick up 10 meals at a time - breakfast and lunch for each weekday.

- Each day the number of meals provided is rising. Yesterday, March 25th, **752 bags of 6 meals each** were distributed. 2,000 bags of 10 meals each are set to be available for pickup on March 31st.
  - March 25th was designated as an additional distribution day after locations ran out of bags on Monday, March 23rd within 30 minutes.
Policy Recommendations

Evanston makes its own stay-in-place order

- Los Angeles and Oak Park are two cities that have implemented local stay-in-place orders
- This would set clear expectations about the pandemic and create rules about practices and actions, even if the federal government doesn’t set regulations and the state’s stay-in-place order lapses

Equitable enforcement of the stay-in-place order

- In Chicago, initial offenders are given citations and repeat offenders may be arrested
  - If arrests are made, audit them to ensure no racial biases are taking effect
Policy Recommendations

Limit unnecessary human contact
- Order that no more than two non-family members can be allowed in the same place at once
- Entirely close parks and the lakefront, as Chicago has already done

Provide hazard pay for low-wage essential workers

Unboot cars

Provide water to residents whose water was turned off