

Mayor's COVID-19 Community Task Force

Meeting Notes

May 5, 2020

Situation Report (Mayor Steve Hagerty)

- We are continuing to track long term care facilities. The number of confirmed cases are increasing.
- We need to maintain compliance with the Governor's Stay at Home Order by wearing masks and only going out for essential activities
- There are 391 confirmed cases in Evanston to date. 74% of the cases are not hospitalized, 15% are hospitalized, and 11% are unknown.
- Skokie has 520 confirmed cases to date with 19 deaths. Evanston maintains 391 confirmed cases with 11 deaths.
- The City has begun tracking testing according to race.
- There are over 1K orders of isolation and residents being closely monitored
- PPE isolation gowns are needed
- There are no incidents related to police engagement for COVID-19

Meeting Spotlight: Public Safety (Police Chief D. Cook)

- The Police Department is strategizing new ways of policing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Police are making fewer arrests - no misdemeanor arrests if possible. If an arrest is necessary for a misdemeanor, they are managed through I-bonds for the offender, via Zoom or telephone.
- Adjustments have also been made to the organizational structure during COVID-19 for 12-hour shift schedules, which include relief days.
- All officers are in uniform to maintain a visible presence in the community. Very few officers in quarantine due to close contact with people who were testing positive for the virus - no fatalities.
- City parks have been a major objective for safety and patrols have increased in these areas. The goal is to have people comply with the Mayor and Governor's social distancing orders.
- Social distancing remains important so we continue to emphasize the importance of complying, especially for people between the ages of 15 and 25.

Sector Updates

Hospitals

- Northshore Evanston Hospital (Doug Silverstein)

- 171 positive patients, 33 patients in ICU and 26 patients on ventilators
- 37K test performed so far, 1,200 per day with a 27% positivity rate
- In the final stages for live antibody testing and will have additional details next week
- More N95 masks and isolation gowns are still need for PPE
- Amita St. Francis (Kenneth Jones)
 - 67 confirmed positive cases, 2 patients under investigation, 25 patients in ICU on ventilators
 - 591 positive tests, 118 discharges
 - We continue to maintain a strong supply chain with PPE
 - Workgroups continue on non-reemergence per IDPH guidelines

Senior Living (Mary Leary)

- Two providers plan to conduct map testing of residents and employees
- Long term care facilities are challenged by being low on the priority list for PPE supplies and testing. We are still open to donating PPE, and appreciate the City's response to the immediate need.
- We will continue to implement best practices by donating PPE, sharing healthcare staff resources, or infectious disease experts, providing access to testing or lobbying for national support for funding.

Private Non-Profit (Monique Jones)

- Added two additional task force teams to manage the needs of the community:
 - Seniors
 - Facilities (for building reopening)
- There's an organization providing translation services for Spanish, Arabic and French languages for additional populations to obtain services
- Two organizations shared they are providing free services for mental health and domestic violence: Metropolitan Family Services (providing virtual counseling services in English and Spanish) and Peer Services (will be hosting free substance abuse support groups)
- Evanston Care Network is a new online list of social services. You can call 311 for referral of resources if there are additional questions.

Northwestern University (Dave Davis)

- Currently working on reentry planning and preparation for students to return to campus in accordance with the Governor's Stay at Home Order for June 1
- Working on new guidelines for faculty to follow proper protocol and policies for PPE usage/training

Education (Eric Witherspoon & Phil Ehrhardt)

- Established a youth working group to offer tasks to do during the Stay at Home Order (example: babysitting for first responders)
- Information posted this morning on the ETHS website for the graduation ceremony, being held virtually on May, 24 at 10 a.m.
- Seniors will be receiving gowns and diplomas through regular mail

Next Meeting: Friday, May 8 at 1:30 p.m.