Mayor’s COVID-19 Community Task Force
Meeting Notes
May 12, 2020

Situation Report (Mayor Steve Hagerty)

- Unemployment continues to increase
- We will review information on Restore IL on the next call
- Evanston numbers include 480 confirmed cases and 15 deaths
- The seven-day moving average is slightly higher, around 13 cases a day
- Skokie has 600 cases with 22 fatalities
- We continue to look good on PPE supplies for masks and gloves and are expecting a shipment of isolation gowns
- Long term care facilities are still showing many confirmed cases for staff and residents - close to 200 cases and 10 deaths
- Police engagement is normal

Meeting Spotlight: Unemployment (Professor Robert Gordon, Northwestern University)

- Referring to three–slide presentation (attached to notes):
  - Slide One:
    - The current situation for three past episodes of employment status - April 2020 shows 14.8%, in 1932 unemployment was 24.4%, 1933 unemployment was 25%. The highest ever recorded for unemployment.
    - Post-war two major recession recorded unemployment above 10%
    - Recent numbers for unemployment remain worse than the post-war recession
  - Side Two:
    - Labor force collapsed in April defining unemployment as being without a job and pursuing gainful employment
    - Looking at millions of unemployment cases will provide more details for the current situation.
    - The population who are 16 years and older increased by 300K people between February and April. The labor force fell by 8 million
    - Looking forward from April to May there are additional unemployment claims each Thursday
    - Data will be skewed slightly because the official figures do not mention claimants who have returned to the workforce or working part-time etc
    - There are categories of factory plants and retail stores that will re-open with the new recovery plans for IL and the employment numbers will more than likely decrease moving forward
Side Three:

- Slide shows the seven-day average of new cases per 100,000 population. Evanston continues to go up.
- Evanston is up to 16 new cases going forward per 100,000
- It will take a decline in Illinois’ northeast region seven day average of new cases. We are currently not achieving that.
- The transition from Governor Pritzker’s stage two to stage three is still roughly one month or more away
- Stage five represents full recovery to include businesses restaurants and sporting events
- Issues to ponder for reopening will be if the population will respond to impact the economic downturn
- The need for additional stimulus spending beyond the first four months of unemployment compensation will be necessary

Sector Updates

Hospitals

- Northshore Evanston Hospital (Doug Silverstein)
  - A slight decrease in cases with 172 confirmed cases last week to 124 cases this week.
  - IUC is down from 40 to 26 beds with 21 patients on ventilators
  - 45K test done with a 26% positivity rate
  - Completed validation testing and should have additional information on antibody testing by Memorial Day week
  - PPE inventory is good.
  - Elective surgeries restarted today and continue to balance the recovery response with the Governor’s recovery directives.

- Amita St. Francis (Kenneth Jones)
  - Numbers remain stable with 54 positive patients, 9 under investigation, and 14 on ventilators. 20 patients are in IUC
  - PPE inventory is in strong supply
  - Beginning to reopen elective surgeries

Senior Living (Mary Leary)

- One additional provider has a confirmed positive case bringing the total number of providers with positive cases to 11 of 16 providers within Evanston.
- PPE continues to be an issue for supplies however the City has done exceptionally well with helping providers replenish.
Private Non-Profit (Monique Jones)

- The Private Non-profit has a total of 8 teams to manage the needs of the community:
  - Housing
  - Food Insecurities
  - Seniors
  - Child Care
  - Mental Health
  - Immigrants
  - Youth
  - Recovery
- United Way has donated 25K diapers, as well as other essentials for the population in need
- Evanston Care Network is live online and available to the public for additional resources

Northwestern University (Luke Figeroa)

- Continues to remain in the recovery and planning stages
- Following the Governor’s guidelines for classroom settings, dining, etc and how this applies to campus life as students return

Education (Eric Witherspoon & Phil Ehrhardt))

- All school counselors are working with the student population and particularly Seniors on a daily basis to understand and provide direction for basic career development needs
- Graduation for District 65 will be on June 1st at 7 pm

Next Meeting: Friday, May 15 at 1:30 p.m.
U.S. Unemployment Rate,
April 2020 Compared to Previous Episodes

- 1932: 24.1%
- 1933: 25.3%
- Nov 1982: 10.8%
- Nov 2009: 10.0%
- Apr 2020: 14.8%
- Apr 2020 Adjusted: 21.1%
February to April 2020,
Changes in Millions

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Seven-Day Average New Cases Per 100,000 Population

- United States
- Evanston