

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 Figueroa)

- 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)

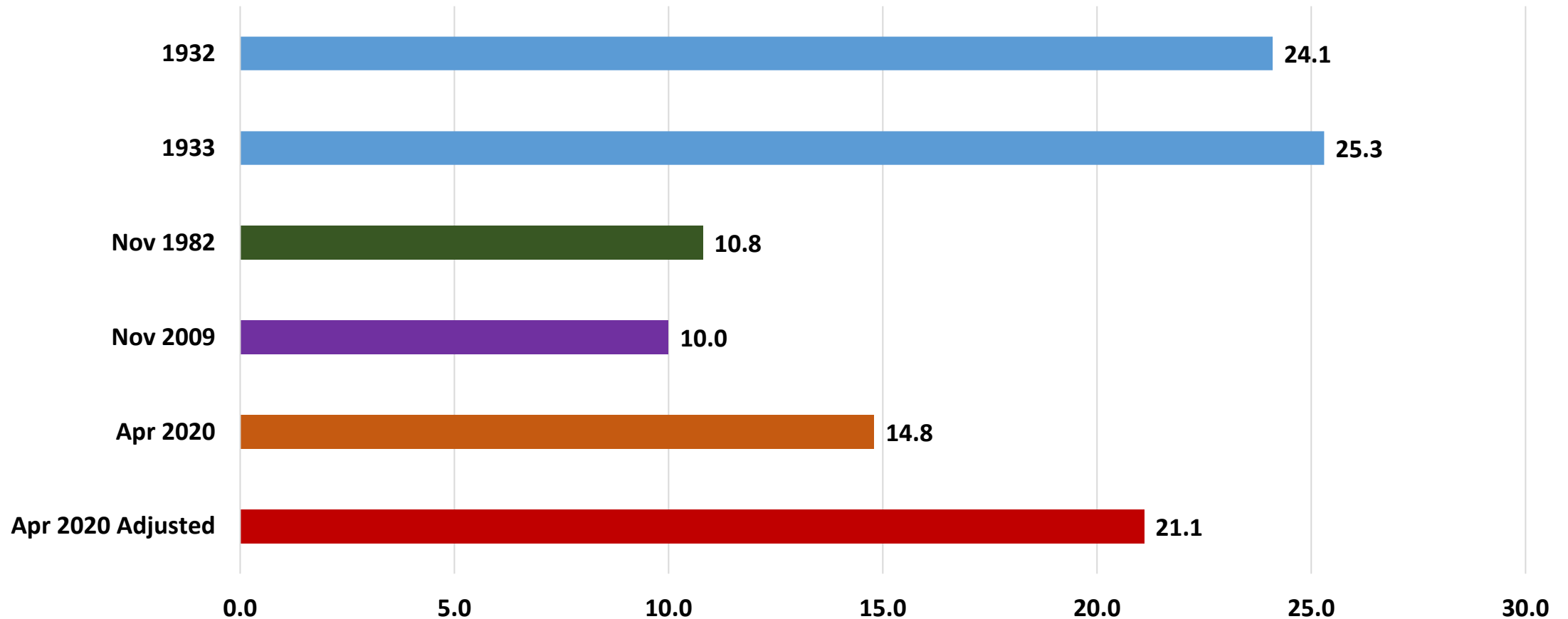
- All school counselors are working with the student population and particularly Seniors on a daily basis to understand and provide direction for basic career development needs
- Graduation for District 65 will be on June 1st at 7 pm

Next Meeting: Friday, May 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Slides for Evanston Task Force Meeting

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U.S. Unemployment Rate, April 2020 Compared to Previous Episodes



February to April 2020, Changes in Millions

	Feb-20	Apr-20	Change
Population 16+	259.6	259.9	0.3
Labor Force	164.5	156.5	-8.0
Employed	158.8	133.4	-25.4
Unemployed	5.8	23.1	17.3
Not in Labor Force	95.1	103.4	8.3
Want Job	5.0	9.9	4.9
Unemployed + WJ	10.8	33.0	22.2

Seven-Day Average New Cases Per 100,000 Population

