

Mayor's COVID-19 Community Task Force

Meeting Notes

May 26, 2020

Situation Report (Mayor Steve Hagerty)

- The next phase will be done in incremental stages for community safety
- It is very important to continue to follow IDPH guidelines
- Phase 3 will begin shortly, and everyone is reminded that currently, we remain in phase 2 - the Flattening phase
- The City will organize a slow reopening
- The Northeast region of the state remains on target for reopening according to IDPH guidelines
- Seven day rolling average for Evanston is 14 days
- There are currently 666 confirmed cases and 30 deaths
- Evanston has 90 confirmed cases per 10K residents, Skokie has 125 confirmed cases, and Chicago has 156 confirmed cases (per 10K residents)

Meeting Spotlight: Reopening Parks & Recreation Activities (Lawrence Hemmingway, Director of Parks & Recreation)

- The Church Street Boat Launch is currently open for motorized boaters. The non-motorized boating operations will begin on June 1 and the number of participants in the facilities will be limited
- The tennis courts are reopening, with every other tennis court available for use. There will rules posted and participants must have their own supplies
- The hiring phase has begun to support the local beaches with on-duty lifeguards. On July 1, the public will be able to swim after water testing is complete.
- The restrooms will also be closed until July 1
- Summer camps will begin on July 6 with a reduced number of participants per the IDPH guidelines
- The summer food program will be a "grab and go" format beginning July 6. The City will no longer provide distribution after this date
- Through the month of June, food distribution will continue each week from the four City locations. The last weekly distribution will be Monday June 29. Beginning Monday July 6, the City will move to a daily distribution for pick up only
- The producemobile operating out of the Levy Center will be available for the month of June and the month of July
- Summer camp will be conducted out of the Levy Center this summer

- The Farmer's Market began May 1 with roughly 200 participants. The format is an open square layout, housing 43 vendor participants on the perimeter. There is one entrance and one exit for customers and everyone is required to wear a mask.

Sector Updates

Legislative Special Update (Senator Laura Fine and Representative Robyn Gabel)

- Passed the IL budget
- The Senate is assembling an oversight group for COVID-19 related issues
- Vote by mail participants will be receiving mail in ballots for this year's election
- Reducing the number of Election Judges required to participate in overseeing the local voting process
- Chicago passed legislation for a casino

Hospitals

- Northshore Evanston Hospital (Doug Silverstein)
 - Slight elevation of cases within the past 5 days to 115 confirmed cases
 - No spike in ICU numbers. 21 patients in ICU with 19 vented
 - Antibody soft launch is completed. Individual testing results are very quick
 - Over 50K patients tested for COVID-19, the drive-thru has tested 7K patients
 - Continuing to balance recovery with current COVID-19 workload
- Amita St. Francis (Kenneth Jones)
 - No report

Senior Living (Mary Leary)

- The working group met this week to discuss areas of guidance still needed from IDPH for reopening protocol
- Received clarification from the City supporting the guidelines from IDPH regarding testing for residents and staff

Private Non-Profit (Monique Jones)

- Consolidated the various Task Force meetings to once a week
- For PPE and equipment a few non-profit groups are looking to partner with suppliers for items (i.e. room partitions)
- Confirming with the immigrant and mix status homes about contact tracing and understanding the next steps
- Need direction regarding one set of standards for congregate living

Northwestern University (Luke Figueroa)

- Notice sent to all campus and the research community to notify them of activities the school is doing following the guidelines for the next phase
- Continuing to have employees work remotely

Education (Eric Witherspoon & Phil Ehrhardt)

- Graduation for seniors is complete and went well
- Summer school begins on June 1
- Seniors are picking up belongings and continuing to social distance
- District 65 and ETHS are working on transitioning the 8th grade students to high school and making sure there are not connectivity issues while transitioning
- The 8th grade graduation ceremony will be held on June 1 at 7 p.m.

Announcement (Kimberly Richardson)

- The last weekly food distribution will be on Wednesday. In June the format will change to every other week
- There will be no distribution on June 3 and food distribution will begin again on June 10
- Details will go out to the public soon

Next Meeting: Friday, May 29 at 1:30 p.m.