Opening Remarks (Mayor Steve Hagerty)

- Numbers in Evanston are favorable compared to the surrounding communities
- Cautioning everyone to continue to stay vigilant
- The City remains at five cases per day for the seven day moving average
- Urging everyone to remain socially distanced and to wear protective face coverings
- Seasonal flu preparedness is the spotlight as Public health experts are concerned
- Interested in learning about Northwestern University’s plans for returning to campus
- Food insecurity not addressed for now in Congress, but the City will continue to monitor the City’s progress to address the issue

Situation Report (Mayor Steve Hagerty)

- Still in Phase 4: Revitalization
- Reg 10 testing positivity rate is 1 percent, Evanston is currently at 2.5 percent
- Hospital admissions have increased, med bed capacity decreased slightly and is currently at 32 percent availability
- Chicago seven day positivity rate is 5 percent, and they are in Region 11
- The infection rate is stable, slightly above 1 percent
- The amount of testing continues to increase
- Evanston has received $4 million in federal funding aid
- The current seven day moving average for the state is over 1,800 with new cases occurring primarily down state
- Slightly more than 2 percent of Evanstonians who are tested test positive
- Cumulative positive rate continues to decrease
- 957 confirmed cases in Evanston, 66 deaths
- Long-term care facilities reported one new case

Meeting Spotlight: Seasonal Flu Preparedness (Mary Alice Lavin and Ike Ogbo)

- Best time for vaccination is September and October
- The vaccination takes approximately two weeks to become effective
- Health officials are anticipating a complicated winter viral season
- The Influenza and COVID-19 viruses will compete with each
- It is important that congregate settings become vaccinated as well as staff members
- If you are ill with a fever, a vaccine should be deferred
- Caregivers also need to receive vaccinations to decrease the risk of people in their care
- Control measures for decreasing the spread of the flu are the same for COVID-19 (i.e. face covering, washing hands, etc.)
● There isn’t a mandate to have a flu shot, but it is wise to get a vaccine to provide a line of defense
● The City is partnering with Walgreens to provide flu vaccines on Setp. 17 at James Field House. Additional dates will be added in the future.
● Vaccinations will take place on a weekly based from September to November
● Residents will need to register in advance for a supply
● Please bring an ID and insurance card. No out of pocket cost for participants

Sector Updates

Hospitals
● Northshore Evanston Hospital (Doug Silverstein)
  ○ 17 patients, 3 ICU patients who are also on ventilators
  ○ Continue to see activity for incoming patients who are under 35
  ○ The drive thru centers are busy, testing reflects over 300 people each week
  ○ The hospital is prioritizing symptomatic patients first
  ○ Care sites remain active
  ○ Partnering with local community-based organizations for their testing programs
  ○ Continuing to prepare for spike in COVID-19 and finalizing plans

● Amita St. Francis (Kenneth Jones)
  ○ No update

Senior Living (Mary Leary)
● Providers are continuing to get updated guidance from IDPH for reopening of skilled nursing centers
● Cases have been increasing in the area, and the phase reopening needs to connect with regional metrics
● Providers must have 14 days with no new cases before they can elevated to another phase
● IDPH has provided webinars to get staff knowledgeable on correct procedures

Private Non-Profit (Monique Jones)
● Considering testing for early child care centers
● There are duplications in the Evanston Care Network, and the team is working closely with City staff to eliminate dual records for residents and minimize confusion
● Digital divide and access working to wifi, making sure there is citywide access to wifi
● Working groups meeting once a week to make sure issues that are prominent are in an on-going format

Northwestern University (Dave Davis)
● Continuing to monitor the University’s progress for reopening
- Invested in robust protocol for reopening in September
- Announced comprehensive testing plan for COVID-19
- The testing plan will include at-home testing for students and periodic testing of faculty
- More details next week

**Education (Eric Whitterspoon / Devon Horton)**
- Began e-learning on Monday 8/17. It’s going well.
- Curbside pick-up for materials for students are available
- Staff returned 8/20
- Releasing supplies on Monday, 8/24
- Students return on 8/27 and will be remote until 9/29
- Will have info next week on opening

**Legislators**
- **Jan Schakowsky’s Office (Ann Limjoco)**
  - The House will be in session next week to deal with the postal issue
  - No plans to vote on a new stimulus bill
  - Dealing with postal service and issues with voting
  - Senate working on “skinny” stimulus bill
  - No progress until after Labor Day

- **Senator Laura Fine’s Office (Laura Fine)**
  - Opportunity is still available to apply for Emergency Rental Assistance and Mortgage Assistance programs
  - Application for Rental Assistance closes on 8/24, Mortgage Assistance opens on 8/24
  - Hosting blood drives in Evanston and Glenview on 8/27 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
  - Virtual tour of RBG (Ruth Bader Ginsburg) exhibit on 9/10

- **Robyn Gabel’s Office (Chris Sorenson)**
  - Blood Drive at Evanston Public Library will be on Saturday, 8/29
  - Testing site is 6250 Morton, Aug 21 - 29, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - COVID-19 testing is free and no insurance is required

- **Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz’s Office (Caryn Valadez)**
  - Governor extended eviction mortium for an additional 30 days, ending on 9/20
  - The IL Housing Development Authority has extended rental assistance through 8/28

- **Commissioner Larry Suffredin’s Office (Adam Newman)**
  - [Evanston Roundtable article](#)
Early voting ballot drop box will be available at the Morton Civic Center for residents who want to drop off their ballots in person

**Business (Roger Sosa)**
- Providing tech assistance at Recovery University
- Small business assistance is available
- Continuing to provide PPE to various businesses
- Promoting business events
- Looking into weather change adaptation for optimal participation in the Fall
- Chamber had an event this week that was successful, Evanston Women in Business
- All events must be have people pre-registered

**Recovery (Kimberly Richardson)**
- Parks programs for Fall camps start on 8/24 at City locations
- Registration and more details are available at cityofevanston.org/register
- Students need to bring e-learning devices
- Fees are listed on the City’s website

**Mental Health (Dr. Christine Sommerville)**
- No update
- Will have spotlight information on next week’s call about the Mental Health Dashboard

**Faith Based (Rev. Michael Nabors)**
- Majority of houses of worship are still virtual in Evanston

**Next Meeting:** Friday, August 28 at 1:30 p.m.