Opening Remarks (Mayor Steve Hagerty)

- The metrics for Evanston continues to look positive; Tracking for case per day dropped to 3 cases, down from 5 cases
- Northwestern University students will begin to arrive into the City. The Health & Human Services Department is prepared to assist the University with restrictions if there is a slight uptick in cases over the next several weeks
- There are more younger people testing positive. A few community members are organizing a mask campaign to educate that population
- The Kenosha, WI victim Jacob Blake has a connection to the Evanston community. The incident was beyond disturbing; however, it is very pleased to see the work continue in our community for racial justice
- On Sunday, August 30, Ebenezer AME Church will hold a gathering at the Farmer Market parking lot at 2 p.m.
- Buses will be leaving at noon from the Civic Center on 8/29, travelling to Kenosha, WI for participation in a demonstration

Situation Report (Mayor Steve Hagerty)

- Regional metrics continue to trend upwards for the last 4 out of 7 days
- The positivity rate is at 6.8% as of Wednesday, 8/26
- Available hospital beds have increased
- Infection rate is still steady and slightly over 1%
- Cook County is 1.06% should be under 1%
- The 7 day moving average for the number of cases at the state level is 1,800. There has been a slight increase to 2,000
- The Chicago seven day moving average was 330 cases and now it is 375. Cook County has also increased. There were 248 confirmed cases and now there are 281
- Monthly test performed for August measured at 7K administered. July testing metrics were 6,400.
- The total cases in Evanston are 980
- Evanston has 131 confirmed cases per 10K
- $1.3 million for covid related expenditures. The City has received $4 million dollars in Federal aid and will continue to pursue more
- The long-term care facilities reported one new case this week
Meeting Spotlight: Mental Health Dashboard (Dr. Christine Somerville/Maureen MacDonald)

- 40% of adults in the United States are experiencing some form of mental health issue since the pandemic began
- Educating the community on when and how to seek affordable help is the top priority for residents in need
- Surveys were distributed to access the needs
- All stressors interrelate and a few are:
  - Loss of a family member(s) due to the pandemic
  - Economic stress
  - Efforts around racial justice
- Decided to use two measure to ascertain public mental health
  - Infrastructure
  - Prevalence and severity
- We monitored metrics for calls to the crisis line, police, fire, hospital beds and schools
- For the mental health prevalence we monitored where City services and other community agencies are encountering residents in crisis
- The dashboard data is compiled of details around City services and community institutions could assist by reporting resident encounters on a quarterly basis
- Self reported levels of distress in the community are key indicators of mental health
  - Feelings of isolation, nervousness
  - Increased frequent use of alcohol and cannabis
  - Key units of supported utilized for coping were family, friends and exercise
- Hope to increase broad distribution across Evanston after viable feedback is provided by the taskforce group

Sector Updates

Hospitals

- Northshore Evanston Hospital (Doug Silverstein)
  - Currently at the second lowest point since March with regard to the metrics
  - No ICU cases and only 11 confirmed cases
  - Remaining very busy with continued testing
  - Decreased in visit for super sites and drive-thrus
  - 15% decrease in calls received
  - Recovery work is going well
  - Engaged with the Department of Defense on research

- Amita St. Francis (Kenneth Jones)
  - 4 confirmed cases and all patients are in the critical care units
  - Working on re-emergency and testing
Partnering with long-term care homes for continued preparedness

Senior Living (Nadim)
- The working group met on 8/26
- Confirmed there was one new case this week
- There are no PPE shortages
- Providers preparing for the Fall season and flu vaccinations for residents and staff
- Coordinating the vaccine effort with City’s health department
- Covid testing remains a high priority - concerns include the cost of testing, frequency of testing and changing guidelines on testing primarily from the CDC

Private Non-Profit
- No update

Northwestern University
- No update

Education (Sunni Carza)
- Reopening is going well
- Distributed technology to each student and office hours are available for set up for student who need assistance

Legislators
- Jan Schakowsky’s Office (Ann Limjoco)
  - Talks for another COVID relief bill remain at a standstill. Speaker Pelosi met with White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows yesterday and signaled that an agreement on a legislative package still remains out of reach. No information on if an agreement will be reached at all.
  - Congresswoman Schakowsky along with 90 other Democrats in the House sent a letter to CDC Director Robert Redfield “condemning, urging the immediate halt of, and demanding an explanation for” recent changes to Covid-19 testing guidelines that suggest not all those exposed need to be tested. “It is difficult to comprehend how this updated guidance will work to provide any public health benefits to our country,” they wrote. A copy of this letter could be found here.

- Senator Laura Fine’s Office (Shiva)
  - Blood drives were successful
  - Blood shortage still remains and donations are still needed
  - Seniors 75 older have a one year extension to renew their driver’s license
  - Emphasizing the importance of completing the Census information. Census forms need to be completed by the 9/30 deadline
• Robyn Gabel’s Office (Chris Sorenson)
  ○ Evanston Public Library blood drive will be held 8/29 at 11am
  ○ The Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) application deadline is fast approaching - August 31, 2020. Please help the Illinois Hunger Coalition spread the word to Illinois families about this great program.
  ○ Please see attached videos about the P-EBT program and the P-EBT public service announcement (PSA) available in English, Spanish, and Persian.

• Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz’s Office (Caryn Valadez)
  ○ Census information important to complete
  ○ Nov 1st is the drivers license deadline extension for everyone under 75
  ○ Deadline for application to the IL Mortgage Assistance program are due today
  ○ The agency has also launched a mortgage program, open until Sept 4, to award grants for residents up to $15K in assistance

• Commissioner Larry Suffredin’s Office (Adam Newman)
  ○ No update

Business (Roger Sosa)
  • Continue to deliver PPE and coordinate for local businesses for supplies
  • Providing classes and technical assistance updates
  • Reviewing legislation for monetary assistance
  • The Chamber is looking at ways to support minority and women-owned businesses at this time

Recovery (Kimberly Kull)
  • Conducting needs assessment
  • Working on organizational responses to compile data
  • Primary concerns are:
    ○ Food insecurities
    ○ Rental assistance
  • Continuing to work with non profit organizations in the community to address needs

Mental Health (Dr. Christine Sommervill)
  • No update

Faith Based (Rev. Michael Nabors)
Houses of worship are sponsoring a lament service on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Farmers' Market parking lot in response to the Jacob Blake incident. An array of speakers will be on hand to uplift and comment.

Some churches are concerned with having to continue to conduct service virtually.

The committee continues to encourage proper protocol and/or worshiping outside as an alternative.

The committee may engage the City's Health Director on a few recommendations and the importance of continuing to stay compliance of the IDPH guidelines.

Next Meeting: Friday, September 4 at 1:30 p.m.
Hey Illinois families!

Food insecurity is a challenge for so many families, especially during the Covid-19 Crisis. If your child was getting free or reduced-price lunch during the school year, you are eligible for a program called Pandemic-EBT, or P-EBT, which provides a one-time benefit of up to $342.00 per child. It covers the daily value of school meals your child would have received if schools were not closed due to the Pandemic. It can help your family provide much needed nutrition for your children during this time. But you have to apply soon! The application deadline is August 31st, 2020. P-EBT is available to any child and it does NOT impact your or your child’s citizenship or immigration status. NO social security number is required to apply. If your family currently receives SNAP, the benefits have already been loaded to your Link card. If your family does not receive SNAP, you can still apply for P-EBT online at www.abe.illinois.gov. Once approved, you will receive a debit card to buy food. You can contact your school or school district to complete a Free and Reduced-price Meal application, if you have not already done so. If you do that today, you can also apply for P-EBT today! For more information about P-EBT, or help applying for this program, as well as additional support and resources, call the Illinois Hunger Coalition Hotline at 1-800-359-2163. Se hablo espanol! And stay strong! We will get through these challenges together!
Illinois is committed to ensuring that families with children who receive free and reduced-price meals, continue to have access to healthy meals during school closures through the USDA-funded Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) provision, in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) is a program by the US Department of Agriculture that provides additional food assistance to your family if your children receive free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Your family will receive food benefits to subsidize the cost of meals you would have normally received while at school in response to this public health emergency.

P-EBT benefits are intended to cover breakfast and lunch and are valued at $5.70 per day, per child up to $342.00. Any child who qualifies for free or reduced-price school meals will receive P-EBT benefits, this includes children in a school that provides free meals to all students.

If your family experienced a change in income, you may also qualify for P-EBT, even if you have not previously received free or reduced-price meals.

You can contact your school or school district to complete a Free and Reduced-price Meal application as soon as possible to ensure you can receive P-EBT if eligible. P-EBT application deadline is August 31, 2020. If your family already receives Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits, you do not need to apply for P-EBT.

Your P-EBT benefits were automatically loaded onto your household’s LINK card. Newly approved families will receive a white plastic P-EBT debit card in the mail with instruction to activate and access the funds. This one time benefit can help you and your children during this difficult time.

Similar to SNAP benefits, P-EBT benefits may be used to purchase food at SNAP authorized retailers or online for delivery at Amazon: amazon.com/snap-ebt. For additional information on P-EBT and other resources available to you, please call the Illinois Hunger Coalition Hotline at 1-800-359-2163. Se Habla Español. You can apply for P-EBT online at www.abe.illinois.gov.
Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) provision, in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

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Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Please apply for TANF if you need help.

P-EBT Video:

P-EBT is a new benefit that will be automatically issued to your P-EBT card. If you are eligible, you will receive a P-EBT card in the mail. If you have questions, call 1-800-359-2163.

SNAP Benefits:

You can check your SNAP benefits online at [amazon.com/snap-ebt](http://amazon.com/snap-ebt).

For more information, call 1-800-359-2163.

Hablo Espanol
با سلام خدمت خانواده های محترم ایالت ایلینویز!

نگهداری و داشتن مواد غذایی برای خانواده های کم درآمد و نیازمند در زمان بحران به بررسی و آموزش بسیار بحث نیازمند است. اگر فرزند شما ممکن است با ارزش غذایی دریافتی روزانه در مدارس شما هر کودک فراهم می‌کند، این مقدار برای اولین بار در این مدت مواد غذایی بسیار ضروری و مورد نیاز برای فرزندان شما را تامین کند. اما شما با این بحران می‌توانید برای دانش‌آموزان دختر و پسران خانواده‌تان در صورت ممکنات مالی ارزیابی می‌کنید.

اگر فرزند شما نخواهد داشت، همچنین نیازی به شماره ملی (SSN) برای اولین کردن نیست. اگر خانواده شما در حال حاضر انسان دانشگاهی (SNAP) دریافت می‌کند، این مزایا قبل در کارت لینک شما بارگذاری شده است. اگر خانواده شما نمی‌توانید به صورت آنلاین دریافت نمایند، شما همچنان می‌توانید به سایت SNAP در سایت P-EBT برای خرید مواد غذایی دریافت خواهید کرد.

پس از اینکه درخواست شما تصویب شد، شما یک دیپت کارت برای خرید مواد غذایی دریافت خواهید کرد. برای کسب اطلاعات بیشتر در مورد P-EBT یا در صورت نیاز به کمک برای اولین کردن این برنامه، همچنین برای منابع و پشتیبانی های بیشتر می‌توانید با خط تلفن انتلاهر گرنسگی ایلینویز به شماره ی 216-259-359-800 تماس بگیرید. و لطفا همچنان قوی بمانید! ما این جالش را را با هم پشت سر خواهیم گذاشت.
Familias de Illinois,

La inseguridad alimentaria es un desafío para muchas familias, especialmente durante la crisis de Covid-19. Si su hijo estaba recibiendo almuerzo gratis o a precio reducido durante el año escolar, usted es elegible para un programa llamado P-EBT, que proporciona un beneficio único de hasta $342.00 por niño. Cubre el valor diario de las comidas escolares que su hijo habría recibido si las escuelas no estuvieran cerradas debido a la Pandemia. Puede ayudar a su familia a proporcionar una nutrición muy necesaria para sus hijos durante este tiempo. Pero usted tiene que aplicar pronto! La fecha límite de solicitud es el 31 de agosto de 2020. P-EBT está disponible para cualquier niño y NO afecta su ciudadanía o estatus migratorio suyo o su hijo. NO se requiere ningún número de seguro social para aplicar. Si su familia recibe actualmente SNAP, los beneficios ya se han cargado en su tarjeta Link. Si su familia no recibe SNAP, de todos modos puede solicitar P-EBT en línea en www.abe.illinois.gov. Una vez aprobado, recibirá una tarjeta de débito para comprar alimentos. Para obtener más información sobre P-EBT, o ayuda para solicitar este programa, así como apoyo y recursos adicionales, llame a la Línea Directa de la Coalición del Hambre de Illinois al: 1-800-359-2163.

¡Y mantente fuerte! ¡Superaremos estos desafíos juntos!

Usted puede contactar su escuela o al distrito escolar, si todavía no lo ha hecho, para completar la solicitud de comida gratuita o a precio reducido.
Illinois se compromete a asegurar que las familias con niños que reciben comidas gratuitas y a precio reducido, continúen teniendo acceso a comidas saludables durante el cierre de la escuela a través de la disposición de Transferencia Electrónica de Beneficios Pandémicos (P-EBT, por sus siglas en inglés) financiada por el USDA, en la Primera Ley de Respuesta al Coronavirus para Familias.

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) es un programa del Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos que proporciona asistencia alimentaria adicional a su familia si sus hijos reciben comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido bajo el Programa Nacional de Almuerzos Escolares (NSLP). Su familia recibirá beneficios alimentarios para subsidiar el costo de las comidas que normalmente habría recibido mientras estaba en la escuela en respuesta a esta emergencia de salud pública.

Los beneficios de P-EBT están destinados a cubrir el desayuno y el almuerzo y están valorados en $5.70 por día, por niño hasta $342.00. Cualquier niño que califique para comidas escolares gratuitas o a precio reducido recibirá beneficios de P-EBT, esto incluye a los niños en una escuela que proporciona comidas gratuitas a todos los estudiantes. Si su familia experimentó un cambio en los ingresos, también puede calificar para P-EBT, incluso si no ha recibido previamente comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido.

Puede ponerse en contacto con su escuela o distrito escolar para completar una solicitud de comida gratuita y a precio reducido tan pronto como sea posible para asegurarse de que puede recibir P-EBT si es elegible. La fecha límite de solicitud de P-EBT es el 31 de agosto de 2020. Si su familia ya recibe beneficios del Programa Suplementario de Asistencia Nutricional (SNAP, por sus siglas en inglés) o de Asistencia Temporal para Familias Necesitadas (TANF, por sus siglas en inglés), no necesita solicitar P-EBT.

Sus beneficios de P-EBT se cargaron automáticamente en la tarjeta LINK de su hogar. Las familias recién aprobadas recibirán una tarjeta de débito P-EBT de plástico blanco por correo con instrucciones para activar para acceder a los fondos. Este beneficio de una sola vez puede ayudarle a usted y a sus hijos durante este momento difícil.

ATTENTION DRIVERS 75 AND OLDER

Due to heightened risks of the COVID-19 virus, if you are 75 and older and your driver’s license expires this year, we have extended your expiration by one year.

Letters are being sent to those who qualify. There is no need to visit a facility. Your driver’s license will not expire until your birthday in 2021.