Opening Remarks (Mayor Steve Hagerty)

- Extending deep condolences to the Weaver Family (Clarence and Wendy), owners of CW Mart, who lost their son, CJ.
- The numbers in Region 10 were increasing and the State felt it necessary to place the state at an “orange alert” which is a cautious alert status - coming out of that status effective this week, however we need to remain vigilant with proper protocols.

Situation Report (Mayor Steve Hagerty)

- The metrics are trending positive this week, more than 3 weeks ago
- Testing positivity rate is down slightly to 6.7% and the goal is to remain under 8%
- Hospital bed availability has slightly decreased - ICU beds are at 38% availability, and remain above the 20% threshold
- The infection rate is below 1%
- The seven day moving average for the state has decreased slightly. Cook County has also experienced a slight decrease in this area
- The seven day moving average is 3 cases and the positivity rate is 1.65%
- Testing metrics in April showed a total of 2,172 tests completed for Evanston residents. Through August 2020, the metrics reflected an increase in testing of 7,229 residents
- Metrics reflect lower testing results in the Latino community, we would like to increase efforts to make testing information available for a response.
- Weekly expenditures are up; however, the City continues to seek reimbursement from Federal funding sources
- The long term care facilities reported 4 new staff cases in 2 facilities and 3 resident cases at another congregant residence
- In partnership with the IDPH, mobile testing will take place between September 8 and 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 500 tests will be administered each day. Participants should come early to the ETHS parking lot located east of Dodge Avenue and north of Lake Street. Both drive-through and walk-up testing will be available. For more details, please visit the City’s website.

Meeting Spotlight: Business Financial Assistance / Community Response (Katherine Gotsick - Main Dempster Mile Business Association)

- Organizations exist for help with business translations to assist business owners
- The LEND program is a non-profit group managed by Northwestern University providing microfinance loans for Evanston business owners
- Money is raised through the alumni network
- The City of Evanston has provided $100K to the LEND Fund
There were also two fundraisers held by the Downtown Evanston Association to assist and they managed to donate over $30K to LEND

The Small Business Assistance program has resources for how to take your business digital for enterprises who need additional assistance and they also provide access to a mentorship program

The State, through the DCEO (Dept of Economic Opportunity), also offers business interruption grants. A new round of applications will be available soon.

The Facebook page called “Support Evanston’s Shops” is a space where residents and patrons can ask others for recommendations, offer tips, etc.

Residents should patronize businesses, and continue to shop local

To continue to support local business, you can donate to the LEND fund or share recommendations for your favorite business online

Suggested links to visit are:
- Support Evanston Retail facebook page
- Evanston Area Business & Entrepreneur Support page
- Support Evanston Restaurants Support page
- DONATE to the LEND Fund

Sector Updates

Hospitals

- Northshore Evanston Hospital (Matt Plosky)
  - 12 confirmed cases and 2 PUIs, 1 person is on ventilation
  - The positivity rate is at 8%
  - Hospitals in both the Evanston and Glenview location continue to stay vigilant

- Amita St. Francis (Danielle Norman)
  - 3 confirmed cases, 4 PUIs, and 2 patients on ventilation
  - In-patient beds are not full
  - No major concerns at this time

Senior Living

- No update

Private Non-Profit (Monique Jones)

- Will share more on testing with working groups

Northwestern University (Luke Figeroa)

- Classes are scheduled to begin September 16 and in person on September 21
- Staff and faculty will continue to watch trends to make decisions for reopening
- Working on further reducing the population density on campus and in resident halls
- No freshman and sophomores allow on campus this quarter - junior and seniors live off campus
- Underclassmen will be remote with the exception of hardship cases
- Academic policy changes are in place as well
- Campus testing centers were opened on August 24
- 5K tests completed so far, with a low positivity rate

**Education (Eric Witherspoon / Devon Horton)**
- ETHS has completed 3 weeks of e-learning, metrics are showing 95% to 97% attendance rates, repurposed over 30 employees for wrap around services, continuing to monitor area high schools for best practices
- District 65’s technology remote process is going well. On September 11, the district will have a new status on overall protocol feedback for reopening, also watching area middle schools for best practices

**Legislators**
- **Jan Schakowsky’s Office (Kimberly Richardson)**
  - Senate Republicans are pulling together a narrow $500 billion COVID-19 Relief Package, aiming for a vote next week. GOP lawmakers in the Senate, with encouragement from the White House, have been working for several weeks on a slimmed-down virus stimulus that would spend much less money than the $1 trillion proposal put forward by Senate Republicans last month.
  - Sen. Mitch McConnell expressed doubts about whether Congress can get a deal on another pandemic relief package when lawmakers return to Washington after a month-long recess, despite the Trump administration’s push for a quick, targeted stimulus.
  - Any move to actually consider the bill would need 60 votes in the Senate, and Democrats are expected to block it in the absence of a deal between Pelosi and the White House. The House isn’t scheduled to resume a legislative session until the following week.

- **Senator Laura Fine’s Office (Laura Fine)**
  - State senate is preparing for subject matter hearing sessions in November to address the following issues:
    - Criminal justice reform and police accountability
    - Education
    - Economic access
    - Healthcare and Human Services
  - Hearings are open to the public on the IOCA website
- Robyn Gabel's Office
  - No update

- Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz’s Office (Caryn Valadez)
  - Would like to partner with COE concerning completion of the Census
  - The Census deadline is September 28

- Commissioner Larry Suffredin’s Office
  - No update

Business (Roger Sosa)
- Continue to order PPE
- Working on strategic plan for business recovery

Recovery (Mayor Steve Hagerty)
- Many parents are signing up for the Fall Enrichment program

Mental Health
- No update

Faith Based (Rev. Michael Nabors)
- Services are being held inside but several more services are held outside
- Well attended service of lament for Jacob Blake at the Farmers’ Market
- Also well attended was a prayer vigil for CJ Weaver drowning accident at Church and Dodge

Next Meeting: Friday, September 11 at 1:30 p.m.