Opening Remarks (Mayor Steve Hagerty)
- Mayor Hagerty began the meeting, observing September 11 and the emergency responders and families impacted
- Faith Leader Rev. Nabors and Rabbi London provided invocation and reflection in remembrance of 9/11

Situation Report (Mayor Steve Hagerty)
- In Region 10, the COVID-19 positivity rate has increased slightly; however, Evanston is below the region’s rate of around 1%
- Hospital availability increased in terms of medical beds and ICU patients
- The seven-day moving average for the State has increased because many tests were received and processed, the State infection rate is 4.1%
- Evanston accumulative confirmed cases 1,028
- Five new resident cases were reported at local congregate housing facilities

Meeting Spotlight: Actions and Mitigations for Off-Campus Activity (Dave Davis / Luke Figeroa- Northwestern University)
- Northwestern has attempted to reduce the population density on campus from a health and safety perspective by requesting that freshman and sophomores not return this quarter
- Testing is conducted for all off-campus students regardless of in-person class status. The University has performed 2,000 tests so far for off-campus students and continues testing regularly.
- On September 10, the Neighborhood Outreach Campaign began and will continue for through September to check on students. A “Return to Campus” kit is available for students with written protocols on face masks and other safeguard procedures for resources.

Sector Updates

Hospitals
- Northshore Evanston Hospital (Doug Silverstein)
  - Fluctuations in a few COVID-19 cases this week
  - Currently, there are 13 confirmed cases, five ICU patients and four patients on ventilation
  - Robust testing continues
  - Finished the COVID-19 surge plan for fall and winter

- Amita St. Francis (Danielle Norman)
- Seven confirmed cases, six-person under interest (PUI), four ICU patients, and one on ventilation
- Developing a surge plan for the upcoming flu season

**Senior Living (Nadeen)**
- The taskforce group is switching the meeting frequency to monthly instead of weekly
- No new cases this week for Providers
- Continuing to work on reopening plans
- Working on testing availability and cost

**Private Non-Profit (Monique Jones)**
- Continuing to advertise for free testing
- Housing issues the taskforce team is addressing with Connections for the Homeless
- Early childhood issues continue and will share details at a later date
- The Foundation has a second million-dollar match opportunity. Will extend a chance to participate to all leaders of the community represented
- The goal by the end of the year is 2 million dollars for assistance to the community

**Education (Devon Horton)**
- School District 62 Superintendent Horton provided the taskforce update regarding in-person learning for students. Initially, September 29 was to begin in-person learning; however, it’s rescheduled to November 16 as of now. Decisions for in-person learning will be on a tri-semester basis.

**Legislators**
- **Jan Schakowsky’s Office (Ann Limpco)**
  - IRS will mail letters to 9 million Americans who typically don’t file federal income tax returns, that may be eligible for but have not registered to claim an Economic Impact Payment
  - Recipients are urged to use the “Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info” on IRS.gov by October 15 to receive their payment by the end of the year
  - The letter includes eligibility information and how to claim an Economic Impact Payment. Mailings will begin Sept. 24.
  - The registration deadline for non-filers to claim an Economic Impact Payment through the Non-Filers tool is Oct. 15, 2020. People can also wait until next year and claim it as a credit on their 2020 federal income tax return by filing in 2021.

- **Senator Laura Fine’s Office (Laura Fine)**
  - The State received federal funding grants of $16 million for training and placement due to unemployed residents

- **Robyn Gabel’s Office**
Hearings on police reform with Senate and House
- Researching a statewide definition of “Use of Force,” the local jurisdiction currently defines it.
- Other hearings promoted by the IL Legislative Black Caucus are healthcare, the economy, and education.
- Having a beach clean up on 9/26 for South Boulevard beach at 1 pm
- Held a meeting with IDPH to make sure PPE for community distribution continues.
- Business interruption grant received for Representative Gabel’s district for $720,000 for restaurants, gyms, etc.

Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz’s Office (Caryn Valadez)
- The U.S. Census counts end September 30,
- Rep. Gong-Gershowitz’s office has distribution resources and materials to support the final push to complete the Census.

Business (Paul Zalmezak)
- The working group is meeting to shift focus on engaging larger companies for planning purposes.

Recovery (Kimberly Richardson)
- Finalizing generalize overview for Recovery incorporating an equity lens for services and resources needed
- The team will want to meet with representatives of this taskforce group with additional communication will follow for outreach
- Roughly 1000 daily participants received testing at the State testing event

Mental Health
- Resource group creating web page and flyer for additional resources
- Documenting gaps for future actions
- Completed the education campaign,” Mental Health is Essential.” The goals are:
  - The normalize the needs of mental health awareness
  - To call attention to the City’s commitment to the mental health of residents
- Inviting feedback from the survey from last week
- Continuing to populate the dashboard

Faith-Based (Rabbi London)
- Sunday 9/20, the Shofar Ram’s horn celebration for freedom and righteousness will take place.

Next Meeting: Friday, September 18, at 1:30 p.m.