

Mayor's COVID-19 Community Task Force

Meeting Notes

July 10, 2020

Opening Remarks (Mayor Steve Hagerty)

- A public information campaign will disseminate messaging regarding the rising cases in other states and how to continue to stay diligent to manage the spread of COVID-19 while in Phase 4 (Revitalization)
- Slight upward trend among younger people
- The City's Public Health Department will create tentative plans in alignment with State and Federal official to respond once a vaccination is created for the virus

Situation Report (Mayor Steve Hagerty)

- 809 confirmed cases, 32 active cases, and 70 deaths
- The infection rate is down, the positivity rate is 1.5 percent, and the seven day moving average is 2 percent
- Hospitals are back to normal standard care
- PPE continues to be in good supply

Meeting Spotlight: Community Needs Assessments Individual & Organizational Summary Results (Luke Stowe)

- See attached presentation for details
- Under Individual Responses
 - In the local pandemic emergency, which services are most important to you? Emergency response as related to COVID-19: Police, Fire, and EMS (60%)
 - How concerned are you with the following issues impacting your family/household in the coming months as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic? Helping my child with online schooling (3.9%) and Child care (3.8%)
 - If important information about COVID-19 and our community needs to be shared, which of the following do you rely on for updates? E-newsletters & Text Messages (78%)
- Under Organizational Responses
 - Based on the community members that you serve, what are the most needed resources right now? Loss of income/employment assistance (56%)
 - What program changes or adjustments have you had to make due to the COVID-19 pandemic? Budget reduction
 - What would be most helpful to support your organization right now? Rental assistance
- Open ended responses to the assessments will be analyzed soon. There were concerns regarding school reopenings, daycare and masks

Sector Updates

Hospitals

- Northshore Evanston Hospital (Doug Silverstein)
 - Overall numbers are continuing to trend downward
 - Watching for impact from the 4th of July holiday
 - 5 ICU patients all on ventilation
 - If there is an increase in confirmed cases the analysis reflects 30 to 40 new patients
 - Continuing antibody testing, 1K to 1,500 COVID-19 tests have been done
 - Recovery process is going well
- Amita St. Francis (Danielle Norman)
 - Numbers continue to trend downward
 - 14 confirmed cases, 8 persons of interest, and no patients on ventilation at this time
 - 250 Evanston Residents were tested at the James Park event last week; 3 people were positive
 - Continuing to do marketing to welcome the public back with increased safety measures in place

Senior Living (Mary Leary)

- No update

Private Non-Profit (Monique Jones)

- The working group will continue to collaborate on reopening the child care centers
- PPE purchases are being distributed to the organizations
- The food insecurity working group is working on a proposal to present in the City Council in August

Northwestern University (Luke Figueroa)

- Finalizing the return to campus plan using IDPH and the City guidelines
- All staff, and students need to do course training program to monitor behavior for wearing masks, social distancing and other on campus activities

Education (Eric Witherspoon & Devon Horton)

- Discussing the guidelines for reopening the local schools at the School Board meeting next week
- On July 17, the Board will issue official plans for reopening
- Will need remote structure to include e-learning for a hybrid model
- D65 reopening plan should be available once it is finalized after July 22

Legislators

- **Jan Schakowsky's Office (Ann Limjoco)**

- Wednesday, July 15, is the deadline to file your 2019 taxes
- July 15 deadline to get unclaimed 2016 refunds worth over \$1.5 billion
 - Unclaimed income tax refunds worth more than \$1.5 billion await an estimated 1.4 million individual taxpayers who did not file a 2016 federal income tax return
 - To collect refunds for tax year 2016, taxpayers must file their 2016 tax returns with the IRS no later than this year's extended tax due date of July 15, 2020
- More information, including how to get 2016 tax forms and instructions, and how to request copies of income reporting documents (W-2s, 1099s, etc.), is in IRS [News Release 2020-135](#).

- **Senator Laura Fine's Office (Laura Fine)**

- Continuing to work on constituent issues with unemployment insurance
- Wrote a letter to Gov. Pritzker regarding state highway signs reflecting pandemic requirements as out of towners visit

- **Robyn Gabel's Office (Robyn Gabel)**

- No update

- **Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz's Office (Jennifer)**

- On Monday, July 20, there will be a webinar on grant funds available to support child care providers

- **Commissioner Larry Suffredin's Office (Adam Newman)**

- The second installment of property tax bills were disseminated last week
- Assistance understanding the bill and three main exemptions to look for are:
 - Homeowner
 - Senior
 - Senior Freeze

Business (Roger Sosa)

- Working on coordinating delivery of PPE to the local businesses
- Continuing to work with businesses at Recovery University
- Continuing to monitor loan funding programs

Recovery (Luke Stowe)

- More information to come on digital divide initiatives

Mental Health (Christine Sommerville)

- Working group reaching out to community leaders for a demonstration on the Evanston Care Network Database works
- Viewed “My State of Mind” database with a non profit organization called Social Work
- Close to having a first draft of the mental health dashboard

Faith Based (Rev. Michael Nabors)

- Houses of worship are primarily continuing to do virtual services
- Some services are conducted outside, and indoor services are limited to no more than 20 participants

Next Meeting: Friday, July 17 at 1:30 p.m.

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Community Needs Assessments Individual & Organization Summary Results

7/10/2020

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES

In the local pandemic emergency, which services are most important to you?

- Emergency Response as Related to COVID-19 - Police, Fire, EMS (60%)
- Access to Food (47%)
- Access to Household Supplies (46%)
- Access to Medication (41%)
- Support Services for Seniors/High Risk (31%)
- Loss of Income/Unemployment Assistance (28%)

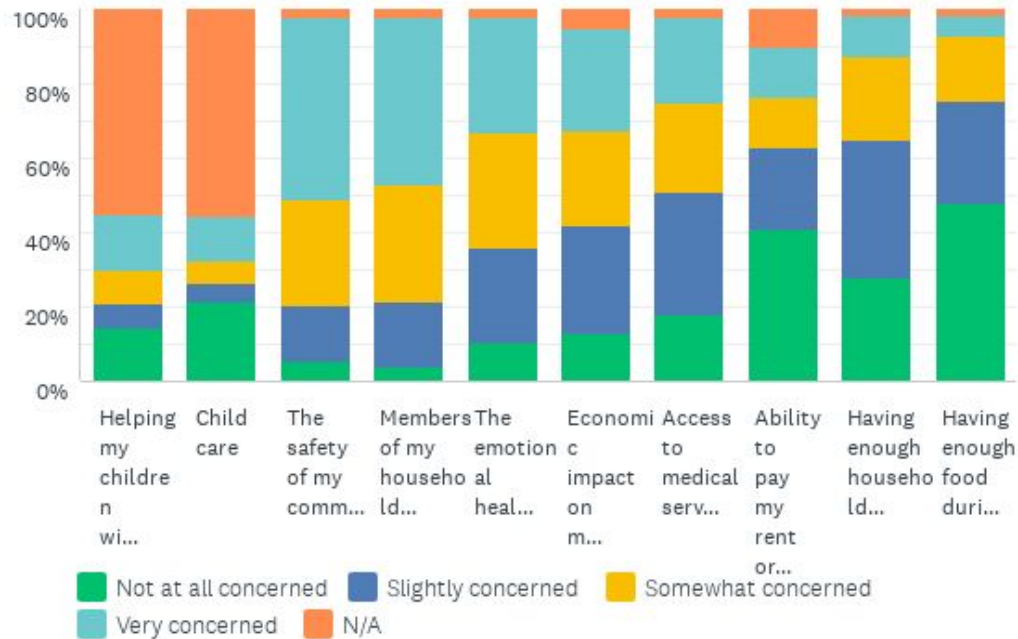
INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES

How concerned are you with the following issues impacting your family/household in the coming months as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?

- Helping My Child with Online Schooling* (3.9)
- Child Care* (3.8)
- Safety of My Community During the Pandemic (3.3)
- Members of My Household Becoming Infected by COVID-19 (3.2)
- Emotional Health of My Household (2.9)

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES

Q2 How concerned are you with the following issues impacting your family/household in the coming months as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?



INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES

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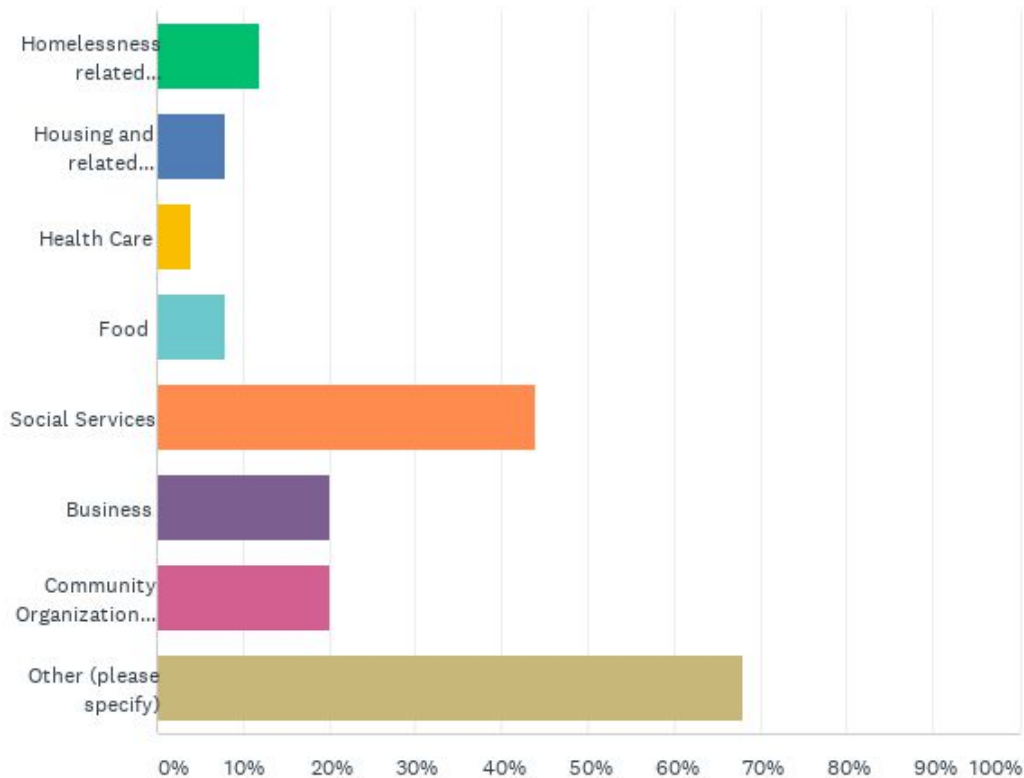
- E-Newsletters & Text Messages (78%)
- Government Websites (53%)
- Local Newspapers & News Websites (51%)
- Social Media (37%)
- Local Television Stations (30%)

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES

- Balanced among Income Groups, Ages, 60201/60202, and generally Wards (1st & 5th Wards lower responses)
- 69% Female (Evanston/Census = 53.3% Female)
- 6% Black/African American, 4% Asian, 8% Prefer Not to Answer
- 6% Hispanic/Latino
- 91% Provided Email; 72% Provided Phone Number

ORGANIZATION RESPONSES

Q2 What services does your organization provide? (select all that apply)

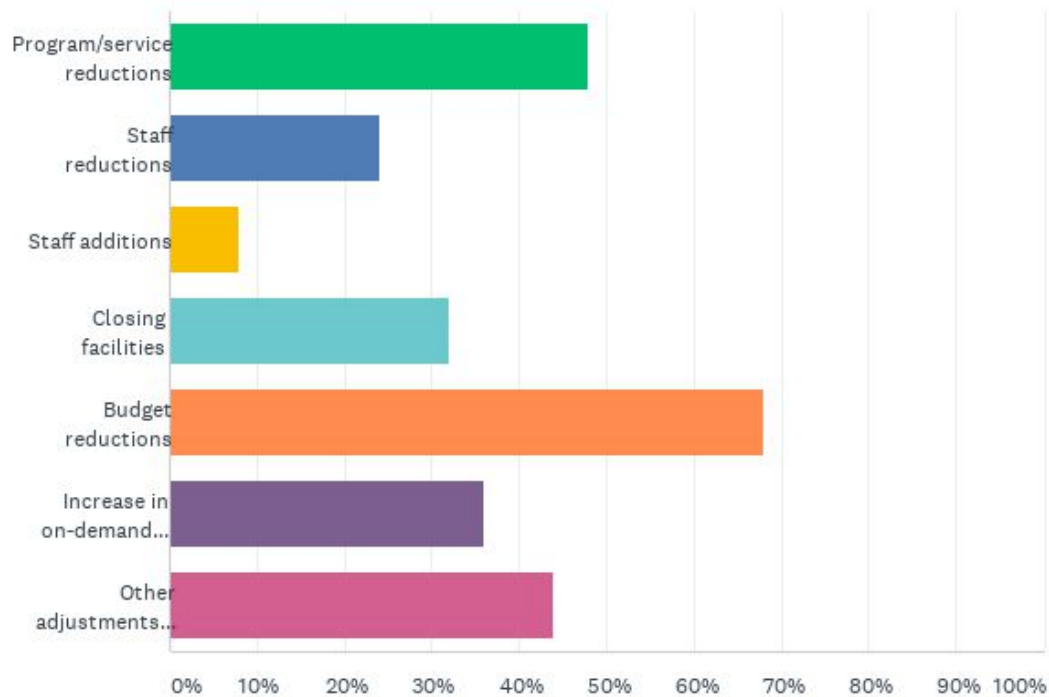


ORGANIZATION RESPONSES

- **Based on the community members that you serve, what are the most needed resources right now?**
 - Loss of Income/Unemployment Assistance (56%)
 - Access to PPE such as Masks/Face Coverings (48%)
 - Mental Health Services (44%)
 - Rent Assistance (40%)
 - Access to Food (32%)

ORGANIZATION RESPONSES

Q4 What program changes or adjustments have you had to make due to the COVID-19 pandemic?



ORGANIZATION RESPONSES

- **What would be most helpful to support your organization right now?**
 - Rental Assistance
 - Funding/Fundraising
 - PPE (Evanston Chamber of Commerce)