

Mayor's COVID-19 Community Task Force

Meeting Notes

November 13, 2020

Opening Remarks (Mayor Steve Hagerty)

- The pandemic numbers continue to be a concern. There are over 152,000 cases in the US
- There are over 60,000 people hospitalized
- Evanston reflected 43 confirmed cases on 11/12
- The positivity rate as of 11/12 was 14%; the overall positivity rate remains under 4%

Situation Report (Mayor Steve Hagerty)

- The area remains in phase four (revitalization) and as the numbers increase or decrease that status may change
- Ten out of the last seven days have seen an increase in positive cases. 12.4% is the current positivity rate for region 10
- Hospital medical bed availability remains below the 20% threshold
- Region 11 (Chicago, IL) has a positivity rate of 14.4%
- Current regional status is tier 1 mitigation measures to combat the resurgence
- The infection rate continues to increase and is now at 1.3% for Cook County
- Average number of cases in Evanston is 27, over the last seven days
- The seven day moving average is 3.61%
- Testing is showing a higher number of cases in these age groups: under 30, 40 to 49 year olds and 80 and above
- Long term care facilities have a total of 33 new staff cases, 27 resident cases, and 3 deaths

Meeting Spotlight: Resurgence Mitigation Update & The Two Million in Two Months Campaign (Greg Olsen & Monique Jones)

Greg Olsen

- The City of Chicago has issued a Stay-at-Home Advisory due to the increase in cases
- There is no mandatory enforcement action with this advisory, it is an attempt to stress emphasis on maintaining proper protocol while conducting essential activities
- The advisory will be in effect beginning Monday 11/16 at 6 a.m. for thirty days
- Public health officials are asking residents to restrain from attending large family gatherings for the holidays
- In addition to the Stay-at-Home Advisory the City of Chicago has also implemented restrictions the number of individuals meeting from 25 people to 10
- The positivity rate for Evanston was at 4.39% effective 11/12
- There has been no discussion to impose restrictions in Evanston so far

Monique Jones

- The foundation is partnering with many community organizations for the “Two Million in Two Months” covid relief fund
- The matches serve as supplemental to much needed government funding
- As of Nov 5, the foundation has granted \$3.8 million dollars for community needs such as housing and food insecurities
- On average each month, funds assist roughly 447 seniors, 2,200 mixed status families, and 13,000 households in the community
- \$1.1 million dollars have also been allotted for minority-owned businesses who also support additional entities within the community
- The need continues to be prevalent
- Donations are matched until December 31 and will place additional funding into Evanston for families

Hospitals

- **Northshore Evanston Hospital (Doug Silverstein)**
 - 120 confirmed cases, 12 ICU patients, and 9 patients vented
 - Roughly 1,500 COVID-19 test performed, with a positivity rate of 32%
 - Averaging 1,700 to 1,800 phone calls daily with an hour wait time
 - Drive thru testing is averaging 800 test per day
 - In-patient beds are filled for the last 8 days
 - Considering converting the ambulance bay area to an active treatment area
 - Elective surgeries have been temporarily suspended
 - Additional assistance is needed for a staff technician to monitor in-patient and out-patient activity
- **Amita St. Francis (Kenneth Jones)**
 - 19 confirmed positive cases, 22 PUIs and 12 ICUs
 - The positivity rate is currently at 21.19%
 - Visitor restrictions are currently being implemented
 - Continuing to monitor bed capacity
 - Conducting onsite testing on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 10am to noon
 - Vaccine planning in place, and expecting arrival of vaccines in mid-December
 - Hospital campaign continues to emphasize proper protocol to reduce the spread of virus (i.e. face coverings, social distancing, etc)
 - Staffing is a current challenge regarding availability to properly staff some areas
 - Currently conducting roughly 4,500 tests per day and blood drives will continue

Senior Living (Mary Leary)

- Continuing to monitor the increase in cases for congregate housing which is a concern
- Today’s Situation Report will be shared with the congregate housing working group
- The group did not meet this week but will return to weekly meetings

Private Non-Profit (Monique Jones)

- No additional update

Northwestern University (Luke Figora)

- Noticing a slight increase on campus, however the metrics remain relatively low
- 1% positivity rate
- Experiencing 6 to 8 new cases per day, and continuing to monitor closely
- Issued a communication memorandum concerning IDPH and Evanston health department's advisory warning
- Encouraging staff members to work from home

Education (Dr. Eric Witherspoon and Dr. Devon Horton)

Devon Horton

- Announced two weeks ago not to open District 65 schools on Monday, 11/16
- Will remain in person until 11/19 depending on conditions
- Remote learning will be in place until metrics are acceptable

Eric Witherspoon

- Continuing with e-learning through the current semester
- Met with many area superintendents who are also remaining on remote learning status
- In October, ETHS conducted hybrid learning; however, due to the increase in risk, they are going back to remote learning

Legislators

Jan Schakowsky's Office (Ann Limpco)

- Free COVID-19 testing at Lincolnwood Town Center, 3333 W Touhy Ave., in Lincolnwood on Thursday, November 12 through Sunday, November 15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Eviction Prevention Workshop, co-hosted by Alderman James Cappleman and State Senator Sara Feigenholtz. Online Zoom meeting information is available on the attached flyer. Tuesday, Nov. 17 and Thursday, Nov 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Senator Laura Fine's Office (Shiva)

- Working with the Governor's office on the marketing campaign for a safe holiday

Robyn Gabel's Office (Robin Gabel)

- The state is conducting testing through mobile testing sites. Check the state website for more information on specific locations
- Anticipating the Governor's office will move closer to a Stay-at-Home Order if the pandemic numbers increase

Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz's Office (Caryn Valdez)

- No update

Commissioner Larry Sufferdin's Office (Adam Newman)

- No update

Business (Roger Sosa)

- Coordinating a promotional program for local restaurants for take out, outdoor dining and delivery
- Beginning programs to promote retail
- If businesses are concerned about PPE supplies, they should place an order this week

Recovery (Kimberly Krull)

- Looking at staff development, conducted interviews and working on gaps that were identified
- Creating a draft of items and will work with city staff to flush out issues

Mental Health (Dr. Christine Somervil)

- Working in the digital version of the mental health survey for distribution on 11/19
- Translation of the mental health resource guide into Spanish should be available 11/23
- Partnering with the Evanston Public Library on a series of mental health topics for discussion beginning January 2021

Faith-Based (Rev. Nabors)

- On Sunday, about 20 clergy members offered prayers and support at Raymond Park and shared a statement
- Statement from the local clergy (full statement and meeting excerpt):

EVANSTON INTERFAITH CLERGY AND LEADERS

REAFFIRMATION OF OUR VALUES AND OUR COMMITMENTS

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

Whether we live, work and/or worship in Evanston, we are inextricably bound to one another and the common ideals upon which our diverse faith traditions are founded. We understand that many in our midst, regardless of their political affiliations or preferences, have experienced those common ideals being placed at risk, especially since the 2016 election.

The coronavirus pandemic has added to our anxieties and further exposed injustices in its disproportionate toll on communities of color, the elderly, and the under-resourced. The 2020 election, still not fully complete, reflects a nation seriously divided in its national priorities. We stand in solidarity with those in our midst who are frightened, feel marginalized or disrespected. We who are representatives of faith communities in Evanston are resolved to stand in mutual solidarity with those groups who may be exposed to undue suffering in these tense and turbulent times. Thoughts and prayers are insufficient and empty

without acts of justice. We will stand, lock arms, listen to and speak with, struggle and, if need be, suffer to protect the rights of those in our community and nation. We will commit human and financial resources to help ensure and realize these rights.

We are committed to making Evanston a safe and welcoming place for all people and to right the wrongs of history that we have inherited. We are committed to healing. We not only respect the differences in how we exercise our religious beliefs, but we embrace the diversity of religious beliefs and customs present in all who live, work, study, pray/worship or serve in Evanston; and

We embrace one another's race, ethnicity, family background, heritage, language, economic status, and culture; sexual orientation and gender identity; and all abilities and special needs. We welcome immigrants and refugees.

We call on all in our community to treat one another with respect, to recognize the dignity of all fellow human beings, to speak and act from a foundation of love for one's neighbor, and to bring out the best in one another. A concrete way we can do this is to protect one another, our essential workers, healthcare providers, and first responders by committing to uphold all necessary protocols that will slow the new wave of the pandemic.

We commit to act with courage, to stand up to hatred, bigotry, violence, and irrational fear, and to build bridges and find common ground despite our country's deep divisions and the divisions in our own community.

We commit to providing resources, protection and safe spaces for those who are targeted because of their religion, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, ethnicity, immigration status, skin tone, language, culture, or health.

We commit to living and working so that justice, peace, and love prevail for all people in our community and across our country.

We invite our community members to reach beyond their own traditions to take advantage of our current virtual worship reality by attending services and/or engaging in conversations with neighbors and communities of different faiths.

We call upon all of us to hold our faith communities accountable to these solemn commitments.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 20 at 1:30 p.m.

EVICTION PREVENTION WORKSHOP

Co-Hosted by Alderman James Cappleman and State Senator Sara Feigenholtz

Having trouble paying your rent? Want support negotiating rent payments with your landlord?

Learn how the Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing's new EVICTION PREVENTION PROGRAM can keep you in your home and provide access to emergency rental assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Register Online via Zoom to Attend:

TUESDAY, NOV. 17
5:30PM

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/46LCBH1](https://bit.ly/46LCBH1)

THURSDAY, NOV. 19
10:00AM

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/46LCBH2](https://bit.ly/46LCBH2)

Questions? Contact the 46th Ward Office: 773-878-4646 or ward46@cityofchicago.org.



SARA
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State Senator, Illinois District 6



Lawyers' Committee
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IL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FREE COVID-19 TESTING SITE IN LINCOLNWOOD

LOCATION:

**Lincolnwood Town Center, 3333 W Touhy Ave, Lincolnwood,
IL 60712 (enter on McCormick, exit on Touhy)**

TESTING TIMES:

Thursday, November 12-Sunday, November 15, 9 AM - 5 PM

- **Free (bring your insurance card if you have one)**
- **No symptoms required**
- **Simple nasal swabs will be used**
- **You will be called with results within 4-7 days**
- **Walk or drive up**

Questions? Contact Senator Ram Villivalam's Office:

Call 872-208-5188, Text 224-592-5819, or

Message at www.senatorram.com/contact-us



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DEPARTAMENTO DE SALUD PÚBLICA DE IL SITIO DE PRUEBAS GRATUITO DE COVID-19 EN LINCOLNWOOD

UBICACIÓN:

Lincolnwood Town Center,
3333 W Touhy Ave, Lincolnwood, IL 60712

TIEMPOS DE PRUEBA:

Jueves 12 de Noviembre a Lunes 16 de Noviembre
de 9 a. M. A 5 p. M.

- Gratis (traiga su tarjeta de seguro si tiene una)
- No se requieren síntomas
- Se utilizarán hisopos nasales simples
- Se le llamará con los resultados dentro de 4-7 días

Preguntas? Comuníquese con la oficina del senador Ram Villivalam:
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60712

परीक्षण टाइम्स:

गुरुवार, 12 नवंबर-सोमवार, 16 नवंबर, सुबह 9 बजे से शाम 5 बजे तक

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- आपको 4-7 दिनों के भीतर परिणामों के साथ बुलाया जाएगा

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