

Daily Coronavirus Response Update Call

National and State Updates-Ben Moser

Ben gave the following updates for Day 12 of the National Emergency from the following media sources: The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, and The Boston Globe:

- New York virus attack rate is five times more than that anywhere in the United States
- Federal lawmakers closer to a deal with a two trillion-dollar relief package
- China to lift lockdown on April 8, 2020
- Governor of California needs 30,000 more hospital beds
- Governor of Massachusetts issued a stay at home advisory. All non-essential businesses to close by noon today
- Governor of Georgia orders all bars and night clubs closed and gatherings of 10 or more stopped for the next two weeks
- Georgia Income Tax deadline moved from April 15, 2020 to July 15, 2020 to align with the federal deadline
- Governor of Alabama also extended the state filing deadline to July 15, 2020

Columbus Area Updates

Department of Public Health (Columbus Health Department)-Natalie Mann

Natalie gave the following updates:

- There are four confirmed cases in Muscogee County
- There are two confirmed case in each of the following counties: Sumter, Harris, Macon and Randolph
- Drive-thru testing continues; tests are still limited
- Hotline remains open for prescreening
- Columbus Health Department screening Georgia residents only; Alabama residents should contact their local health department

Muscogee County School District Update-Dr. David Lewis

Dr. Lewis gave the following updates:

- Due to federal guidelines the daily feeding program will not occur during Spring Break; will resume April 6,2020
- Conference call today at 1:00pm with the Governor's State Superintendent Advisory Council to discuss school closures going forward

Piedmont Columbus Regional-Joel Ames

Joel gave the following updates:

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- As of 8:43am, there were no confirmed cases at Piedmont Columbus Regional
- In house specimen collection site is still up and running by appointment
- Continuing no visitor policy with certain exceptions (Pediatrics, Maternity, NICU and End of Life)
- Screening visitors for temperatures
- Constricting some parking lots and entrances
- Supplies are being managed system wide

United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley-Jennifer St John

Jennifer gave the following updates:

- Community partners meeting and working to supply meals for feeding program over Spring Break in same locations
- Planning call tomorrow at 8:00am
- Full up on call tomorrow or Thursday

Home for Good and Vulnerable Population Update-Pat Frey

Pat gave the following updates:

- Governor's task force recommendations delivered to the Governor yesterday
- Hoping for stay on evictions
- Local shelters following Center of Disease Control and Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines
- Looking for alternate ways to get food to the homeless
- Local shelters and service providers in need of cleaning supplies

Crisis Fund Update-Betsy Covington

Betsy gave the following updates:

- Reminder about the Coronavirus Response Fund being administered by the Community Foundation and United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley to help the vulnerable population
- Fund information on both websites and Facebook
- Information is gained from this call
- Nonprofits can register for the fund on the website
- Planning to award first round of grants in the coming week
- Staff working on guidelines for the grant
- People are giving generously; seeing the good side of the community
- Will keep callers informed

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Open Forum Updates

MercyMed-Billy Holbrook

Billy gave the following updates:

- They are continuing to collect samples for testing; going well
- Expecting another shipment of testing kits
- Referrals from the Department of Public Health
- The primary care clinic is switching to telemedicine where possible

211 Update-Candace Muncy

Candace gave the following updates:

- 211 call volume has doubled
- Number one need is housing followed by rent and food assistance
- Reminder to dial 211 or text zip code 898211 for assistance

Salvation Army Update-Josh Hinson

Josh gave the following updates:

- Unable to open mens' shelter as planned; not enough staff to open safely
- Social Services program receiving increase in calls for rent assistance, food and hygiene products
- Community meals to go have increased as well