

## Daily Coronavirus Response Update Call

### **National and State Update-Ben Moser**

Ben gave the following updates for Day 26 of the National Emergency of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 from national, state and local news sources:

- Prime Minister Boris Johnson of Britain remained in ICU Tuesday after being admitted to ICU on Monday
- New York officials are cautiously optimistic that the state and city may be reaching a turning point in the epidemic
- Italy is reporting a lower daily death toll
- China claims first day since January with no deaths
- Los Angeles has seen a 23% drop in crime due to stay at home order
- President Trump announced that the saga with 3M has ended; 3M will produce 166.5 million masks
- President Trump and congressional leaders converge on the need for a new economic package; small businesses
- Los Angeles Mayor announced that all residents with symptoms can get tested
- Stocks extend gains; rally 3.5%
- After an intense political back and forth in Wisconsin, they are set to hold primary elections today
- In Georgia, Governor Kemp receiving local backlash that has gained nation attention concerning his order to reopen state beaches
- In Alabama, Governor Ivey on Monday announced the launch of [altogetheralabama.org](http://altogetheralabama.org) an online resource for the state's response to the coronavirus

### **Columbus Area Updates**

#### **Department of Public Health (Columbus Health Department) Update-Natalie Mann**

Jack Lockwood gave the following updates in Natalie's absence:

- Muscogee County has 47 cases; Sumter County 90; Dooley County 27; Crisp County 46; Randolph County 26
- They are expecting a rise in cases because of the Community Wide Testing with MercyMed at Cascade Hills Church
- The Columbus Health Department resumes testing today; people with symptoms can come over, get triaged and see a nurse for testing onsite

#### **Muscogee County School District Update-Dr. David Lewis**

Dr. Lewis gave the following updates:

- They have paused with distribution of the printed packets due to safety concerns expressed by employees and changes in Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines; they are working on a contingency plan to get packets to students who need them

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- They are finalizing graduation awarding of credits and grading procedures going forward; will be finalized by Friday

### **Alabama State Representative Update-Chris Blackshear**

Representative Blackshear gave the following updates:

- Governor Ivey on Monday announced the launch of [altogetheralabama.org](http://altogetheralabama.org) an online resource for the state's response to the coronavirus
- Alabama has a total of 2008 cases
- Lee County has 118 cases; 2 deaths
- Chambers County has 96 cases; 7 deaths
- Russell County has 10 cases
- A total of 15,000 individuals have been tested in the state of Alabama
- A total of 272 individuals are hospitalized in the state
- There have been 53 deaths reported in the state of Alabama and 39 of those have been confirmed

### **Columbus Area Vulnerable Population Update**

#### **Home for Good Update-Pat Frey**

Pat gave the following updates:

- Update and report call today at 11:00am with the Governor's task force and subcommittees
- WebEx Housing Navigation Meeting today at 3:00pm. If anyone would like to join, they can go the Home for Good website([homeforgoodcv.org](http://homeforgoodcv.org)) and click on the link to join the meeting

#### **Crisis Fund Update-Betsy Covington**

Betsy gave the following updates:

- The grant panel met yesterday
- Notify organizations today; announcing first round of grants awarded tomorrow on call; want to get funds out as quickly as possible; seeing a lot of needs on the front lines; everyone will be pleased with where the money is going tomorrow
- Please continue to help make sure the fund is supported

### **Open Forum Updates**

#### **Phenix City Housing Authority Update-Mary Mayrose**

Mary gave the following updates:

- Offices remain closed
- Sending out resident notices weekly; Staying in touch with residents by email and phone; Some residents concerned about their health

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- Mary asked where they can get testing in Russell County; Jennifer St John will send MercyMed phone number to Mary

### **Hope Harbour Update-Lindsey Reis**

Lindsey gave the following updates:

- According to the Governor, domestic violence is up 15%
- Hope Harbour is seeing an increase in number of calls; Crisis line is always answered 24/7
- Their main concern is that victims are not having an opportunity to call them or escape due to everyone being at home
- The community can help; if you know someone check in on them
- The shelter is open 24/7; fully staffed; still providing shelter and using hotels when the shelter is full
- Still providing protective orders via phone
- Serving the entire area including Russell County Alabama

### **Twin Cedars Update-Rosalind Alston**

Rosalind gave the following updates:

- Children's Tree House Child Advocacy Center continues to do emergency forensic interviews and forensic medical exams referred by Department of Family and Children Services or law enforcement
- Scheduled to do six this week
- Limited staff in their building
- Limiting participants of the forensic interview to one law enforcement officer, one Department of Family and Children Services officer, non-offending care giver and the child that needs to be interviewed in order to comply with social distancing and still have all the legally sound pieces in place
- They continue on an emergency basis and they can be contacted if needed