

## Daily Coronavirus Response Update Call

### National and State Update-Ben Moser

Ben gave the following updates for Day 53 of the National Emergency over the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 from national, state and local news sources:

- J. Crew known for producing preppy fashion with mass market appeal filed for bankruptcy on Monday; the company is the first major retailer to fall victim to the pandemic that has hobbled the world economy
- Millions of people were allowed to return to work in Italy on Monday as Europe's longest lockdown started to ease, while countries from Iceland to India took a patchwork of steps to loosen coronavirus restrictions
- The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear oral arguments by teleconference Monday, the justices will remotely hear 10 cases over the next two weeks
- Global stock markets and oil prices fell Monday as U.S. China tensions escalated over blame for the possible origin of the coronavirus pandemic
- In Georgia, Coronavirus numbers from the Georgia Department of health: As of 7:00pm Sunday night, 183,002 people have been tested for COVID-19 in Georgia, with 28,671 confirmed cases, 5,405 COVID-19 patients have been hospitalized and 1,179 have died
- In Alabama, reminder for COVID-19 resources for businesses and individuals, visit [altogetheralabama.org](http://altogetheralabama.org)

### Columbus Area Updates

#### Columbus Consolidated Government Update-Mayor Skip Henderson

Mayor Henderson gave the following updates:

- The numbers are inching up a little; we are at 332 positive cases in Columbus and 7 deaths
- The hospitalization rate remains stable; looks like a small surge happened in Columbus hospitals around April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Around 3,000 plus tests have been performed in Muscogee County
- Continue educating and encouraging citizens to continue to limit trips outside the house, practice social distancing, wear mask in public and follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations
- They will continue to monitor the numbers; the numbers in the next several weeks will determine if there is any impact (negative or positive) of businesses reopening

#### Department of Public Health (Columbus Health Department) Update-Natalie Man

Natalie gave the following updates:

- There are 330 cases in Muscogee County; 168 in Crisp County; 132 in Dooley County; 81 in Macon County; 164 in Randolph County; 389 in Sumter County
- There are 1,505 cases in the 16-county health district

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- Reminder to visit the Georgia Department of Public Health for updates [dph.georgia.gov](http://dph.georgia.gov)
- There were 176 people tested at the Dorothy Height Elementary drive up testing site this past weekend
- Will check on getting numbers to report concerning trends as the state begins to open up

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

Dr. Lewis gave the following updates:

- They are looking at options as they plan for multiple scenarios for school to resume in the fall

### **YMCA/Red Cross Update-Scott Balkcum**

Scott gave the following updates:

- The DA Turner YMCA located on Warm Springs Road is hosting a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Thursday, May 7, 2020 from 2:00pm until 7:00pm

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

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

Pat gave the following updates:

- On Friday the Continuum of Care COVID-19 Response Committee from across the state met virtually and discussed how they have implemented the recommendations that came out of the Governors Coronavirus Task Force
- Pat reminded callers of the Continuum of Care Housing Navigation Meeting on tomorrow for anyone wishing to join
- **Continuum of Care Housing Navigation and COVID-19 Response Meeting, Tuesday, May 5, 2020, 3:00pm**

<https://meetingsamer8.webex.com/meetingsamer8/j.php?MTID=m52c0eff74454c4940cc8afd82cbb781e>

- Pat can be reached at [pat@unitedwayofthecv.org](mailto:pat@unitedwayofthecv.org) if there are any questions or if you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive the Home for Good weekly newsletter

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### **Coronavirus Response Fund (Crisis Fund) Update-Betsy Covington**

Betsy gave the following updates:

- Seeing increase number of requests as organizations are working to provide food, utility assistance and rent assistance to people that are hurting
- Please go to [cfcv.com/coronavirus](http://cfcv.com/coronavirus) for information about grant awards, amount of funds received and ways to donate
- Reminder of AFLAC match; They will match individual gifts to the fund up to \$2,000 for a total of \$100,000

### **Open Forum Updates**

#### **New Horizon Behavioral Health Update-Susan Gallagher**

Susan gave the following updates:

- An Emotional Support Crisis Line has been established; the number is [866-399-8938](tel:866-399-8938); the line is staffed 7 days a week and 24 hours a day by volunteers

#### **Amerigroup Update-Lauren Chambers**

Lauren gave the following updates:

- Georgia Medicaid is automatically extending coverage during the pandemic
- Lauren can be contacted at [lauren.chambers@amerigroup.com](mailto:lauren.chambers@amerigroup.com)

#### **Stewart Community Home Update-Kara VinZant**

Kara gave the following updates:

- The National Guard came in and tested all the residents of Stewart Community Home and they have 100% negative results
- Melissa, the Facility nurse will be contacting everyone today for mask distribution

#### **St. Francis Emory Healthcare Update-Melody Trimble**

Melody gave the following updates:

- Wished her colleagues Happy Nurse's Week and Happy Hospital Week
- St. Francis continues to see a downward trend in hospitalizations
- Thanked everyone for their support throughout the pandemic

#### **211 Update-Candace Muncy**

Candace gave the following updates:

- Monthly update from April: 211 took 671 calls; 250 of those were directly related to COVID-19; of the 250 calls, 1200 referrals were given
- People are having multiple needs; top needs for the month were housing, utility assistance, access to food, access to testing for COVID-19 and small business assistance