I. Virtual Meeting Guidelines
Virtual Meeting Guidelines

• Public participants will be on mute, Board of Health members will remain unmuted. When making a motion, please make the motion by stating your last name.

• During the public comment portion of the meeting, those who would like to provide comment can click on the reactions button and utilize the “thumbs up” icon.
  • Individuals will be unmuted one at a time for an opportunity to comment.
  • If called upon, please state your full name before making comment for documentation purposes.
Virtual Meeting Guidelines

• At the end of the New Business presentation, Board of Health members will be given the opportunity to ask questions or make comments.

• Board members can utilize the “thumbs up” icon if you would like to speak anytime during the meeting.
II. Approval of Agenda
III. Persons To Be Heard From The Public*

*VIA ZOOM, ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS THE BOARD OF HEALTH OR COMMITTEE FOR UP TO 3 MINUTES ON ANY TOPIC OF THEIR CHOOSING, LIMITED TO THIRTY MINUTES IN TOTAL. TO MAKE A COMMENT, USE THE THUMBS UP FEATURE. WHEN CALLED, PLEASE STATE YOUR FULL NAME BEFORE COMMENTING.
IV. New Business
COVID-19 Update

DCHD RESPONSE TEAM UPDATES
Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)

United States
Positive: 68,440
Deaths: 994

Illinois
Positive: 2,538
Deaths: 26
Total Persons Tested: 16,631

DeKalb County
Positive: 4

As of March 26, 2020
• CDC established 15 capabilities that serve as national standards for public health preparedness planning.

• All local emergency planning activities fall under one of the 15 capabilities.
## Capabilities

| Capability 1: Community Preparedness          | Capability 9: Medical Materiel Management and Distribution |
| Capability 2: Community Recovery             | Capability 10: Medical Surge                               |
| Capability 3: Emergency Operations Coordination | Capability 11: Nonpharmaceutical Interventions             |
| Capability 4: Emergency Public Information and Warning | Capability 12: Public Health Laboratory Testing |
| Capability 5: Fatality Management            | Capability 13: Public Health Surveillance and Epidemiological Investigation |
| Capability 6: Information Sharing            | Capability 14: Responder Safety and Health                 |
| Capability 7: Mass Care                      | Capability 15: Volunteer Management                       |
| Capability 8: Medical Countermeasure Dispensing and Administration | |
Emergency Operations Coordination
• February 28, 2020: Established a COVID-19 Incident Command

• March 6, 2020: Activated Health Department Emergency Operations Center
Responder Safety & Health
Client Screening

• First, prior to scheduled appointment, clients are contacted and screened for related symptoms.
  • If yes, then appointment is rescheduled and guidance is provided.

• All clients are screened upon presenting at the Health Department
  • Travel
  • Symptoms or exposure to someone with symptoms
  • Purpose of visit to the Health Department
Signage

- Signage outside building immediately notifying people not to enter the building if they are experiencing symptoms; call instead.
Operations & Safety

- Health Department Service Delivery (1st Phase)
  - Drive-thru immunizations will be administered one day a week to limit contact and allow clients to stay in car as long as possible.
  - State approved changes regarding certifications for WIC and allowing curb-side pick-up for WIC coupons to limit office visits.
  - Services by appointment only and conducting as much as possible over the phone, through email, and fax.
  - TB testing will only be administered one day a week.
  - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) continually provided to essential services.
Emergency Public Information & Information Sharing
Information Sharing

• Weekly newsletter via email to provide community members updated information on COVID-19
  • As of March 27, 2020, 508 people signed-up to receive the newsletter.

• Social Media: Facebook
  • Around 630 page views in the last 7 days
  • Around 400 new page followers in the last 7 days

• DeKalb County Health Department Website
  • Coronavirus page: about 18,000 views in last 28 days
  • Coronavirus newsletter page: about 3,000 views in last 28 days

• Virtual NIU Stem Café on April 1st to provide education on COVID-19 to the public

• Significant increase in volume of calls to Communicable Disease Department
Community Partners

- Updated guidance and information is shared with community partners primarily through Constant Contact.
- Individual agency consultation for interpretation and implementation of guidance.
Community Partners

• March 13, 2020
  • Meeting held with DeKalb County Department Heads to update on COVID-19 response and to discuss Continuity of Operations Planning.
  • Meeting held with DeKalb County Superintendents to update and discuss threshold for school closures. Schools closed by executive order later that day.
  • Meeting held with DeKalb County Police, Fire and EMS partners to update on COVID-19 response and discuss PPE needs. Initial supply of PPE distributed.
Community Partners

• DeKalb County Social Service Providers
  • DeKalb County Health Department is the convening agency for a weekly COVID-19 Social Service Agency call
  • Purpose of weekly call is to share COVID-19 related needs in the community and to work collaboratively to address them.
  • Topics thus far have included food/nutrition, childcare and behavioral health services.
Guidance for Restaurants

• Additional guidance provided to community on executive order of closures of businesses for on-premises food/drink consumption.

• Order includes restaurants, bars, grocery stores, and food halls.

• Health Protection staff and Public Information Officers throughout Region 1 worked to develop additional guidance for restaurants. Guidance distributed locally through Constant Contact and our local Chamber of Commerce.
Guidance for Daycares

• Throughout our response period, CDC guidance for daycares has changed several times.

• We have worked in collaborations with 4-C to distribute updated information to all DeKalb County Daycare facilities.

• Region 1 Administrators and Public Information Officers worked to develop additional guidance for daycare providers and distributed via joint press release.

• Several consults with daycare providers on the implementation of the guidance.
Public Notification of Positive Cases

• IDPH updates the case count at noon each day to be included in the daily count disseminated to the public.

• If a case in DeKalb County comes in after noon, it will not be in that day’s news release.

• The updated count is on the IDPH website during the Governor’s 2:30pm news conference.

• IDPH asks that local health departments wait until the Governor’s news conference to announce cases and testing results.

• Announcement of first 4 cases announced via DCHD Press Release. All future positives will be reported via our website. Website updated on a daily basis.
Medical Materiel Management & Distribution
Inventory

- To date, we have received three shipments from the Strategic National Stockpile
- Surveys utilized to assess current needs for supplies
- PPE will continue to be distributed to law enforcement, long-term care facilities and social service agencies
- 16,162 products received and delivered to:
  - 6 long-term care facilities
  - 13 police departments
  - 9 social service agencies
  - 4 County departments
Inventory

- DeKalb County Board and DeKalb County Farm Bureau soliciting donations to Health Department of PPE for coordinated distribution
- Whiskey Acres donated 5,952 ounces of hand sanitizer that is being distributed throughout DeKalb County
Surveillance & Epidemiological Investigation
Case Investigations

• Person’s Under Investigation (PUI)
  • Most case investigations are those who are being quarantined with no testing and those who meet testing requirements and are awaiting results.
  • PUIs are contacted and followed to assure they are following proper guidelines in case they are positive.

• Notification of a Positive Case
  • Notify provider and confirm the patient is in appropriate isolation and full PPE is being adhered to. If patient was not hospitalized, confirm the patient is being properly isolated at home.
  • Confirm onset date and determine all potential exposures. Identify persons who are considered close contacts.
  • Oversee the case’s hospitalization and release to home isolation.
  • Persons who are not hospitalized but who have possible or confirmed COVID-19 are instructed to isolate themselves in a private residence.
  • Premise alerts are immediately entered into the 911 dispatch system
Laboratory Testing & Testing Process

1. Testing through IDPH: clearance and verification number from local health department
   - Other particular concerns: Safe Passage, Hope Haven, LTC Facilities, Correctional Facilities

2. Private lab testing
   - Testing provided in DeKalb County for people with symptoms who have high risk of complications or who have high risk of exposing others. This includes older adults living in congregate settings and those with chronic health conditions.
Laboratory Testing & Testing Process

- 5 points about COVID-19 testing:
  - **No symptoms, no testing needed**; but if exposed to a positive, self quarantine-varying levels depend on situation, also for group homes for disabled and jails
  - **Call before you go to your healthcare provider** if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath)
  - If you have mild symptoms, your healthcare provider may instruct you to stay home and self-care. You may not be tested to reduce exposure to others and prioritize testing of severely ill patients
  - **Only go to Emergency Department if your symptoms are severe** or if directed to do so by your provider
  - Testing requires a clinicians order
Nonpharmaceutical Interventions
Isolation vs. Quarantine

• **Isolation**-separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.

• **Quarantine**-separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to monitor for development of symptoms.

• Health Department has authority to order isolation and quarantine but State’s Attorney office is our backing.
  • Pre-work with State’s Attorney Office to augment NPI plan which outlines isolation and quarantine mandates and houses specific forms for various situations.
  • Forms developed that will be used in the event a court order is necessary.
Alternative Housing

- Directive from IEMA for local EMAs to develop alternative housing plan.

- Plan needs to secure alternative housing for individuals who are not able to isolate/quarantine in their own home (i.e. Hope Haven, Safe Passage)

- Health Department is currently leading this effort in collaboration with County, NIU, and social service agencies.
Long-term Recovery Operations
Long-term Operations

We anticipate that this response will continue over the next several months at which point we expect to initiate our medical countermeasure dispensing and administration capability and volunteer management.

- **Medical countermeasure dispensing and administration**
  - receiving and distributing vaccines or medication when available
- **Volunteer management**
  - activating our current and expanded volunteer corps to assist
Other Considerations
Human Resources

• Expanded protections in place for individuals who:
  • Get sick from COVID-19
  • Need to care for a close family member who is ill
  • Are ordered to be isolated or quarantined due to exposure to the virus
  • Need to be off work in order to care for their child due to school closures related to COVID-19

• Expanded employee benefits to include:
  • Paid Sick Leave
  • Expansion in qualification for Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
  • Expanded unemployment benefits
Funding for On-going Response Efforts

• Federal and State Resources
  • Anticipating funds through public health and emergency preparedness grants

• Local Resources
  • DeKalb County Community Foundation
  • DeKalb County Mental Health Board
  • DeKalb County Government
DCHD Restricted Fund Balance

**Restricted Fund Balance** (End of 2018)

Cash Flow = $900,753 (3 months operating estimate)

Accrued Time Off ($303,357 * 20%) = $60,671

**Extreme Event** = $200,000

Stabilize from Lost Revenue = $100,000

Total = $1,261,424
V. Adjournment