Contact Tracing: Virtual Community Briefing

Welcome: Candace Moore, Chief Equity Officer at City of Chicago

Background and Summary: Dave Kern, Deputy Commissioner at CDPH

- Contact Tracing Overview
  - **What:** Public Health Intervention for COVID-19
  - **Why:** Helps stop transmissions of COVID-19
- Steps Involved:
  - Person receives COVID-19 test
  - If positive, state Health Department receives case
    - Separate cases in two categories
      - 1) Congregate Facility/Settings i.e. workplaces, nursing homes
      - 2) General Population (Community Transmission)
  - After cases have been diagnosed, they are investigated by:
    - Gathering demographic information
    - Gathering information from those who have been in close contact
  - **CDPH** notifies contacts of potential cases
  - **Help connect contacts** to COVID-19 Testing and Self-Quarantine
  - **Introduce resource coordinators** to contacts
    - Help with housing, food insecurity, and various other needs
  - **Surveillance monitoring**
  - **Community wraparound services**

- CDPH has been investigating:
  - Congregate Areas
  - Racial Minority Populations

Summary:
- CDPH will be partnering with healthcare institutions and community organizations to assist the general population

Equity Approach: Christina Anderson, Project Director, Mayors Office

- Reason: The City of Chicago wants to address the social determinants of health that preceded COVID-19
- RFP: Important that these jobs/positions go to underrepresented populations
  - RFP dictates that at least 85% go to at least 30 community-based organizations
  - Job placement will focus on those with barriers i.e. disabilities, returning residents…etc.
  - “Earn as you learn:” Employees will have additional opportunities to seek job and educational opportunities

Questions and Answers:
- 1) Will funding for contact tracing be federal funding only?
  - Funding will originate from the federal government
    - The contact tracing will not ask questions pertaining to status
    - The City is working to support immigrant communities
- 2) How and where can people apply to be a contact tracer?
When/Where: Tuesday, May 26th at 4pm (CST)
Attendees: Local Faith-based and Community-based Leaders

- Hiring will occur through those 30 community organizations (chosen by the lead organization)
- For more information look to: Chicago.gov/coronavirus

3) What does the city plan to do to protect individual’s privacy?
- City is taking privacy very seriously. Contact tracing is not new and the COVID-19 contact tracing will be handled with the same care.

4) Once people apply, what follow-up should individuals expect?
- Expect communication to come from the lead organization and the community-based partners and organizations for employment.

5) Can the city provide equity training for those involved in the contact tracing process?
- Resources and training will be provided to the 30 community-based organizations that represent multiple population groups.

6) How does the city plan on mitigating possible mistrust with contract tracers?
- The city and CDPH has been doing this work. Much of the training will center around ensuring individuals’ privacy be maintained.
- Also, contract tracers will be provided emotional support for their own experiences.

7) Places individuals can go to seek contact tracing opportunities?
- Go to Chicago.gov/coronavirus
- Although there is no link, the coronavirus page will be updated frequently