

When/Where: Tuesday, May 26th at 4pm (CST)

Attendees: Local Faith-based and Community-based Leaders

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?

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- 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, contact 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