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JEWISH FEDERATION

Re: COVID-19 RESOURCE UPDATE SUMMARY

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This memo is a daily synthesis of critical information and trends about the pandemic that are relevant to the Milwaukee Jewish Federation's work of caring for the needs of the Jewish people. While the information is intended for use by MJF leadership, we are also sharing it with other community leaders. If you have questions, please contact Anna Goldstein at AnnaG@MilwaukeeJewish.org or 414-390-5733.

Funding Resources

- Governor Tony Evers [announced \\$75 million](#) in assistance for small businesses as part of the **Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation's (WEDC) *We're All In* initiative**, a comprehensive effort to celebrate and help Wisconsin's small businesses get back on their feet and support best practices to keep businesses, consumers, employees and communities safe. Funded largely by federal dollars received through the CARES Act, this initiative will provide direct assistance to small businesses most impacted by the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. These **\$2,500 cash grants** will assist with costs of business interruption or for health and safety improvements, wages and salaries, rent, mortgages, and inventory. **Businesses will be able to apply for grant assistance in early June.** Grant recipients will become *We're All In* businesses by committing to safety protocols and using them in their shops, cafes and places of work to protect their customers, employees, and communities. The *We're All In* initiative will include:
 - **Grants in the amount of \$2,500 to small businesses with 20 or fewer FTEs impacted by COVID-19** that have not already received WEDC COVID-19 assistance. **Up to 30,000 businesses may receive grant. More details about the program will be available later this month with businesses able to apply for grant assistance in June.**
 - [A series of guides](#) for businesses looking to implement best practices to keep employees, customers, and communities safe throughout the COVID-19 crisis.
 - [Ethnic Minority Emergency Grants](#), which provide **\$2 million in grants for ethnically diverse Wisconsin micro-businesses who suffered losses due to the pandemic.** The grants are aimed at **sole proprietorships or businesses with five or fewer employees that have not received assistance under either SB 20/20 program or SBA's PPP. One thousand grants of \$2,000 each** will be administered in partnership with Wisconsin's 19 ethnic and minority chambers of commerce.
 - An integrated public information campaign promoting *We're All In* businesses and social practices to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and celebrate Wisconsin's diverse and strong economy.

- **Milwaukee County is creating a \$250,000 grant program to help small businesses recover from financial damage caused by COVID-19.** The [details of the program](#) are being ironed out, but it would likely **apply to companies with 20 or fewer employees.** The money comes through the federal Community Development Block Grant program. Due to that program's regulations, **Milwaukee County cannot award the grants to companies located in Milwaukee, West Allis or Wauwatosa.** Those three communities receive their own, separate CDBG allocations.
- The [Center for Craft's Craft Futures Fund](#) will make **unrestricted one-time grants of \$5,000 to education projects throughout the United States that use crafts to boost community resilience during the pandemic.** The fund will pay out **up to \$30,000 in grants per month.** Interested applicants must submit a letter of interest to be entered into a lottery to determine which 250 candidates may submit applications each month. Letters of interest are due on the first of the month for each monthly round through October.
- [Grantmakers for Girls of Color](#) will give **\$1 million in grants** through its Love Is Healing COVID-19 Response Fund to **resource organizations and projects that address the immediate needs for girls and nonbinary youths of color during the pandemic.** The fund will provide **one-time grants of up to \$25,000 to nonprofit organizations and coalitions led by women or girls of color.** Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis from May through November.
- [The Spencer Foundation's COVID-19 Related Research Grants](#) will **support research projects that contribute to understanding the rapid shifts in education that are happening as a result of the pandemic.** The foundation will **award grants worth up to \$50,000 each for projects ranging from one to three years.** Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis over several grant cycles. The next deadline is **Monday, June 8.**
- More than 77,000 Wisconsin businesses and nonprofits have received more than \$10.1 billion in forgivable PPP loans. SBA and the [Department of the Treasury](#) have now released the [loan forgiveness application and detailed instructions](#). SBA will also soon issue regulations and guidance to further assist borrowers as they complete their applications, and to provide lenders with guidance on their responsibilities. **More than \$100 billion in forgivable PPP funds is still available** for small businesses and nonprofits to help them cover payroll and other costs as a result of the pandemic.
- The [Fund for Investigative Journalism](#) is offering grants for journalists covering the coronavirus epidemic. Grants will **average \$5,000** but can be **as high as \$10,000** to cover **out-of-pocket expenses** such as travel, document collection, and equipment rental. **Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis.**
- The cloud communications company [Twilio](#) will make **\$2 million in grants to crisis hotlines that are working to offer urgent emotional support to people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.** Nonprofit groups that operate crisis help lines and other support services may apply. Applications are due on Friday, June 5.
- OSHA [announced](#) the availability of **\$11.5 million in Susan Harwood Training Grants for nonprofit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations,**

employer associations, labor unions, joint labor/management associations, Indian tribes, **and college and universities**. The Harwood Training Grant program **supports in-person, hands-on training for workers and employers in small businesses**; industries with high injury, illness, and fatality rates; and vulnerable workers, who are underserved, have limited English proficiency, or are temporary workers. The grants will **fund training and education to help workers and employers identify and prevent workplace safety and health hazards, including the coronavirus**. [Find more information](#) on the grants and how to apply. **Harwood applications must be submitted online no later than 11:59 pm ET on Monday, July 20**. Applicants must possess a “D-U-N-S” number and have an active [System of Award Management \(SAM\)](#) registration. A D-U-N-S number may be obtained free-of-charge from [Dun & Bradstreet](#).

- The National Garden Bureau promotes the health and healing powers of human interaction with plants through a yearly grant program for therapeutic gardens. The Therapeutic Garden Grant is offered in conjunction with members American Meadows and Sakata Seed America. Each year, **three therapeutic gardens are selected as recipients of a grant that will help build or perpetuate a therapeutic garden**. Those gardens will then compete via social media, **for a first, second and third place prize of a financial contribution to their garden**. **Applications are due on Wednesday, July 1**. [Learn more](#) about eligibility requirements and the timeline.
- Keurig, Dr. Pepper & KaBOOM! are accepting applications for playground equipment grants. Playgrounds must be assembled and installed using the KaBOOM! Community-build model. **Municipalities and child-serving nonprofit organizations without a playground or with existing equipment that is unsafe for children are eligible for this opportunity**. **Applications are due on Friday, June 19** – [learn more](#).
- The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families received approval from the Joint Finance Committee last week to **use \$51 million in federal CARES Act funds to create several childcare grant programs**. **Childcare providers can now apply for the grant funds online**. The **three grant programs provide funding for childcare providers** that have remained open to serve the children of essential workers during the pandemic; funding to provide hazard pay to childcare employees; and funding to support childcare providers that have closed due to COVID-19. **The first application period runs from Monday, May 18 – Friday, May 29. Don't delay in applying – application periods are limited**.
- The Greater Milwaukee Foundation, in partnership with local philanthropists and funders, has created a fund to respond to the COVID-19 situation. The [MKE Responds Fund](#) will provide resources to organizations working in the greater Milwaukee area with communities disproportionately impacted by coronavirus and the economic consequences of this pandemic. The Foundation is **currently accepting applications for emergency needs for projects providing food, housing, medical or behavioral services in response to COVID-19**. The fund will consider **proposals from 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations**. An eligible fiscal sponsor may apply on behalf of an organization that is not a 501(c)(3). Requests will be reviewed weekly.
- Governor Tony Evers [announced](#) the Wisconsin Farm Support Program, a \$50-million investment to **provide direct payments to Wisconsin farmers** in support of the

agricultural sector during the COVID-19 pandemic, and a **\$15-million Food Security Initiative to combat hunger in Wisconsin**. Eligible farmers will be asked to apply for the aid through the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, which is working in collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection. **Farm support payments could begin arriving as early as June**. For the **Food Security Initiative**, a portion of the funding will go toward helping food banks, pantries, and other nonprofit organizations fighting food insecurity adapt to challenges posed by the COVID-19 public health crisis. This may include adjustments to public health and social distancing guidelines, such as curbside pick-up or delivery services, purchasing prepared meals from local restaurants for distribution, as well as other expenses that are being incurred by these organizations as they continue to provide services to families in need. The initiative will emphasize the importance of prioritizing the use of Wisconsin products wherever possible in feeding citizens who find themselves in need of support. **Applicants are strongly encouraged to partner with local food experts to aid in connecting with farmers in their area**. Additionally, the Food Security Initiative will help food bank, pantries, and other nonprofit organizations purchase, process, and/or store Wisconsin agricultural products for distribution to local consumers in need. These grants will bolster Wisconsin's food supply chain by strengthening bridges, from producers and processors to food banks and consumers. Successful applicants are encouraged to partner with organizations that work directly with Wisconsin's agricultural producers and food processors to maximize the use of Wisconsin products.

- The city of Milwaukee aims to help small businesses restart their operations using grants created through funding from the CARES Act.¹ Milwaukee received about \$103 million from the federal stimulus package. **The city is allocating up to \$20 million from that for small business grants**. If demand exceeds the \$20 million, Mayor Tom Barrett said the city could also tap into \$3 million from its Community Development Block Grant allocation. **Eligible businesses could receive up to \$15,000 from the city's restart program. To qualify, a business must have been established by the end of 2019, generate annual revenue of less than \$2 million and employ 20 or fewer full-time-equivalent workers**. The city said the grants can be spent on purchasing PPE for staff, investing in modifications to business spaces and operations to reduce transmission of COVID-19 and restocking perishable inventory. Barrett said businesses could use the money for expenses they have already incurred. **The city will take applications Thursday, May 28 through Friday, June 12**. Barrett said the city would **decide how to disburse the funds after all applications have been received, rather than on a first-come, first-served basis**. City officials made that decision after seeing large businesses obtain significant sums through federal loan programs. Barrett

¹ https://www.bizjournals.com/milwaukee/news/2020/05/20/milwaukee-opening-application-period-small-biz.html?ana=e_ae_set2&j=90509759&t=Afternoon&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTXpsa01ESmtNVEUxWIRNMCIsInQiOiJ1OFFZcUxV0VqdGU1TWVvUmdERjJFV2JkbzhiYWgxOTJ5OHFVZnZYZEJFa0lMTzZXVXZzTFEDcnVtcHI1eW12WGtZFwveXBod3BhWHRCQkl5ZkZwNHM4cVJlZXVkd2Z2VmwYTG5leWRmY2RaMjdLaUF2YlU5MytjSDN3WVwvYWR3aDByT25qZTlOYzdkZXFEN1VGXC95Tmc9PSj9

said businesses that obtain grants through the state's programs would be eligible for city funds so long as they are not spent on the same expenses.

- [The Greater Milwaukee Foundation](#) provides information on available grant opportunities.
- The Greater Milwaukee Foundation is **seeking proposals** from food pantries, food banks, community gardens, meal sites and shelters for capital and project requests. The goal is to improve food service, facilities, services and operations to help meet the basic needs of individuals and families. **Eligible organizations must be a 501(c)(3) food pantry, food bank, community garden, meal site or shelter serving Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ozaukee and/or Washington counties. Eligible nonprofits must have board membership that is at least 10% people of color. Applications will become available on Monday, August 10 and applications will be due on Friday, August 28.** Basic needs organizations operating in a leased or donated space must contact Associate Program Officer Danielle Breen at 414-272-5805 to discuss the project before applying. **Grant amounts may range from \$1,000 to \$50,000.** Review the steps in the [Grant Application Process](#) section and then log on to [Fluxx](#) to complete your application.
- [The Fund for Lake Michigan](#) is focused on making a profound impact on the lake's health and that of the surrounding communities by supporting programs and projects that seek to restore and protect the quality of this treasured resource. [Learn more](#) about the fund, its [application process](#) and its grant history. **The Fund accepts pre-proposals on a rolling basis throughout the year.** You can submit a pre-proposal to the Fund on a time frame that works best for you and your project. **Grant decisions are made four times a year at the Fund's quarterly board meetings in March, June, September and December. The Fund plans to award between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000 in grants each quarter.**
- The Mary L. Nohl Fund, among the largest funds created at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, **invests in local arts education programs and projects.** It also provides necessary financial support for local established and emerging artists through the [Mary L. Nohl Fund Individual Artist Program](#), which is supported through the Nohl Fund but administered by the Bradley Family Foundation. **The 2020 Cycle #3 application opens on Monday, August 10 and closes on Friday, August 28.** First time applicants must complete [Grants Portal Setup](#) before receiving access to the grant application. **Eligible applicants include arts education programs in traditional or nontraditional educational environments for children/youth from birth to high school. Eligible organizations must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations serving people in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ozaukee and Washington counties. Eligible nonprofits must have board membership that is at least 10% people of color. Multi-year requests will be considered. Organizations are encouraged to include other sources of revenue within project budgets.** For questions regarding the grant process or proposal development please contact [Lynn Lucius](#), art consultant, at 414-708-5966.
- The [Mequon/Hiram Schmitt Fund](#) supports agencies that offer educational, health and human service programs, including capital projects, in Mequon or that serve its residents. **The application will become available on Friday, August 21 and**

applications are due on Friday, August 28. 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that serve the Mequon/Thiensville area are eligible. Grants may be used to sustain an agency's ongoing activities, or to support a particular program or capital project, located in Mequon or otherwise serving Mequon residents. Grant amounts may range from \$1,000 to \$4,000. Review the [grant application questions](#) and [online budget instructions](#).

- [The Nonprofit Management Fund](#) offers [grants](#) to small and medium-sized private, nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations which have been incorporated for at least two years and serve Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington, or Waukesha counties. Applicants must have an annual operating budget of at least \$25,000 and no greater than \$3 million. Religious organizations will be considered for project support if the proposed work serves the general community and neighborhoods beyond the membership of the applicant. Projects to promote a particular denomination or faith will be ineligible. In order for a statewide organization to be considered for funding, 70% of its work must be in the greater Milwaukee area. [Read more](#) about the funding categories. Cycle 2 applications open on Monday, July 6 and close on Friday, July 17. Cycle 2 applications open on Monday, November 2 and close on Friday, November 13. [Apply for a grant](#).
- [The Reasons for Hope MKE Fund](#) offers a prompt response grant opportunity designed to support community-based actions and activities that encourages social connections, promotes peace, and builds community cohesion. This particular Fund is purposely intended to provide highly targeted, immediate support to smaller local groups over the short term. The Fund will award grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to projects or programs within the city of Milwaukee neighborhoods. Nonprofit organizations interested in partnering with residents, community leaders and stakeholders in activities that promote virtual community cohesion, foster online support and mentoring for youth and young adults are invited to apply. The Fund will consider proposals from 501(c)(3) organizations. Entities that do not have this designation may use a fiscal sponsor to serve as the recipient and manager of the grant. **Eligible nonprofits must have board membership that is at least 10% people of color. Applications are due on Friday, May 29.** First time applicants must complete [Grants Portal Setup](#) before receiving access to the grant application.
- Governor Tony Evers [announced](#) the launch of a **\$25 million Wisconsin Rental Assistance Program for Wisconsinites who have experienced income loss as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.** Administered by the Department of Administration, the Wisconsin Rental Assistance Program will **provide direct financial assistance for owed rent, security deposits, and wrap around services for program eligible individuals.** Eligible applicants must be an adult Wisconsin resident with a household income at or below 80% of the county median income in the month of or prior to the application date. Once approved, eligible individuals may receive assistance of up to \$3,000 in a combination of rental payments and/or security deposits. These payments will be paid directly to the landlord on behalf of the tenant. More details about the Wisconsin Rental Assistance Program, including

complete eligibility criteria, application documentation requirements, and the distribution process for the rental assistance, will be shared in the upcoming days. [Initial details](#) regarding the program are available.

- Self-employed individuals and sole proprietors are eligible for the PPP – [read](#) about how to qualify for loan forgiveness.

Local Resources

- Wisconsin's Department of Health Services released [COVID-19 Health Alert #9](#) issuing new guidelines for COVID-19 testing at Wisconsin public health laboratories and required data collection for COVID-19 disease testing. The next phase in Wisconsin's COVID-19 pandemic response will require a massive scale up of testing and contact tracing. To enable collaboration between health care partners and state and local public health, DHS is requiring collection of a standard set of data elements for all patients at the time of testing. As more labs develop testing capacity, Wisconsin's public health labs are able to accept a broader range of patients for fee-exempt testing – see the [expanded priority list](#) for public health testing.
- Bader Philanthropies [gave a \\$100,000 grant](#) to the [IMPACT 211 Crisis Call Center](#). It was part of the foundation's grant of \$1 million to locally based charities since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. IMPACT 211 is a crisis call center that connects callers from the Milwaukee area 24/7 to over 20,000 resources across the state, helping with food needs, mental health and drug abuse intervention, and a variety of other services. IMPACT 211 has been on the front lines of the pandemic fielding an increase of calls from those in need. The grant allowed for IMPACT 211 to hire three more staff members to help with the increase in calls and provide their employees with the necessary technology to be able to work from home themselves.
- Wisconsin Department of Health Services' [Resilient Wisconsin program](#) helps connect businesses, employers, and workers with coping tips for disrupted workers and families during COVID-19.
- Read *Milwaukee Business Journal's* [10 tips](#) to moving back in and COVID-proofing your office, including isolation rooms, temperature screenings and smart technology.
- **Free Milwaukee COVID-19 testing locations** at Midtown Center and UMOS [adjusted their hours](#) to **11 am – 8 pm CT Monday through Saturday**.
- Governor Tony Evers was joined by state DHS Secretary Andrea Palm, Missy Hughes, CEO of WEDC and Dr. Ryan Westergaard, chief medical officer of the Bureau of Communicable Diseases to share updates on the state response to COVID-19 – [watch here](#).
- The Jewish Federation of Madison is looking for a full-time administrative manager of its office. Duties include reception, bookkeeping, payment processing, and office administration. [See more details and apply](#).
- In celebration of Jewish American Heritage Month, [PBS Wisconsin](#) is highlighting programs throughout May exploring the past and present of Jewish Americans and Wisconsinites who have shaped and enriched our communities.

- [View the recording](#) of the Monday, May 18 livestream with WEDC Secretary and CEO Missy Hughes. This livestream touched on guidelines for businesses to protect employees and customers; a resource to connect companies in need of PPE with those that make it; the Ethnic Minority Grant initiative; and the newly announced *We're All In* initiative with additional funds for small businesses.
- *The Milwaukee Business Journal* has [guidance from professionals](#) who are advising PPP borrowers about the new loan forgiveness application – access [parts one](#) and [two](#) of the guidance. PPP funds have to be spent within eight weeks of being received and are limited to approved expenses. At least 75% should go toward payroll, while the rest can be spent on overhead expenses. The application asks borrowers for specific information, and **experts advise to start filling the application out now**. A head start will help borrowers identify what questions they have for their own circumstances. The SBA has said further guidance is forthcoming for both borrowers and lenders.
 - Although generally borrowers are expected to restore their employee base, **the application notes four reasons for which borrowers won't be penalized in the forgiveness calculation related to their headcount**. Those include employees who declined to return, employees who were fired for cause, employees who voluntarily resigned and employees who requested and received a reduction in their hours.
- The North Shore Health Department (NSHD) released [a public briefing](#) on Tuesday, May 19 detailing **guidelines for a phased reopening of businesses and organizations in the North Shore**. NSHD has communicated directly with many organizations in the last several days in anticipation of these guidelines being released. These guidelines will be updated as more recommendations come from Wisconsin DHS and other state agencies. Moving forward, businesses and organizations should begin to reopen under [NSHD's Guidelines for a Safe, Phased Reopening](#). These Guidelines are similar to those issued by other suburban health departments in Milwaukee County. These Guidelines should be used in conjunction with sector specific guidelines by agencies like [WEDC](#), [Wisconsin DHS](#), and the [Wisconsin Department of Children and Families](#). All of these guidelines will help prepare for the phased reopening of businesses and organizations in a safe and effective manner to help protect business owners, employees, customers and others from becoming sick with COVID-19. Access NSHD and Suburban Milwaukee County's Safe Opening Capacity [Guidance Chart](#).
- Governor Tony Evers [announced](#) a robust **\$1 billion statewide effort to support COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, acquisition of needed supplies, emergency operations, and resources for local communities throughout Wisconsin**. The effort is funded by the \$1.17 billion in federal CARES Act dollars. The state has allocated approximately \$260 million for testing efforts and \$75 million for contact tracing. The testing program includes COVID-19 test kits, **local preparedness grants for local and tribal public health departments**, local community and occupational testing pilots, and public health testing coordinators.
- The Shepherd Express offers [updated consumer guidance](#) on foreclosure, eviction and mortgage payment forbearance.

- [MaskUpMKE](#), a partnership between health care groups, community groups and other organizations, is currently working to create and distribute 3.5 million masks to first responders and local community members. The masks are being assembled in part with support from local volunteers, and the supplies were donated by Rebel Converting. This week, MaskUpMKE donated 2,100 non-surgical grade masks to frontline employees in the Department of Public Works.

National Resources

- The U.S. Department of Labor's [Employee Benefits Security Administration](#) announced upcoming webinars on health and retirement benefits after a job loss. The [webinars](#) are scheduled for several dates in June and will be provided in English and [Spanish](#). Each session lasts about 60 minutes and is limited to 200 participants.
- The CDC [outlines](#) their activities and initiatives supporting the COVID-19 response and President Donald Trump's Plan for Opening America Again.
- A group of Democratic senators has [introduced a bill](#) to establish a grant program for nonprofits struggling during the pandemic. Organizations would apply directly to the Treasury Department for funds, which the senators hope they would use to maintain their staffs or even take on new workers.
- Find U.S. Department of Labor [resources](#) on preparing workplaces for COVID-19.
- [Unemployment Insurance Program Letter 24-20](#) provides guidance and responds to state inquiries related to the Federal-State Extended Benefits program and temporary changes to the program in accordance with the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.
- The U.S. Department of Labor [announced](#) the award of seven Dislocated Worker Grants (DWGs) totaling over \$26 million to help address the workforce-related impacts of the public health emergency related to coronavirus. These awards are funded under the CARES Act, which provided \$345 million for DWGs to prevent, prepare for and respond to coronavirus.
- By Saturday, May 23 the CDC [intends to send](#) \$10.25 billion to states and cities for coronavirus contact tracing. Read the CDC's [guidance](#) on contact tracing.
- The CDC published new decision tools for [youth programs and camps](#); [schools](#); [childcare programs](#); [workplaces](#); [mass transit](#); and [restaurants and bars](#). The CDC also has [guidance for cleaning and disinfecting](#) public spaces, workplaces, businesses, schools, and homes.
- The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has adopted revised policies for enforcing OSHA's requirements with respect to coronavirus as economies reopen in states throughout the country. OSHA has issued **two revised enforcement policies to ensure employers are taking action to protect their employees**. First, OSHA is **increasing in-person inspections at all types of workplaces**. The [new enforcement guidance](#) reflects changing circumstances in which many non-critical businesses have begun to reopen in areas of lower community spread. The risk of transmission is lower in specific categories of workplaces, and PPE

potentially needed for inspections is more widely available. OSHA staff will continue to prioritize COVID-19 inspections and will utilize all enforcement tools as OSHA has historically done. Second, OSHA is **revising its previous enforcement policy for recording cases of coronavirus**. Under OSHA's recordkeeping requirements, coronavirus is a recordable illness, and employers are responsible for recording cases of the coronavirus, if the case: is confirmed as a coronavirus illness; is work-related as defined by [29 CFR 1904.5](#); and involves one or more of the general recording criteria in [29 CFR 1904.7](#), such as medical treatment beyond first aid or days away from work. OSHA's guidance emphasizes that employers must make reasonable efforts, based on the evidence available to the employer, to ascertain whether a particular case of coronavirus is work-related. Recording a coronavirus illness does not mean that the employer has violated any OSHA standard. Following [existing regulations](#), employers with 10 or fewer employees and certain employers in low hazard industries have no recording obligations; they need only report work-related coronavirus illnesses that result in a fatality or an employee's in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye. For further information and resources, please visit OSHA's [coronavirus webpage](#).

- [The CDC released](#) its full, 60-page guidance on how to reopen. The document is a road map for reopening schools, childcare facilities, restaurants and mass transit.
- ASHRAE, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, recently announced the creation of the [ASHRAE Epidemic Task Force](#) to help deploy ASHRAE's technical resources to address the challenges of the current pandemic and future epidemics as it relates to the effects of heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems on disease transmission in healthcare facilities, the workplace, home, public and recreational environments.
 - Read [ASHRAE's Environmental Health Emerging Issue Brief](#) on the COVID-19 Pandemic and Airborne Transmission.
- The CDC has [Interim Guidance](#) for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to COVID-19. The guidance updates strategies and recommendations for employers responding to COVID-19, including those seeking to resume normal or phased business operations. These strategies include:
 - Conducting daily health checks
 - Conducting a hazard assessment of the workplace
 - Encouraging employees to wear cloth face coverings in the workplace, if appropriate
 - Implementing policies and practices for social distancing in the workplace
 - Improving the building ventilation system
- Follow the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health's (NIOSH) [Hierarchy of Controls](#) for guidance on controlling exposures to occupational hazards to protect workers.
- Read the CDC's updated [Situation Summary](#) of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Follow the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) [Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#). Here are the steps all employers can take to reduce workers' risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2:

- Develop an Infectious Disease preparedness and Response Plan
- Prepare to Implement Basic Infection Prevention measures
- Develop Policies and Procedures for Prompt Identification and Isolation of Sick People, if Appropriate
- Develop, Implement, and Communicate about Workplace Flexibilities and Protections
- Implement Workplace Controls (i.e. engineering controls, administrative controls, safe work practices, personal protective equipment (PPE))
- Read [guidance](#) from the World Health Organization (WHO) on the COVID-19 outbreak. The WHO also provides guidance on [getting your workplace ready for COVID-19](#). See [ASHRAE's letter to WHO](#).
- The [IICRC](#), or the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification, is the non-profit certifying body for the cleaning and restoration industry.
- [ASHRAE's technical resources on filtration and disinfection](#) provide further information on COVID-19 transmission through air in toilet rooms; HVAC system maintenance and filter replacement during the COVID-19 pandemic; [mechanical air filters](#); HEPA filters; [electronic air filters](#); gas-phase air cleaners; [ultraviolet energy \(UV-C\)](#); [UV-C LEDs](#); UV-C In-Duct Air Disinfection; UV-C Upper-Air Disinfection; UV-C In-Duct Surface Disinfection; UV-C Portable Room Decontamination; [Photocatalytic Oxidation \(PCO\)](#); [Bipolar Ionization/Corona Discharge](#); [Ozone \(O3\)](#); [Chemical Disinfectants](#); Vaporized Hydrogen Peroxide (VHP); [Pulsed Xenon \(Pulsed UV\)](#); [405 nm Visible Light](#); [Far Ultraviolet](#); and other special precautions.
 - In summary, it is likely, but not yet shown, that COVID-19 could be spread through the air. Air cleaning can help mitigate disease transmission. Options for air cleaning include HVAC systems and in-room devices. Technologies that can be effective include mechanical air filters, electronic air filters/air cleaners, UV-C systems, and other emerging technologies. Care and professional judgement should be taken to understand choices for filtration and air disinfection, pros and cons of each and impact(s) on existing building systems.
- Read the [CDC's guidance](#) on cleaner air shelters and spaces.
- ATI is a National Leader in Decontamination and Disinfection. Read their [guidelines for COVID-19 cleaning](#).
- The Rabbinical Council of America and the Orthodox Union have presented ["Guidance to Shuls and Communities on Reopening"](#).

Agency Resources

Federations

- JFNA announced the [Jewish Changemakers Fellowship](#) – a **3-week online leadership experience for Jewish students and early career professionals, ages 20-25, built for career development, networking and making a difference in the community**. The Fellowship **begins on Sunday, June 28 and concludes Sunday, July 19**. The Curriculum covers career planning, service and advocacy, and Israel and Global Jewish

life, with Jewish values and ideas woven throughout. Young adults may participate in as many or as few sessions as they'd like over the three weeks. **Those who attend a minimum number of sessions will earn a \$500 stipend and Certificate of Completion.** Each participant will join a team and go through the experience as a cohort – either a team they build on their own (e.g. friends from camp, college, etc.) or will be added to a team when they register.

Social Services

- Repair the World announced a new initiative, [Skills for Impact](#), to **further mobilize the Jewish Community to volunteer during the COVID-19 pandemic.** Participating organizations include Avodah, JCC Association of North America, JDC Entwine, JFNA, JPRO Network, Moishe House, OLAM, Birthright Excel, and Honeymoon Israel. The online platform, run by Catchafire – the largest online tool that connects social good organizations with talented professionals looking to donate their skills – will provide Repair's nonprofit partners and other nonprofits and social service agencies supported by the Jewish community with expert support in areas like marketing and communications, web development, operations, and strategy. [Learn more.](#)

Camps

- On the most recent [OHC Partner Discussion in Response to COVID-19](#), Avi Orlow, FJC's Vice President of Innovation & Education presented FJC's plans to develop a guiding framework to support camps with the resources needed to provide meaningful Jewish camp connections this summer for as many families and young adult staff as possible. FJC and Mosaic United are now partnering to [create a menu](#) of virtual platforms, resources, programs, and opportunities for camps as they pivot to non-traditional engagement for Summer 2020.
- FJC has put together [a list](#) of the camps (both day & overnight) who have made decisions regarding their plans for this summer. FJC's Data Team will continue to update this list daily as camps' decisions are made.
- [Camp Shalom](#) and [NOBO](#) in Madison will not be running in the usual fashion this summer – assuming the camps are allowed to open, administrators are currently planning to offer a modified program. With a commitment to the health and safety of campers, families, and staff, the program will strictly adhere to Wisconsin DHS and the American Camping Association guidelines. Some of the new protocols that will be in place include fewer campers (maximum of 50) and staff (maximum 10) per session; activities adjusted to accommodate expectation for social distancing; taking temperatures at drop off; and regularly leaning and disinfecting throughout the day.
- Wisconsin DCF released [guidance](#) for licensed day camps which covers any programs that are regulated through DCF. The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection regulates [recreational and educational camps](#) – this includes overnight camps that have living quarters where both food and lodging are provided.

- [Read](#) the CDC's public health considerations for reopening youth programs and camps during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Preschools

- [Camp Shalom Katan](#) at [Gan HeYeled Preschool](#) in Madison will be **opening on Monday, June 15** with stringent precautions in place in adherence to state guidelines and a commitment to the health and safety of campers, families, and staff. Administrators are closely monitoring the latest updates from the CDC and Wisconsin Department of Children and Families to ensure they are following the most up-to-date recommendations and guidance. Some of the new protocols that will be in place include reduced hours to allow for thorough daily sanitizing and disinfecting; temperature check for all students, parents, and staff; hand sanitizer upon entry; only children and staff permitted in the building; reduced group size to a maximum of 10 in each room; regularly sanitizing of high-touch surfaces throughout the day. See details on [how to register](#) for the 2020 Summer Program. [Register](#) for preschool for the 2020/2021 school year.

Aquatic Centers

- [The Goodman Aquatic Center](#) in Madison announced that based on overwhelming advice and recommendations from health experts and organizations, and the center's commitment to the health and safety of the community, it is unlikely that the center will be able to open for Summer 2020.

Jewish Family Services

- JHelp offers crisis funding for individuals who need assistance with rent/mortgage, food, transportation, clothing, utilities (phone/internet), and other emergent needs. Call JFS at 414-390-5800 or visit [the website](#) for more information.

SHOFAR

- [SHOFAR](#) (Safeguarding Health Families and Relationships) is an initiative of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation that addresses child sexual abuse, sexual harassment and domestic violence. [Read more](#) about SHOFAR. If you'd like to be involved, contact [Tziporah Altman-Shafer](#) at 414-963-2718. See all [SHOFAR resources](#) to get help now.
- Call the Sojourner Family Peace Center 24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline at 414-933-2722. The National Domestic Hotline offers 24/7 support in more than 200 languages – call 800-799-7233.

MJFLA

- The Milwaukee Jewish Free Loan Association offers confidential, interest free loans for any purpose to people who find themselves in a time of financial need. [Learn more](#) or call 414-961-1500.

Trends

- [A survey](#) found that 73% of charities worldwide have seen a decline in contribution and about half of charities expect to see revenue decline by more than 20% over the next year.²
- Three Froedtert Health hospitals and Froedtert's partnership with the Medical College of Wisconsin [received tens of millions of dollars](#) from the bipartisan CARES Act that already has awarded more than \$125 million to southeast Wisconsin health care systems.
- COVID-19 related deaths in the U.S. are [likely to exceed](#) 100,000 by Monday, June 1.
- New York Governor Andrew Cuomo says [limited religious services](#) may be allowed by Shavuot. His office plans to release guidance early this week about what New Yorkers can do over Memoria Day weekend and beyond.
- Wisconsin National Guard Adjutant General Paul Knapp and Julie Willems Van Dijkf, Wisconsin DHS Deputy Secretary, provided an update on the response to COVID-19 by the Wisconsin National Guard, Wisconsin Emergency Management, and DHS personnel working out of the State Emergency Operations Center in Madison – [watch the media briefing](#).
- [Several experts say](#) employers and business owners around the Milwaukee metropolitan area that are considering reopening their offices or businesses in the coming days or weeks should consider certain legal and health consequences when doing so. During a webinar hosted by the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce (MMAC) on Tuesday, May 19, experts in law, medicine, business operations and public health talked about information being made available to the business community in **a new online kit created through a collaboration between the MMAC, Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) and the Milwaukee 7 Economic Development Partnerships**. The online kit includes guidelines and links to other sources, including WEDC's guidelines for reopening and a link to the Wisconsin DHS website. Along with using the resources, it's just as important to understand the repercussions of not following them. Ann Christiansen, a director and health officer at the North Shore Health Department, said **the region needs to move forward slowly, methodically and with a process of protective measures. Otherwise, a surge in COVID-19 is possible**. To prevent such an occurrence, businesses must install protective measures and procedures to safeguard their employees and customers. If an employee tests positive for the virus, the local health department should be notified immediately, Christiansen said, adding the department can help the employer with contact tracing, rather than an employer taking

² https://www.philanthropy.com/article/73-of-Charities-Worldwide-See/248791?utm_source=pt&utm_medium=en&utm_source=iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=campaign_1224650&cid=pt&source=ams&sourceid=5250163

on that role. Dr. John Raymond Sr, president and CEO at MCW, said companies need to tie their expectations into published policies and procedures.

- The Democratic National Committee [made it official](#) on Tuesday, May 12 that delegates could participate remotely and don't have to visit Milwaukee if they are concerned about COVID-19 safety. DNC Committee CEO Joe Solmonese [said](#) his organization will begin surveying state party delegations about their attendance plans after their early-June state conventions. Depending on the response, Solmonese said he will make adjustments to the convention as late as mid-July. The convention team will follow the guidance of health officials in determining the safest course of action for all convention-related events.³
- Chill on the Hill, presented by the Bay View Neighborhood Association (BVNA) in partnership with Milwaukee County Parks, will be delaying the season to **hopefully start on Tuesday, July 21, 2020**.⁴ The BVNA is working closely with Milwaukee County to formulate a plan to host Chill on the Hill in a safe and friendly manner.
- Two churches in Georgia and Texas, states that have been at the forefront of reopening, [have now closed their doors again](#). One church that resumed in-person services later decided to suspend them after several families became infected despite the church's social-distancing and cleaning precautions.
- Local gyms and fitness centers have [begun announcing](#) their plans to reopen. The YMCA of Greater Waukesha County, which has six facilities and 50,000 members, will open its four Waukesha County locations on **Wednesday, May 20** and two facilities in Milwaukee County on **Friday, May 22**. The YMCA of Greater Waukesha County's six facilities will look at three phases of opening based on **June 1, September 1 and November 1**. **June 1** is the beginning of the YMCA's summer mode with the start of summer camps and more children at the facilities. **September 1** is back-to-school but also large outdoor recreation months, and **November 1** is the peak indoor period.
- Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development has paid out \$1.14 billion in unemployment benefits during the pandemic.⁵
- Bigoted incidents against Asian American health care workers are on the rise. Asian Americans represent 6% of the U.S. population but 18% of the country's physicians and 10% of its nurse practitioners. Some COVID-19 patients refuse to be treated by them, and they are facing attacks in their personal lives outside the hospital too. As the outbreak continues and stay-at-home orders are lifted, [the FBI is warning](#) that there could be a surge in hate crimes.

³ https://www.bizjournals.com/milwaukee/news/2020/05/19/dnc-virtual-option-pandemic-spread-uncertainty.html?ana=e_ae_prem&j=90509552&t=Afternoon&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWldGaU0yVTVQVE0wTm1GaClsluQioiJuWExyWE1nTVByUjN4WWR5bWk3a3d0K1wveFntQXdxNmVPMmxQalBKWW5pVlhiTFwvcXpKcW52MGlwdTJnQlRnY3BhV2pzcmlJFV3I35cK00czBFcGNYUE9cL2xzV3Q5ZXdsbzhSczh2V3BQZEliekMyNzI0VTFWbVYyM3YxTU8wZ2RucEMwYlQwT083UVZybWVnN1BzODdITUE9PSJ9

⁴ https://radiomilwaukee.org/discover-music/milwaukee-music/chill-on-the-hill-hopes-to-start-its-season-july-21/?utm_source=88Nine+Newsletter+List&utm_campaign=1f433f92d1-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_05_19&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d2583b1492-1f433f92d1-113817365

⁵ https://www.bizjournals.com/milwaukee/news/2020/05/20/wisconsin-pays-out-over-1-billion-in-ui-benefits.html?ana=e_ae_set2&j=90509759&t=Afternoon&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTXpSa01ESmtNVEUxWIRNMClsluQioiJ1OFFZCzUxV0VqdGU1TWVuuQmdFRjJFV2JkbzhiYWgxOTJ5OHFVZnZYZEJFb0IMTzZlV3V3ZzFFDcnVtcHl1eW12WGtlZFwveXBod3BhWHRCQkl5ZkZwNHM4cVJIZXVkdnZ2VmwYTG5leWRmY2RaMjdLaUF2YlU5MtyjSDN3WVwvYWR3aDByT25qZTI0YzdkZXFEN1VGXC95Tmc9PSJ9

- Apple and Google [launched software](#) that will allow public health authorities around the world to create mobile applications that notify people when they may have come in contact with someone who's been diagnosed with coronavirus.
- During the coronavirus pandemic, young adults say they have made donations to food banks, animal-rights groups, and health care advocacy organizations over other causes, [according to a new survey](#) from the Cause and Social Influence project. Just 12% of young people say they are giving cash to any kind of group. It also found that many young people are not comfortable engaging in public activities, including volunteering and attending charity fundraising events, due to the coronavirus. 49% said they did not feel safe attending special events run by nonprofits. 48% said they were uncomfortable volunteering in person.

Online Resources

- NEWaukee's [Cloud Café](#) is an online platform for connectors and creators to find belonging during this time of isolation.
- [Watch](#) ADL's webinar featuring CEO Jonathan Greenblatt discussing the findings from the 2019 Audit of Antisemitic Incidents with colleagues Oren Segal, Allison Padilla-Goodman and Deb Leipzig.
- 6-12th graders are invited to enter ADL Midwest's First Amendment Art & Essay Contest. **Students who submit their work will be considered for scholarships up to \$5,000. All entries must be postmarked or submitted digitally by Wednesday, September 30, 2020. There is also a \$1,000 award for the teacher with the most submissions.** To inspire their work, entrants should answer the question, "Using a personal example or experience, describe or portray how one of the five freedoms in the First Amendment affects your daily life." [Learn more and apply.](#)
- Google has launched a virtual tour of the [Milwaukee Public Museum](#) as an additional way to engage with the Milwaukee attraction during COVID-19. The museum also has a reopening team that is working with the city, county and local health care officials on a plan to safely open.⁶
- Check out this [fun and family-friendly cooking demo](#) with Hannah's Kitchen in honor of Shavuot. Follow Hannah Sattler as she makes baby blintzes, a spin on the traditional dairy dish for the holiday. [Order](#) your Shavuot menu from Hannah's Kitchen.
- [Listen](#) to the first episode of WEDC's Focus Forward Podcast about moving your restaurant forward during COVID-19 with Luke Zahm, chef and owner of Driftless Café and Wiscochef Enterprises and host of the "Wisconsin Foodie" television show.
- [Here](#) are some things to consider when hosting fundraising events in the COVID-19 era.

⁶ https://www.bizjournals.com/milwaukee/news/2020/05/19/milwaukee-public-museum-partners-with-google.html?ana=e_ae_set4&j=90509552&t=Afternoon&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiWldGaU0yVTVOVE0wTm1GaCIsInQiOiJuWEExWE1nTVByUjN4WWR5bWk3a3d0K1wveFNtQXdXNmVPMmxQalBKWVW5pVlhiTFwvcXpKcW52MGlwdTJNQIRnY3BhV2pzcmJFV3I5ck00czBFcGNyUE9cL2xzV3Q5ZXd5bzhSczh2V3BQZEliekMyNzI0VTFWbVYyM3YxTU8wZ2RucEMwYlQwT083UVZybWNVN1BzODdiTU.E9PSJ9