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JEWISH FEDERATION

Re: COVID-19 RESOURCE UPDATE SUMMARY

Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 – Friday, June 5, 2020

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

- The Milwaukee Jewish Federation is addressing the COVID-19 crisis in three stages: responding, recovering and rebuilding. **COVID-19 Recovery Grants** will focus on the recovery stage by assisting organizations with reopening and with re-envisioning how they do business in this new and changing reality. **To be eligible for funding, an organization must meet all the following requirements:** 501(c)(3) or otherwise exempt from taxes; located in Milwaukee, Ozaukee, or Waukesha County; established by the Jewish community and serving the local Jewish community; and prior to the impact of COVID-19 be in good financial standing for a minimum of two years. **Requests for funding will be considered if they meet the following requirements:** address needs specifically related to COVID-19; will help an organization reopen and/or adapt their business model related to COVID-19; and request must maintain or expand provision of human services, Jewish education, and/or Jewish identity and engagement. **Requests for assistance with financial deficits or general operations are ineligible for funding. Organizations may submit multiple grant proposals. Most awards will not exceed \$7,500 in total to any Jewish organization.** In total, approximately \$150,000 will be made available for COVID-19 Recovery Grants during this cycle. **[Submit requests online](#) by 5 pm CT on Thursday, June 11.** MJF will respond to submissions no later than Wednesday, June 24. Contact [Louise Jesse](#) at 414-390-5743 with questions.
- The Omidyar Network COVID-19 Economic Response Advocacy Fund will **infuse 501c4 funding into national, state, and local advocacy and organizing efforts aimed at passing economic stimulus to address the immediate toll of the COVID-19 pandemic on working people while reshaping our economic structure to ensure they are less vulnerable in the future.** Between now and the end of this year, Omidyar Network plans to award \$1.5 million to groups working to realign this nation's economic policies and systems so that they work better for everyone. Applications are especially encouraged from 501(c)(4) organizations, 501(c)(3) organizations exercising the 501(h) election, or other tax-exempt entities with organized policy efforts. **There is no limit on the amount of funding you can request as long as the entire amount is expressly for policy efforts that meet the intent of the Fund and will be carried out over the next 12 to 15 months.** The Omidyar Network anticipates a majority of the grants

from the Fund will be for \$75,000 or less. [Learn more](#). The deadline to send in applications is Friday, June 5. [Access the application](#) with the password “advocacy”. If you’re having difficulty with the PDF version, [download the word version](#) using the same passcode.

- [The UJIA Summer Engagement Fund](#) will support the Jewish informal education and Israel engagement field at this challenging time. **The Fund will support innovative informal educational activities in the time of COVID-19.** The £100,000 Fund will **provide grants of up to £10,000 (approximately \$12,500) per project.** Any organization can apply as long as it serves primarily or exclusively the Jewish community; it has some kind of legal structure (charity, company limited by guarantee, etc.); it is a non-profit entity. Partnerships of organizations working together can also apply. The three key audiences for the activities that will be funded are activities aimed at 16 year-olds who would have gone on Israel Tour/Israel Machane; activities aimed at other school-aged young people; and intergenerational activities – either (or both) parents and children or grandparents and grandchildren doing something meaningful together. **All activities proposed must take place between Wednesday, July 1 and Tuesday, September 1;** contain a substantive element of Israel Engagement, broadly constructed; have a clear marketing/recruitment plan; have a clear plan for how outcomes will be measured (impact evaluation); ensure that safeguarding is a priority if young people or vulnerable adults are involved; and be capable of operating under a range of plausible official social distancing regulations. Activities that include an element of *mifgash* (joint activity with Israeli peers, and possible also other Jewish peers from around the world) and are creative with the use of online/digital technology or explicitly provide time and space away from screens are encouraged. [Fill out the initial application form](#) by Wednesday, June 10. Once you have applied, one of UJIA’s educators will make contact with you to discuss and help you develop the idea further. After you have engaged with UJIA educators, you will be able to access the longer full application form. **At this stage a project budget and is required. The closing date for filling out the full application form is Wednesday, June 17.** UJIA will make funding decisions immediately after and **you should hear by Friday, June 26 at the latest if you have been successful.**
- The Disability Foundation is [accepting proposals](#) from **organizations that are working through the pandemic to help people living with disabilities.** Eligible organizations must offer direct services to people with disabilities. Eligible applicants include 501(c)(3) organizations, governmental non-profit agencies, and academic institutions. **Grants worth up to \$10,000 each will pay for operating needs created directly by the COVID-19 crisis, and other needs directly related to services. Proposals are due by 5 pm ET on Friday, June 12. You must submit your proposal by email.** Applicants will be **notified of funding decisions no later than Friday, July 31, 2020.** If you are interested in learning more or applying for a grant, you will need to [review the RFP and submit an application](#).
- Mosaic is making grants through its [COVID-19 Rapid Response Infrastructure RFP](#) to **support conservation organizations and grass-roots networks that work in environmental protection or justice.** Grass-roots organizations that have an annual

budget below \$500,000 **can apply for grant awards of up to \$10,000 each for tools, technology, training, and resources to transition to effective remote work and communications as a result of the pandemic. Networks that support such grass-roots organizations can apply for up to \$50,000.** [Applications](#) are due by 11:59 pm PT on Friday, June 12 for the second round of funding, and by 11:59 pm PT on Thursday, July 2 for the third round. Download the full [Request for Proposals](#) and [detailed FAQ](#) for more information on the RFP. **Join for an upcoming Q&A Session on Wednesday, June 10 at 10 am PT or Wednesday, June 24 at 10 am PT.** If more information is needed or questions arise regarding your application, Mosaic staff will reach out to you directly. For any questions or concerns, please contact info@mosaicmomentum.org.

- The Stevens Initiative [Coronavirus Response Fund](#) will make grants to **support education and nonprofit organizations in the United States, the Middle East, and North Africa as they conduct virtual programs to engage young people and educators affected by the pandemic. Grants are worth between \$20,000 and \$100,000 each. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until 8 pm ET on Friday, June 12. Applicants may submit a proposal for a grant supporting one of the following activities:** adapt (or develop a new variant of) and conduct an existing in-person exchange or education program into a summer virtual exchange; adapt and conduct an existing virtual exchange program to the current global conditions (for example, finding ways to accommodate young people learning from home, engaging parents or guardians as facilitators or co-participants, or overhauling curricula), or offset unanticipated costs for a virtual exchange program caused by the coronavirus pandemic; or prepare those who conduct education or exchange programs to design, prepare for, and facilitate future virtual exchange programming. Proposed projects are encouraged to focus on technology and computing; world affairs and global studies; business and entrepreneurship; language learning and practice; and public health and/or the coronavirus pandemic. Prospective applicants are encouraged to [contact](#) the Stevens Initiative to ask questions prior to submitting an application. Please include “Coronavirus Response Fund Application” in the subject line of the email.
- [WEDC will begin accepting applications](#) for the \$75 million [We’re All In Small Business Grant \(WSBG\) Program](#) starting at **8 am CT on Monday, June 15.** The program, which will provide **\$2,500 grants to 30,000 small businesses**, is designed to help small businesses get back on their feet amid the COVID-19 pandemic while encouraging them to adopt best practices to keep employees, customers and communities safe. [FAQs](#) about the grant and the materials businesses will need to apply can be found [here](#). The online grant application will be accessible at the same site from **8 am Monday, June 15, through 11:59 pm CT on Sunday, June 21.** A business may apply for the grant if it was in business in February 2020, **businesses that started in 2020 are not eligible**; is **Wisconsin-based and for-profit; employs 20 or fewer FTE employees**, including the owner; and has **more than \$0 but less than \$1 million in annual revenues.** Businesses will not be eligible for the grants if they are: part of a national chain, unless the business is a third-party franchise; industries covered by other Wisconsin CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund programs ineligible for this program, these include crop

production; animal production or aquaculture; and [lessors of residential buildings and dwellings](#). Grant recipients will become We're All In businesses by pledging to safety protocols and using them in their shops, cafes and places of work to protect their customers, employees, and communities.

- A long-awaited federally backed loan program with **loan limits from \$500,000 to \$200 million** is being [positioned to launch in early June](#). In April, the Federal Reserve announced it would begin its \$600 billion Main Street Lending Program that month, but it has been delayed as it was being developed to support relief loans for **small and middle-market companies with no more than 15,000 employees or \$5 billion in annual revenue**. Main Street lending is meant to help small and medium-sized businesses and their employees weather the pandemic-caused financial downturn. The program is for companies that were strong before the pandemic. The loans are meant to help the companies maintain operations until financial conditions return to normal. The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston [issued some initial guidance](#) on the program last week. Unlike the PPP, **the Main Street loans will not be forgiven and must be repaid over four years**. Underwriting for the Main Street program will also be a more laborious process than it is for the PPP. To be eligible, borrowers will have to have a decent balance sheet, prove they were injured by COVID-19 and have a plan for what they will do with the money. Main Street Lending has three different loan programs, each with different requirements and opportunities – they are outlined on the [Boston Fed's website](#).

Local Resources

- The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development has [triggered its extended benefits program](#), which will **provide an additional 13 weeks of unemployment insurance payments to the more than half-million people out of work across the state**. [The program](#) is for those who exhaust their regular unemployment insurance benefits and federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) Benefits. DWD said it hopes to begin making PEUC payments by the end of June.
- Starting today, [a new COVID-19 community testing site will open](#) on Milwaukee's North Side. The testing site, run by the Wisconsin National Guard, will be located in the parking lot of Custer Stadium, across the street from Barack Obama School of Career and Technical Education (**4300 W Fairmount Ave**). The community testing site on Milwaukee's South Side at UMOs (**2710 S Chase Ave**) will continue to operate as it has been. **Both sites will be open Monday – Thursday from 11 am – 7 pm and Friday – Saturday from 11 am – 5 pm**. Hours may be adjusted to match demand. If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please take advantage of this free testing. The city especially encourages testing for essential workers and frontline workers. Individuals who live in communities with high rates of infection should also seek out testing.
- From *Milwaukee Magazine*, [here are five ways](#) to help local artists hit hard by the pandemic.

- [Listen](#) to the *Milwaukee Business Journal's* Podcast on the latest information available regarding the Paycheck Protection Program and guidance on obtaining loan forgiveness.
- [Read](#) how business executives are going about enforcing the requirement of customers and visitors to wear face masks, including Mark Shapiro, the CEO/Executive Director of the Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC.

National Resources

- [The Art of Scenario Thinking for Nonprofits](#) is a downloadable book from the Wallace Foundation that outlines an approach to scenario thinking and planning for nonprofit organizations with stories and lessons from the field.
- Two D.C. teenagers who started helping their grandparents during the COVID-19 outbreak have turned their goodwill into [a nationwide volunteer delivery service for seniors](#) with 14 chapters across the country. [Teens Helping Seniors](#) connects older adults with volunteers who will deliver groceries or other supplies to their doorstep. Seniors who are interested in the service can email the group and include a home address and preferred schedule for deliveries. The teens will assign a volunteer, and the client will email over a grocery list. When the volunteer is about to go to the store, they call the client to confirm the delivery time. The clients can leave their payment outside or pay using Venmo. Teens Helping Seniors will also deliver prescriptions and other necessities.
- The CDC has [updated recommendations and guidance](#) for preventing the spread of COVID-19 in households living in close quarters.
- The Stevens Initiative [funds virtual exchange programs](#) that have current open-enrollment opportunities for youth:
 - [seat at the table](#) is a virtual community where youth meaningfully interact, share stories, and form bonds across distance and difference. **Young people ages 16-19 connect over video and share how they are experiencing COVID-19 in their local communities and hear from other youth about what's happening in other parts of the world.**
 - [Student to World](#) is an **online program for youth ages 12-18 that explores global issues through activities, curated media resources, and stories created by youth worldwide.** As a personalized learning journey, youth are able to self-pace through the thematic courses on their own, gaining the 21st century and social emotional learning skills to prepare them for their futures.
- The latest guidance from the U.S. Small Business Administration says PPP borrowers must inform their state's unemployment insurance office if an employee rejects an offer to be rehired.¹

¹ https://www.bizjournals.com/milwaukee/news/2020/05/31/ppp-borrowers-must-report-work-refusals-rule-says.html?ana=e_mil_bn_exclusive_exclusive&j=90511750&t=Breaking%20News&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTkdvEzFpQQTNOREk1WIRFNCIsInQiOiJWRUxHenM4M1ArSjNzRm40TnRucTA0XC9PSlJHMFImbzAwOThlVzSDUxb2xIYUVIOE8yd2o5NGRMaDhaZ3BMWFhqb3VzU0VBRm44SldOcGpJaFNyclJMNeh4dHJFc01CUWVrR3BmdHNlZlJOakFjNE5GMEhwNINIRkI2Q1BEVkfubERTQ0FtdWdhMlhCOGF5XC9USWFNQ09ln0%3D

Reopening Toolkits & Checklists

North Shore Health Department

[COVID-19 Business Toolkit](#): Preparing to Reopen Safely, Responsibly and Confidently

- [North Shore Environmental Health COVID-19 Checklist for Businesses](#)
 - Outlines priority levels of customer service protocols and procedures
 - Recommends tools for each step
 - Space to identify target date and completion date
- [Safety in an Office Space Checklist](#)
 - At the Entrance
 - Receiving Deliveries
 - Throughout the Office
 - In Shared Spaces
- [Safety in a Retail Space Checklist](#)
 - At the Entrance
 - Throughout the Store
 - At the Check-Out
 - In Shared Spaces
- [Recommended Elements of Sick Policy](#)
 - One of the most critical elements of this process is **implementing a strict sick policy**, designed to identify staff members at risk of having COVID-19 based on their symptoms, exposure status, and/or travel history. **Staff members should be informed frequently of the policy and told about the conditions under which they should not report to work.**
- [Sample Sick Policy](#)
- [Quarantine and Isolation Algorithm](#)
 - NSHD has often been asked for case-by-case guidance on whether employee should be allowed to work based on symptoms they experience, exposures they may have in their households, and travel history. To standardize the responses to this question, NSHD developed and utilize a [“quarantine and isolation algorithm”](#) that guides recommendations regarding when someone can return to regular activity (including work).
 - **PLEASE NOTE: If you determine that a staff member should be in isolation or quarantine, please call NSHD at 414-371-2980 and ask for a Public Health Nurse to consult with.**
- [Sample Active Monitoring System](#)
 - Each business should have an **“active monitoring” system**, in which each staff member is asked about their symptoms, exposures and travel history prior to starting each shift. When possible, it is good practice to check staff member temperatures prior to the start of a shift.
 - How to Implement

- Have one or two entrances that staff are required to use. Before they enter the building, station designated staff members at those entrances to ask the screening questions (and, if applicable, to take temperatures).
 - Require all staff members complete an electronic version of the questionnaire on a platform such as Google Forms and allocate management to look through the answers and identify any staff members who should be excluded.
- Recommended Questions to ask
- [Strategies to Limit Traffic Flow](#)
 - This guidance is geared towards retail operations. If other types of businesses need guidance, please call the business hotline at 414-371-2980.
 - Businesses should take steps to limit the amount of traffic in their stores, which should include a variety of strategies to reduce transmission risk for both customers and staff.
 - Physical Distancing Visuals
 - One or Two People Per Household Limit
 - All Businesses Should Limit the Number of Shoppers
- [Sample Handwashing Policy](#)
 - Employers should create a policy regarding more aggressive handwashing for employees that includes specific times when handwashing is expected.
 - NSHD suggests that businesses create a visual version of this type of information and display it in all bathrooms, break rooms, food preparation areas, staff meeting rooms, by time clocks/computers, and in other locations where staff frequent.
 - [Sample Flyer](#)
- [Recommendations for Designated Shopping Hours](#)
 - Essential retail stores are required to offer at least 2 hours per week of shopping time for vulnerable populations. Designated hours should ideally include times when cleaning activities have just been completed and items have been recently restocked.
- [Recommendations for Employees Considered for Re-assignment](#)
 - It is likely that some employees are among those who would be at higher risk for developing severe disease. It is appropriate to allow employees to self-disclose this information if they choose, and to re-allocate those staff members to occupational assignments that do not require as direct contact with others.
- [Considerations for Handling Symptomatic Customers](#)
 - Employees should be on the lookout for customers or other staff members exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.
- [Sample Disinfection Practices](#)
 - Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility: Flyer from CDC
 - Everyday Steps, Steps When Someone is Sick, and Considerations for Employers
- [Considerations for Use of Masks by Employees](#)

- If you are able to procure or make cloth masks for your employees, you should provide them to staff. Providing masks for customers have a variety of issues and resource concerns.
- **Please call 414-371-2980 or email nshd@nshealthdept.org with any questions.**

Secure Community Network

Resumption of Operations and Organizational Reopening

- Overview of Considerations for Resumption of Operations and Organizational Reopening
 - An easy-to-use document in list form that provides the main questions and considerations that organizations and facilities should take into account when considering when, how and for whom to reopen.
 - Determining When to Reopen
 - Designate a Recovery Team and Point Person
 - Determine When You Can Reopen
 - Determine Recovery Goals
 - Always bear in mind what is right for the facility, organization and community.
 - Preparing the Facility to Reopen
 - The Recovery Team should ensure the facility is ready for resumption of operations, with considerations of habitability, safety, and functionality. If you are in a shared facility, as landlord or tenant, this should be coordinated with all organization affected. Those plans, progress, and results should be widely communicated to members and staff.
 - Reopening a Safe and Secure Facility
 - Your organization may face new threats, vulnerabilities, and risks from the closing and re-opening, including from new safety procedures. Consider the risks posed by the new situation and develop plans to minimize those risks. Changes in facility operations may alter your risk profile. Ensure you have your safety and security plans and resources in place before re-opening
 - Deciding Who and How People Will Return
 - General
 - Return of Staff
 - Return of Congregants, Members, and Guests
 - Monitoring Progress and Begin Planning for the Next Incident
- Low-Cost/No-Cost Facility Security Guidance for Use in Reopening:
 - This document provides a list of simple security considerations, with limited to no-cost, that organizations should consider implementing prior to reopening.
 - **Top 10 Low-Cost/No-Cost Security Measures**
 - Secure the Property

- [Control the Flow](#) – a simple security measure is controlling the flow or movement of both human and vehicular traffic
- [Signage](#)
- [Secure the Facility](#)
- [Access Control](#) – who we let into our spaces
- [Alarm Systems](#)
- [Staffing the Phones](#) – having procedures to address threats received via telephone and training staff on the procedures is a key preventative measure
- [Medical Supplies](#)
- [Light Up the Night](#) – by lighting up the facility and its grounds, it increases visibility and serves as a deterrent for criminals who do not wish to be detected
- [Law Enforcement and First Responder Coordination](#)
- [Low-Cost/No-Cost Security Measures Checklist](#)
- [Emergency Operations Plan Template](#)
 - This document, designed specifically for the Jewish community, provides a basic template to allow organizations to better plan how they will respond to and recover from any hazard.
 - Pandemic Planning Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Annex – **Page 20**
 - Annexes are the parts of an EOP that begin to provide specific information and direction for types of events; this annex template focuses on ongoing issues and matters related to pandemics. Focusing on operations, the annex template will assist organizations and facilities in identifying necessary responsibilities, tasks, and operational actions.
- [Mail and Package Handling Guidance in the Age of COVID-19](#)
 - This document outlines basic best-practice recommendations on how to address mail and package handling concerns related to COVID-19.
- **For more information or to report an incident to SCN please contact 844-SCN-DESK or email DutyDesk@SecureCommunityNetwork.org.**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[COVID-19 Resuming Business Toolkit](#)

- Employer Sheet
 - Introduces employers to the contents of the toolkit and how to use materials in non-healthcare workplaces.
- Restart Readiness Checklist
 - Helps make returning to work and resuming business operations as safe and healthy as possible for employers, employees, and the public.
 - Prevent and reduce transmission among employees
 - Maintain healthy business operations
 - Maintain a health work environment

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- Worker Protection Tool
 - Helps employers identify protective measures for workers when interacting with each other and the public.
 - Engineering – Facilities and Equipment
 - Administrative – Management and Communications, Cleaning and Disinfection, Training
 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Returning to Work Infographic
 - Reminds employees how to protect themselves and others from COVID-19 and address their potential concerns about returning to the workplace
- Resources
 - Easily access additional information using hyperlinks, URLs, and QR codes.

[Flyer/Infographic](#): 10 things you can do to manage your COVID-19 symptoms at home

Milwaukee County

[Phased Re-Opening Guidance for Milwaukee County Services and Facilities](#)

- [Scope of Re-Opening Planning](#)
- [When to Implement Re-Opening Plans](#)
- [Guiding Principles and Operating Assumptions for Phase 1 Re-Opening Planning](#)
- [Ongoing Expectations for Employees, Contractors, and Service Users](#)
- [Governance of Re-Opening Plans](#)
- [Phase 1 Responsible Reopening Procedures and Guidelines](#)
 - [Workplace](#)
 - [Physical Distancing](#)
 - [Controlled Access](#)
 - [Outdoor and Open Spaces on County Property](#)
 - [Environmental Controls](#)
 - [Cleaning and Disinfecting](#)
 - [Food Service Areas](#)
 - [Retail Shops \(Gift Shops and Pro Shops\)](#)
 - [Employees & Contractors](#)
 - [Reporting to County Facilities](#)
 - [Protective Practices](#)
 - [Symptom Screening](#)
 - [Communication and Training](#)
 - [Service Users and Visitors](#)
 - [Entry to County Facilities or Property](#)
 - [Protective Practices](#)
 - [Symptom Screening](#)
 - [High-Risk Visitors or Service Users](#)
 - [Communications Plan](#)

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- [Phase 1 Minimum Requirements for Re-Opening Plan Template](#)
- If you have questions about this, or any other Administrative Order or policy, please email COVID-19@milwaukeecountywi.gov.

Agency Resources

Federations

- About 500 professional and volunteer leaders from a broad spectrum of Federations and other communal organizations participated in workshops on scenario planning. Recordings of the workshops and other scenario planning resources can be accessed [here](#).
- Access JFNA's Jewish Changemakers Fellowship [Digital Media Toolkit](#) for social media resources to promote the program.

Foundations

- *The Chronicle of Philanthropy* [reports](#) that planned giving is having a moment during the COVID-19 pandemic. Many fundraisers may hesitate to bring up planned giving during a crisis, but some experts say that might be a mistake. Coronavirus may be pushing donors to start making decisions about what will happen to their estates when they're gone. Some charities have seen a steep increase in bequest commitments and other legacy gifts. [Some types of planned giving](#) may be especially appealing to donors in uncertain economic times. Charitable remainder trusts and gift annuities, for example, which provide donors with a steady stream of income during their lives, offer an element of security and stability. [Posting bequest language](#) on an organization's website – and making it easy to find – is a simple way to encourage more gifts.

Schools and Day Camps

- As K-12 schools and summer day camps gradually scale up activities, the CDC offers [updated recommendations](#) to keep communities safe while resuming peer-to-peer learning.

Hillels

- Hillel Milwaukee is launching a [summer internship program](#) for students, recent graduates, and young adults. No prior Hillel Milwaukee involvement is needed! **Applications are due Wednesday, June 10** and the 6-week, cohort-based internship program will **begin on Monday, June 22**. This internship is **unpaid** with an **estimated 7-10 hours of work per week**. There are **5 different internship opportunities** including Jewish Student Outreach, Development/Data Management, Event Planning, Marketing, and Volunteer Coordination. These positions reflect organizational needs of

Hillel Milwaukee but are open to expanding this list for “make-your-own-internship” style positions. Please reach out to Assistant Director [Deb Fendrich](#) if you have an internship idea that would benefit the community. [Apply now!](#)

Synagogues

- Every Voice, Every Vote is the Reform Jewish Movement’s 2020 civic engagement campaign, a nonpartisan effort to strengthen our democracy by encouraging everyone to participate in the U.S. election and ensuring that Reform Jewish values are represented in the public square. [Join the campaign and download toolkits.](#)

Museums

- From the Museums Association’s Journal [read how the COVID-19 pandemic will shape museums’ volunteer workforce](#). A survey by the Heritage Volunteering Group into the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic found that volunteers are critical to its members, with 45% of organizations saying they would be unable to operate without them. With many volunteers potentially aged over 70, and therefore falling into a “critically vulnerable” COVID-19 risk group, it is feared that large parts of the volunteer workforce might not be able to return to physical sites when they reopen.

Teens

- BBYO is offering virtual summer experiences for teens. These programs are open to teens around the world with something for everyone. **Camps start as soon as Monday, June 15.** Teens must be members of BBYO in order to participate in these programs. [Join BBYO](#) today and visit the [Virtual Summer Programs website](#).

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 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.

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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 bipartisan group of lawmakers are [pushing to expand](#) a newly created tax deduction available to people who don't itemize their tax returns. The plan would **allow American families to claim up to \$8,000 on their 2019 taxes**. The proposed universal charitable deduction builds on a [temporary \\$300 universal charitable deduction](#) signed into law as part of the CARES Act. The plan would allow single people to deduct up to \$4,000 and married couples up to \$8,000.
- Although being outside decreases the risk of transmission, the risk is still there, [said Milwaukee County's Emergency Management Medical Director Dr. Ben Weston](#). It's important to incorporate other preventative methods, such as physical distancing and wearing a face mask. It's crucial, Weston said, to consider whether activities can be done in an open-air environment or from a distance, what can be done to minimize the touching of shared objects and is it possible for all involved to wear a face mask. Controlling crowds at beaches will continue to be a challenge over the summer, said North Shore Health Department Director Ann Christiansen who is concerned about increased activity at the beaches. If people do want to enjoy the beach, she advises going at times when there is less likely going to be a lot of people there, such as mornings and during the week.
- Milwaukee might have the highest number of COVID-19 cases but isn't the hotspot for the virus anymore in the state, [the new title goes to Brown and Racine counties](#).
- Restaurants in the Milwaukee suburbs are opening up their dining rooms, and most are taking extra steps to keep their employees and the public safe. Since there are no statewide regulations anymore, restaurant owners and chefs are having to figure this out as they go along, weighing legal, health and economic considerations against ethical and moral obligations. When you feel ready to head back to restaurants, [here are some changes you might come across](#): reservation only; social distancing to keep 6 feet of distance between groups; limiting capacity to 50% or less; staff wearing PPE; increased sanitation efforts; changing staff roles and longer waits for bussing tables; single use items to avoid contamination; time restrictions; more outdoor seating; and increased prices.
- Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms spoke passionately about the weekend's protests, but she also raised the concern that demonstrations are going to bring a new surge of COVID-19 infections. Protestors may find it impossible to stay six feet apart or to dodge the respiratory droplets of their chanting neighbors. [Health experts are also concerned](#),

but carefully weighing the risk level since the protests are outdoors where transmission rates are much lower.

- [The pandemic has some people reconsidering their city lives](#), and not only for the health risks it poses to constantly be in close quarters with so many people. Some are moving out to be closer to family; others are looking for a lower cost of living and a taste of nature; some are being forced out by job losses and sky-high rent.
- Despite the widespread economic toll, most Americans still favor controlling the outbreak over restarting the economy, [a Post-ABC poll found](#).
- Senate lawmakers plan to [unveil a bipartisan bill today](#) that would regulate contact-tracing and exposure-notification apps, seeking to ensure new digital tools meant to combat COVID-19 don't come at the expense of users' privacy. The proposal, called the "Exposure Notification Privacy Act," would erect federal guardrails around Silicon Valley's efforts to track people's movements and alert them whenever they come in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. The legislation would ensure tracking isn't forced on those who don't want it and to ensure any data that's collected isn't put to commercial use.
- Since a declaration of emergency for COVID-19 was issued on March 13, total private employment dropped by over 15%. [Small business employers](#) bore the brunt of the job loss, with a decline of more than 17%.
- Walt Disney World and SeaWorld Orlando [both announced their plans to reopen](#) in the next few weeks. Disney wants to reopen in a phased approach starting with Magic Kingdom and Disney's Animal Kingdom on Saturday, July 11, and then Epcot and Disney's Hollywood Studios on Wednesday, July 15. Meanwhile, SeaWorld Orlando wants to reopen on Thursday, June 11. Disney's reopening may implement a reservation system for guests that will require them to book a day to visit the parks. In addition, the theme park will temporarily suspend many entertainment activities such as fireworks, parades and meet-n-greets. SeaWorld will take similar approaches by limiting certain activities, such as keeping animal tours to a single party, eliminating single-rider lines and more.
- In the first large-scale study examining coronavirus antibodies in children, researchers in Washington state found roughly 1% of children who visited a Seattle hospital in March and April were infected with COVID-19, even though most were not symptomatic.²
- The Iron Horse is among some Milwaukee-area hotels that are reopening their doors with restrictions in place.³ To prepare for reopening, the Iron Horse Hotel is providing new safety and sanitation protocols to create a safe environment for employees and guests. The hotel has plans to distribute safety kits, which would include masks, hand

² https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/05/31/coronavirus-live-updates-us/?utm_campaign=wp_post_most&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&wpisrc=nl_most

³ https://www.bizjournals.com/milwaukee/news/2020/05/31/milwaukee-hotels-plan-to-reopen-their-doors-june-1.html?ana=e_mil_bn_editorschoice_editorschoice&j=90511722&t=Breaking%20News&mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTXpneVpUUm1OVFV6T1RVeSIsInQiOiJhdysxSXFuUjVHZXBHNWJaMDRYMGJhcVBibllXSXWxxd0djbkorOUUzc25kRUU1VekVGcG84ckFYQ0Z4YTl4XC96SlJ0T0pNQjRVNVhUSVM4K0ZYZmsrSjZRVTRUOE9hQ1ZMRXRQTWRrOTgrenJcVhHeVowN3hCYzhYd1pJMGVnbDAydkZkaVlsRWorcmJxTmptqQU1QkNRPT0ifQ%3D%3D

sanitizer, gloves and other items, to its guests. The hotel is taking all recommendations from the CDC and governing bodies.

Online Resources

- Check out PJ Library's [Summer at Home resources](#).
- Veronica Heide, a Madison audiologist, [recommends](#) that those who are hard of hearing and are having a hard time understanding masked speech, ask the person to text or email critical information. In an office setting, ask the person to type what they are saying in a font size that is easy for you to read while you are at a safe distance.
- [Here](#) are 5 free workouts and activities to help curb boredom from the *Wisconsin State Journal*.
- T'ruah [announced](#) the launch of "Jewish Law and Ethics: a hackathon for the age of COVID-19," a project that will apply Jewish wisdom, including halakha, history, ethics, and lived experience, to ethical and human rights questions that arise in this crisis moment and beyond. T'ruah invites applications from individuals with deep knowledge of Jewish text, from a range of periods, for a **stipended research fellowship** that will include a series of virtual convenings as well as independent research on one or more questions that emerge. Contributors will work collaboratively over several months (**June – August 2020**) to research and publish Jewish guidelines for approaching the questions they have investigated. [Learn more](#) about the project and [apply here](#). **Applications are due by Wednesday, June 10.**
- From the *Chronicle of Philanthropy*, [here's what nonprofits can learn from lessons of disaster aid](#). After natural disasters, people have no choice but to reimagine the structures of society. Disasters often lead to widespread acts of compassion, mutual aid, and a visceral sense of community. The "5 Rs" framework from the field of disaster response offers lessons that might help the nonprofit world think about how to act, plan, and even build.
- From the *Milwaukee Business Journal*, [here are answers](#) to four questions to better understand how terminating, rehiring and paying workers will factor into loan forgiveness for PPP funds.
- In preparing to reopening during the pandemic, [here are five things](#) businesses can do to avoid lawsuits from the *Milwaukee Business Journal*. Business owners are under a legal obligation to provide a safe and healthy workplace, though it's unclear what that means during a pandemic. Business can conduct an assessment of operations and risks within the business; follow every set of guidelines; stock up on PPE; and keep in mind high-risk employees.
- From Atlantic57 read the [full report](#) of Unlocking the Future of Jewish Engagement, published March 2020.
- [Read](#) some answers to common questions about moratoriums on evictions and foreclosures passed due to the pandemic.