



**MILWAUKEE**  
JEWISH FEDERATION

**Re:** COVID-19 RESOURCE UPDATE  
**Date:** Monday, September 7, 2020 7:45 pm CT

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](mailto:AnnaG@MilwaukeeJewish.org) or 414-390-5733.

### Financial Resources

- **Starting Friday, September 4**, the Department of Health Services (DHS) will once again be accepting applications for [Wisconsin's program to provide relief for specific types of health care service providers](#) to offset losses or expenses they incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **CARES Act funds are available to home and community-based service providers, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, emergency medical services, and clinics. The application will run until Wednesday, September 30**, with checks mailed to successful applicants by the end of October. Providers interested in applying during the second round should go to the [CAPP Program page](#) for more information and a link to the application. **DHS will be offering four webinars during the weeks of September 7 and 14** to walk interested providers through the application process. More information on these events is available on the [CAPP Program page](#).
- Governor Tony Evers [announced](#) an additional **\$30 million of federal CARES Act dollars** are being directed toward supporting early care and education providers. The additional funds will allow the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to conduct an additional round of Child Care Counts payments. The additional round of funding will be distributed through two, new programs targeted at [the current challenges](#) early care and education providers are facing. **Application and program eligibility will be available starting Wednesday, September 9 on DCF's website, with the application window closing on Friday, September 18 at 11:59 pm CT.** Payment notifications will be issued on Saturday, September 26. **The two new programs will focus on providing safe, healthy, and high-quality childcare opportunities and funding staff recruitment and retention efforts.** In addition to the individual payments for eligible early care and education providers, the State Emergency Operation Center has **made PPE available for providers statewide.** DCF is finalizing a survey that will be distributed to all regulated providers with information about how PPE can be accessed and distributed within the week.
- Governor Tony Evers [announced](#) the launch of a **\$5 million COVID-19 Cultural Organization Grant Program** aimed at assisting Wisconsin cultural organizations that have been economically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Administered by the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA), the program provides eligible

organizations **grant awards of up to \$250,000 to pandemic-related impacted** such as: lost revenue, increased workers compensation costs, cleaning and sanitization, and purchases of services or equipment to facilitate telework by employees. **Eligible organizations must have a primary mission to produce, present, or exhibit cultural disciplines such as music, theater, literature and the visual arts, or items of environmental or scientific interest. Find full program details, eligibility standards, grant application, and program contact information on the [DOA website](#). Grant applicants are due to DOA on Wednesday, September 30 by 2 pm CT. Interested applicants are encouraged to attend a program webinar on Thursday, September 10 – [get details](#).**

## Local Resources

- The Department of Children and Families recently launched an initiative to connect families with local childcare, including [an interactive map](#) that displays open, available care.
- Review the North Shore Health Department's [Public Briefing](#) from Friday, September 4. If you traveled over the holiday weekend, after you return, check yourself for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days. Call your doctor if you develop symptoms like fever, cough, and/or shortness of breath. Several counties in Wisconsin have issued travel advisories for seasonal and second homeowners. For more information on how to keep you and your community safe while traveling review [Wisconsin Travel Recommendations](#) and [CDC Travel Guidelines](#).
- There is more time to participate in ADL Midwest's 2020 First Amendment Freedoms Art & Essay Contest for **students in grades 6-12 in Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota – the deadline has been extended to Thursday, December 31. There is a \$1,000 award for the teacher with the most submissions and \$25,000 in scholarships will be awarded overall.** 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." ADL Midwest hosted a webinar on First Amendment lesson plans, contest winning tips, and ideas for prompting student discussion – [watch the recording](#). **[Get more information on how to apply](#)**.

## Agency Resources

### *Schools*

- Review Harvard Global Health Institute's [Path to Zero & Schools: Achieving Pandemic Resilient Teaching and Learning Spaces](#). The guidance helps schools and districts devise plans based on the size of the outbreak in their community.

### *Jewish Family Services*

- Jewish Family Services is open (remotely) and offers vital, supportive services such as therapy and counseling; case management and social services; services for Holocaust survivors, the aging and elderly; and JHelp, which 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 and access [SHOFAR resources](#) to get help now. **Contact JFS Community Advocate [Breanna West](#) at 414-225-1374 for more information.**
- 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.

### **Webinars**

Please see the [Milwaukee Jewish Community Calendar](#) for the most current information on upcoming events.

- **Tuesday, September 8**
  - Join Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies Director Leonard Saxe and Associate Director Janet Krasner Aronson for a presentation and discussion on their recent study on the impact of COVID-19 on Jewish communities in the U.S. from **6:30 – 9 pm CT**. [Learn more and register.](#)
- **Wednesday, September 9**
  - Join the Jewish Education Project for a webinar on Let's Talk About Race: Understanding the Conversation as Jews in this Moment at **12 pm CT**. This webinar will feature Shahanna McKinnely-Baldon, Director of Edot Midwest Regional Jewish Diversity Collective, who also holds several appointments at the UW-Madison School of Education WCER research center. [Learn more and register.](#)

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