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JEWISH FEDERATION

**Re:** COVID-19 RESOURCE UPDATE  
**Date:** Monday, October 5, 2020 X 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

- **Governor Tony Evers [announced](#) an additional \$47 million investment in COVID-19 support for childcare, healthcare navigators, and energy and rental assistance to Wisconsinites across the state.** The effort is funded through the Federal CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) and will be infused into existing CRF-funded programs and used for new programs as the pandemic continues to affect Wisconsinites. **\$10 million will be directed towards the COVID-19 Out-of-School Support Grant Program** aimed at assisting Wisconsin organizations who are providing care to school-aged kids during the pandemic. Administered by the Wisconsin Department of Administration, the program provides eligible organizations grant awards to cover pandemic-related impacts such as lost revenue, increased staffing costs, cleaning and sanitization, and additional costs to ensure high-quality programming otherwise impacted by COVID-19. **\$10 million will be invested in the successful [Wisconsin Rental Assistance Program](#)**, in addition to the \$25 million [previously announced](#). Additionally, **\$10 million will go toward the [Food Security Initiative](#)** in recognition of the role the program has played in combatting hunger. This investment is on top of the \$15 million [previously allocated](#) to this program. **\$15 million of the funds will be invested in Wisconsin's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program**, a program that is currently federally funded and helps Wisconsinites with their heating costs. **Interested individuals can visit [homeenergyplus.wi.gov](http://homeenergyplus.wi.gov) or call 1-866-HEATWIS for application and program details.** **An additional \$1 million investment will be directed towards the Keep Wisconsin Warm/Cool Fund**, a nonprofit that provides a statewide safety net to individuals facing energy-related emergencies. **Interested individuals can visit [kwwf.org/apply](http://kwwf.org/apply) to learn more about the application and process.** **\$1 million will be invested in the statewide health insurance navigator organization** to help residents purchase health insurance on the federal marketplace or to enroll in BadgerCare. This funding will help increase consumer education and access to healthcare navigators who can walk individuals through the process of selecting and purchasing an individual or family plan or in enrolling for BadgerCare if they are eligible. **Wisconsinites can learn more about their health insurance options at [WisCovered.com](http://WisCovered.com).**

## Local Resources

- Milwaukee's healthcare organizations are increasing their offerings of flu vaccinations, including drive-through options and vaccination drives this year. Health officials are encouraging people to get vaccinated for the flu this season to avoid coinfection with COVID-19. [Read a report](#) to find out more about why vaccinations this year are crucial. [Here are some places you can go get your flu shot.](#)
- Registration for "[On the Table MKE](#)," the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's fourth annual event dedicated to meaningful conversations about Milwaukee, is now open. The theme is "Healing Justice." This year, the conversations will take place virtually starting Monday, October 12 through Wednesday, October 14. [Review topics and register for free.](#)
- Milwaukee Recreation is hosting its 27<sup>th</sup> annual "Halloween Glen," a fun and educational alternative to a haunted house. Youth are encouraged to engage with nature through various activities from hiking to arts and crafts and more. **The program will take place at Hawthorn Glen, 1130 N. 60<sup>th</sup> Street, from 5:45 pm – 8:15 pm CT on Friday, October 9 and from 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm CT on Saturday, October 10.** [Get more information and register.](#)

## National Resources

- In partnership with the [Jews of Color Initiative](#), [UpStart](#) is proud to announce the launch of the first-ever **Jews of Color Career Development Program**. This pilot program will catalyze the leadership of emerging JOC leaders, increase access to the talent pipeline, and deepen investment and capacity within the Jewish innovation sector to nurture a more thriving and representative Jewish organizational landscape. **UpStart will share more information on Monday, October 12.**
- [New Child Trends research](#) discusses how staff from various youth-serving organizations formed a learning community. These learning communities allowed member organization staff to share strategies on supporting youth and young adults in employment training programs using a positive youth development approach.

## Agency Resources

### *Childcare*

- As COVID-19 presents unprecedented challenges for child welfare agencies, a [new Child Trends resource](#) offers five ways in which child welfare administrators can support resilience in children and youth by mitigating pandemic-related trauma. For example, child welfare administrators should implement clear and comprehensive agency policies, procedures, and infrastructure that are trauma-informed and prioritize the emotional and physical safety of children and youth.

### *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.
  - **Thursday, October 8**
    - Join the CDC for a Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity Call on Recommendations for Influenza Prevention and Treatment in Children at **1 pm CT**. Immunization is particularly important during the severe COVID-19 pandemic. During this call, subject matter experts from the American Academy of Pediatrics and CDC will discuss strategies primary care providers and medical sub-specialists can use to improve flu prevention and control in children this season. [Join the webinar.](#)
    - Ex Fabula and the Union Art Gallery are hosting a **virtual story slam** at **6 pm CT**. The themes are home, belonging and democracy. People are invited to listen, tell their story or share in the chat. **The event is free, but speakers are asked to [reserve their spot.](#)**