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Re: MJF Wellness Memo
Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 3:45 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 or 414-390-5733.

Funding Resources

- **Governor Tony Evers [announced](#) more than \$100 million in investments** aimed at providing additional economic stabilization for small businesses and communities hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. The new infusion of funds includes **an additional \$50 million for “We’re All In Grants,”** an economic development grant program launched by Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation this summer. More than 26,000 businesses received “We’re All In Grants” statewide, but many continue to face economic challenges from the pandemic. Today’s announcement also provides further investments in economic stabilization programs to support the lodging and tourism industry, live music and performance venues, cultural non-profits, and privately-owned movie theaters. [Learn more about the programs and apply.](#)
- **The City of Milwaukee is offering grants to Wisconsin commercial property owners, including educational institutions, nonprofits, and religious groups, for environmentally friendly projects located in eligible areas of the City of Milwaukee.** The City of Milwaukee is partnering with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) to support green infrastructure, which uses stormwater management to protect, restore, or mimic a natural water cycle. [Green Infrastructure Grants](#) can fund up to **50% of total project costs, not exceeding \$25,000. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.** Calculate your projects approximate stormwater capture using MMSD’s easy to use online [Green Infrastructure Sizing Tool](#). This will be required for all applications. [Get more information.](#) **Questions regarding the grant program and completed application may be directed to GreenLots@Milwaukee.gov.**
- **[The Wisconsin Mathematics Education Foundation \(WMEF\)](#) is offering grants of up to \$1,500 to Wisconsin PK-16 math teachers or teams of educators for a range of professional development opportunities.** Funding is intended to improve mathematics instructional practices. Funding may be used to support coursework or attendance at conferences or workshops. **Interested teachers, grade level groups, and school districts are invited to submit a proposal to AwardsWMEF@gmail.com by Tuesday, December 1. [Contact WMEF.](#)**

Local Resources

- Governor Tony Evers [directed](#) Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee Andrea Palm to issue Emergency Order #3 limiting public gatherings to no more than 25% of a room or building's total occupancy. The directive is effective at 8 am on Thursday, October 8 and will remain in effect until Friday, November 6, and applies to any gatherings at locations that are open to the public such as stores, restaurants, and other businesses that allow public entry, as well as spaces with ticketed events. [See the order and list of exemptions](#) and [review frequently asked questions](#). Today, DHS reported an increase of 2,020 confirmed cases of COVID-19; 18 new deaths, and the seven-day average of new daily COVID-19 cases is 2,346, up from 836 one month ago. According to DHS' [Disease Activity Dashboard](#) as of September 30, 45 of Wisconsin counties meet the threshold of a very high disease activity level, which means that there are more than 350 cases per 100,000 people in that county. All other counties reported high case activity levels. This means Wisconsinites should assume they will likely be exposed to the virus if they leave home and should practice all safety precautions.

National Resources

- Use ADL Midwest's [2020 Voting Rights & Resources](#) to be prepared for Election Day on Tuesday, November 3. Voting deadlines and details vary depending on where you live – check your registration, get the information you need and make your voting plan.

Agency Resources

Jewish Family Services

- **Jewish Family Services** 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.

- **Wednesday, October 7**
 - Join Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes for a call with the faith community at **12 pm CT** for a discussion on Emergency Order #3 limiting public gatherings. Please note that while religious services are exempted from the order, the Lt. Governor's Office sincerely appreciates your continued efforts to keep our communities safe by staying safer at home. [Join the Zoom Meeting.](#)
- **Wednesday, October 14**
 - Join the Milwaukee Public Library for a conversation on How to Handle Uncertainty at 6 pm CT – [register](#). In this talk and meditation, Modern Buddhist Nun Gen Kelsang Gomlam will share practical methods from Buddhist psychology to transform the increasing uncertainty and growing challenges of our times into fuel for spiritual growth and mental resilience. This wisdom will not only help us cope with things right now but will give us courage and strength to sustain both ourselves and others in the future.
- **Tuesday, October 13**
 - Join Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett for a Faith Leaders for Virtual Town Hall Meeting at **10 am CT** to discuss the City of Milwaukee's 2021 proposed budget, how to vote safely in the 2020 election, and an update on COVID-19. **Faith Leaders are asked to register for this virtual meeting by emailing Marcey Patterson, Faith-Based Liaison to the Mayor, at marcey.patterson@milwaukee.gov.** The Zoom link will be provided after registration.
- **Thursday, October 22**
 - Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and the Milwaukee Health Department join Ascension Wisconsin for the **10th Annual Strong Baby Sabbath Virtual event at 11:30 am CT**. Strong Baby Sabbath connects your congregation to Milwaukee's community-wide effort to reduce infant mortality by providing peer and mentor support to parents, and providing the critical tools to help moms, dads, and babies improve their health outcomes. More information will be available soon.