

Cook County Department of Public Health

COVID-19: Meaningful Community Engagement for Health and Equity



First Quarter Report 2021

Report to the Cook County Board in their capacity as the Cook County Board of Health

As presented to the CCH Board of Directors on February 26, 2021

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Mobilizing Community Partnerships

Suburban Cook County (SCC) COVID-19 Community Supports Program and Worker Protection Program

“ . . . community-based organizations are helping to reach populations disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Their existing relationships with these populations creates a greater impact in communities where there is hesitancy and distrust. The results of these partnerships are helping to create equitable outcomes for these populations hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.”



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SCC COVID-19 Community Supports Program and Worker Protection Program

- Amplify critical and timely messages for workers and residents
- Provide education and guidance to support workplace and community COVID-19 mitigation practices
- Provide needed resources to lessen the health, social and economic impacts of COVID-19



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SCC COVID-19 Community Supports Program

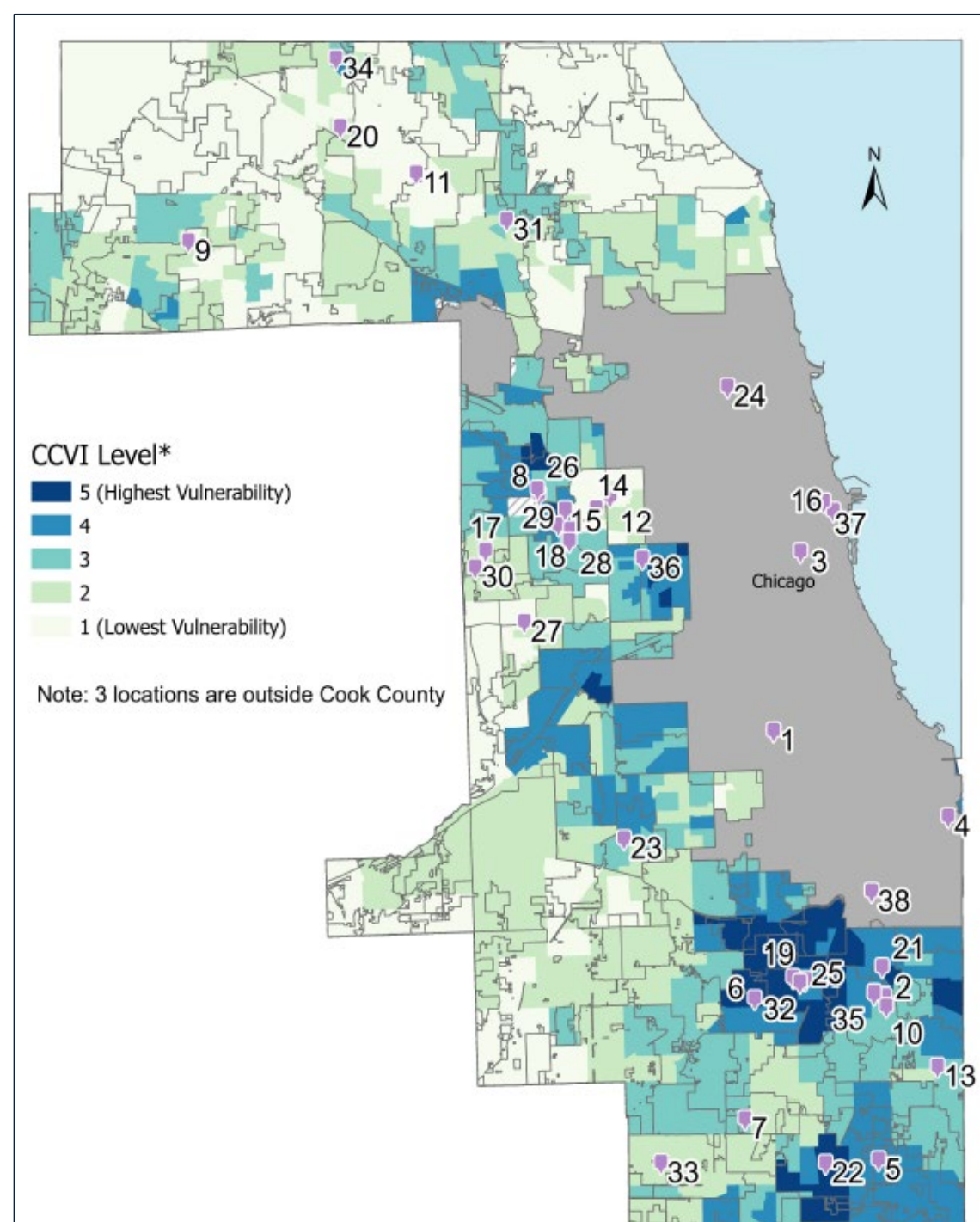
- Collaboration with Hektoen Institute
- Nearly \$5 million awarded to [42 community-based organizations](#)
- Community Supports:
 - Outreach and education
 - Expansion of existing programs and services
 - Community testing support
- 6 month project period (Dec 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021)



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Award Amount:	Option 1 Organizations	SCC Region(s) CBO will Serve			
		N	W	S	SW
\$20,000	Alivio Medical Center		X		
\$20,000	Barbara Westbrook Smith Family Life Center NFP			X	
\$20,000	Best of Proviso Township		X		
\$20,000	Center for Community Academic Success Partnerships			X	
\$20,000	Centro de Trabajadores Unidos / United Workers' Center			X	
\$20,000	Cornerstone Community Development Corporation			X	
\$20,000	Dream Academy Foundation	X	X	X	X
\$20,000	Ecker Center for Behavioral Health	X			
\$20,000	It Could Be Your Kid			X	
\$20,000	Journeys The Road Home	X			
\$20,000	Nations Warriors Alliance			X	
\$20,000	Next Move Community Services			X	
\$20,000	Northwest Compass, Inc.	X			
\$20,000	Oak Park Regional Housing Center		X		
\$20,000	Proactive Community Services			X	
\$20,000	Progress Center for Independent Living		X		X
\$20,000	Quinn Center of St. Eulalia		X		
\$20,000	Seasons Community Outreach Services			X	X
\$20,000	Sibling Leadership Network		X		
\$20,000	The Monroe Foundation		X		
\$20,000	The Nehemiah Community Project		X		
\$20,000	Thinking Beyond	X	X		
\$20,000	True Love Center			X	X
\$20,000	Williams Aftercare Recovery Center			X	

Option 2 Organizations & Award Amounts	SCC Region(s) CBO will Serve				Community Support		
	N	W	S	SW	Testing	Education	Existing Prog/Svs
Arab American Family Services (\$299,694)				X	X	X	X
Center of Concern (\$195,845)	X					X	X
Family Christian Health Center (\$246,396)			X	X	X	X	X
Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project (FLAP) (\$297,952)	X	X	X	X			X
First Baptist Church of Melrose Park (\$172,616)		X			X	X	X
Illinois Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (\$294,800)	X	X	X	X		X	
Latino Alzheimer's and Memory Disorders Alliance (LAMDA) (\$221,025)		X		X		X	X
Loyola University Chicago (\$300,000)		X				X	X
Partners for Our Communities (\$99,823)	X					X	X
Pillars Community Health (\$192,194)		X		X	X	X	
Proviso Leyden Council for Community Action, Inc. (\$264,899)		X					X
Respond Now (\$227,111)			X			X	X
Rincon Family Services (\$297,000)		X				X	X
Sisters Working It Out (\$297,974)			X			X	X
Southland Ministerial Health Network, NFP (\$203,892)			X			X	
Suburban Primary Health Care Council / DBA: Access to Care (\$300,000)	X	X	X	X		X	X
TCA HEALTH, INC. NFP (\$272,868)			X	X	X	X	X
The Link & Option Center, Inc. (\$299,881)			X		X	X	X

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Outreach and Education



Accomplishments:

- **Barbara Westbrook Smith Family Life Center** posted two #MaskUp campaign posts that reached 951 people, and 8 posts focused on the 3 W's that reached over 3,000 people.
- **Rincon Family Services** is developing a Spanish language podcast with COVID information.
- **Latino Alzheimer's and Memory Disorders Alliance** outreached to 167 Latinx households impacted by technology barriers.
- **Access to Care** mailed masks and COVID-19 information to 4,000 households.



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Expansion of Existing Program and Services

Accomplishments:

- **Loyola University's COVID response team** hired a bilingual dietician to help with food/nutrition provision and guidance.
- **Respond Now** distributed masks and gloves during food pantry, street outreach, and at alternative housing locations for homeless populations.
- **Northwest Compass** provided masks, gloves, and sanitizing products to clients and general public, and arranged for cleaning services for clients in three of their housing programs.
- **Quinn Center of St. Eulalia** provided approximately 1000 masks during weekly food distribution events and 90 care packages to senior populations.



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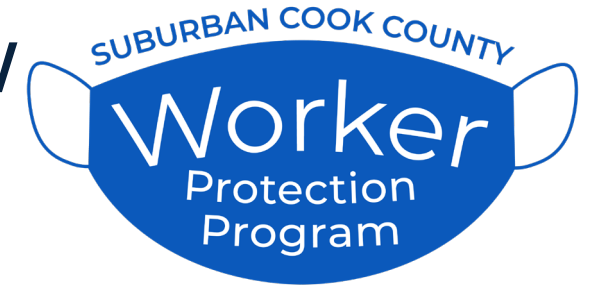
Testing

Accomplishments:

- **Family Christian Health Center** expanded their COVID-19 Testing, which led to a 99% increase in testing access. Provided approx. 100/per week, over 3,000+ to date.
- **TCA Health** increased testing hours and number of communities served to reach African Americans, Latinx, and Arab Americans.



SCC Worker Protection Program Overview



- **Vision**: Promote and protect the health and safety of workers through bi-directional, worker-centered systems for education, reporting and compliance
- **Goal**: Equip employers and workers with information, resources and support to minimize the spread of diseases and promote health & safety in workplaces
- **Partners**: **Raise the Floor**, **5 worker centers** and **Temp Work Union Alliance Project**
- **Aims** between Dec 1, 2020 and May 31, 2021 are to:
 - Educate 7,000 workers on their rights and link them to existing resources
 - Educate 150 employers on guidance and best practices
 - Build CCDPH staff capacity, including tracers, on worker perspectives and rights



Community & Population Reach of Worker Centers & Temporary Worker Union Alliance Project

	Communities	Populations
Arise Chicago	Cicero, Berwyn, Aurora, Melrose Park, Evanston, Des Plaines, Elmwood Park, Waukegan, Hillside, McCook, Palatine, Niles, Burbank, Rolling Meadows, Summit, Wheeling	Low-wage, Immigrants, People of Color workers
Chicago Community and Workers Rights	Cicero, Wheeling, Harvey, Berwyn	Undocumented and Latinx low-wage workers
Centro de Trabajadores Unidos	South Holland, Posen, Blue Island, Harvey, Lansing, Chicago Heights, Calumet Park	Latinx and African American low-wage workers
Chicago Workers Collaborative	Elgin, Streamwood, Hanover Park, Schaumburg, Hoffman Estates, Palatine, Rolling Meadows, Elk Grove Village, Des Plaines, Rolling Meadows, Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights, Wheeling; Cicero, Berwyn, Summit	Latinx and African American workers; Sector: Temp workers in all blue-collar industries, but primarily manufacturing and packing, specifically meatpacking, food production and assembly line work
Warehouse Workers for Justice	McCook, Bedford Park, Melrose Park, Maywood, Matteson, Markham, Robbins, Chicago Heights, Bedford Park, Burbank	Latinx, African American workers, Formerly incarcerated workers; Sector - Warehousing and Transportation workers
Temporary Worker Union Alliance Project	Bedford Park, Oaklawn, Burbank	Latinx and African American workers

SCC Worker Protection Program

Outreach and Education

Accomplishments:

- Three worker centers conducted "Know-Your-Rights" and COVID-19 safety trainings, collectively reaching 2,291 Latinx, Polish, and undocumented workers.
- Two worker centers distributed masks and PPE, collectively reaching 10,076 Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, and undocumented workers.
- All worker centers shared targeted communication to Hispanic/Latinx and Black/African American workers.



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Just in case you missed the Know Your Rights Workshop co-hosted earlier today by Warehouse Workers For Justice , Raise the Floor Alliance and TWUAP - Temp Worker Union Alliance Project . Catch the replay, like, comment and share!

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS DURING COVID

FRI, JAN 15
Know Your Rights During COVID Workshop
10 people went

☆ Interested

Thank you. 



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