



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

Health & Hospitals Committee

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

2:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AND AGENDA

There will be a meeting of the Committee or Subcommittee of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County at the date, time and location listed above to consider the following:

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Due to the current health crisis, there is no in-person participation for the County Board meetings. The President and Commissioners will participate remotely. The public can observe the livestream <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings>

The public can still testify to the Committee Meetings. Written comments provided prior to the start of the meeting will be read aloud at the meeting. Three minutes per comment, whether written or live (virtually) will be allowed, though every effort will be made to read written statements in their entirety. If you have additional material for the Board to consider, please email testimony to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov and indicate a desire that your testimony be entered into the record. All written comment which complies with County Board Rules will be posted online.

[20-4903](#)

Sponsored by: JOHN P. DALEY, BRANDON JOHNSON, LARRY SUFFREDIN, FRANK J. AGUILAR, ALMA E. ANAYA, LUIS ARROYO JR, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, BRIDGET GAINER, BILL LOWRY, DONNA MILLER, STANLEY MOORE, KEVIN B. MORRISON, SEAN M. MORRISON, PETER N. SILVESTRI and DEBORAH SIMS, Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE COOK COUNTY HEALTH AND HOSPITALS COMMITTEE FOR A REPORT FROM THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNING THE PROGRESS OF CONTACT TRACING IN COOK COUNTY

WHEREAS, the County, state, and country have been besieged by the SARS-CoV-2 epidemic since it first appeared in the United States in January 2020; and

WHEREAS, from January 1, 2020 through October 6, 2020 there have been 62,588 confirmed cases of SARS-CoV-2 in Cook County with 1,952 reported deaths; and

WHEREAS, contact tracing is a time-honored tool of public health professionals to protect the public from the spread of contagious disease; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Public Health is charged with conducting contact tracing for suburban Cook County, except in those jurisdictions that have their own certified health departments; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County Department of Public Health has received \$43 million in grants to hire the staff required to conduct contact tracing throughout Cook County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Health and Hospitals Committee convene a public hearing to discuss the progress of hiring contact tracing staff and their contact tracing efforts to date.

Legislative History : 10/22/20 - Board of Commissioners - refer to the Health & Hospitals Committee



Secretary

Chairman: Deer
Vice-Chairman: Arroyo
Members: Committee of the Whole