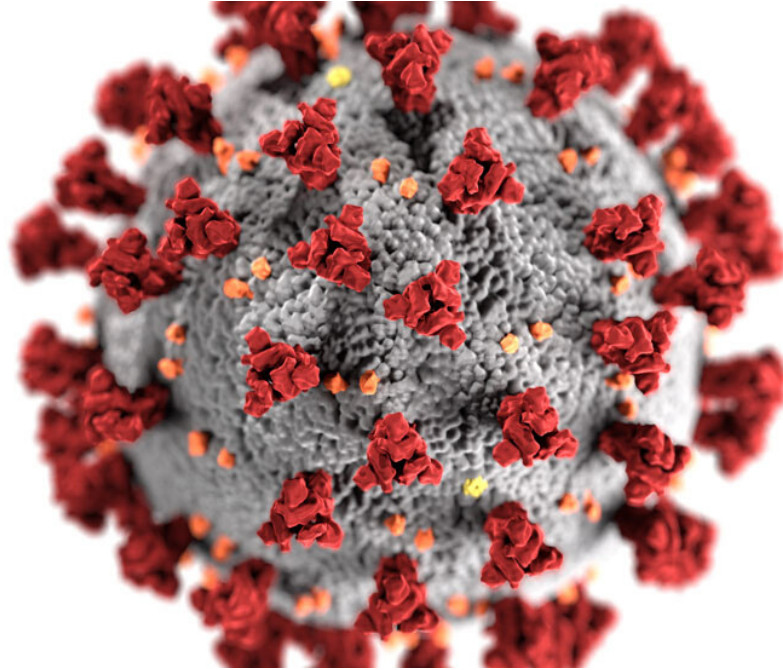


EL DORADO COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE COMMUNITY PLANNING WORKGROUPS

Weekly Status Report - March 21 - March 27, 2020



OLDER ADULTS

Ensuring safe services to older adults during the emergency directive to isolate at home, and reducing the social impacts of isolation.

ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY SERVICES

Connecting people to resources and coordinating community responses to essential needs during the COVID-19 emergency.

HOMELESSNESS

Finding immediate ways to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19 in homeless communities, and creating plans to mitigate the impact of infection on homeless individuals and families.

WORKFORCE PROTECTION

Established to collaborate with local agency stakeholders regarding 1) consistent communication to the public and our employees, and 2) identify and discuss options to protect our private and public workforces.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE PROTECTION

Ensure government finance is ready to adapt to a changing financial climate and changing service needs using all available financial forecasting and planning experts.

BUSINESS PROTECTION

Established to compile information and best practices to support our local economy in economic recovery and resilience efforts.



COMMUNICATIONS

The Purpose of the Community Public Information Officer (PIO) group is to inform and share individual communications strategies, messaging tracks, and tools to better inform the public.

For general information on COVID-19 please go to <https://www.edcgov.us/Government/hhsa/Pages/EDCCCOVID-19.aspx>

OLDER ADULTS



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ADAPTING SERVICES

Senior Services is adapting how they provide services to ensure continued service provisions during the COVID-19 emergency.

MITIGATING ISOLATION

The directive for older adults to isolate may have mental health impacts. Finding ways to reduce social isolation while older adults physically isolate.

CLOSING FOR SAFETY

Services for older adults have had to close due to the state directive for older adults to isolate at home. Closed services include adult day services and clubs.

FINDING WAYS TO MOBILIZE NEW VOLUNTEERS

Many of the established volunteers for older adults programs have had to isolate at home and cannot volunteer. More volunteers are needed for adapted services, however with the livescan requirements and a backlog of applicants the workgroup is trying to find ways mobilize volunteers quickly.



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ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY SERVICES



Creating a comprehensive list of resources available to provide assistance to those with limited access to food and those who may be experiencing housing instability due to the impacts of COVID-19.

COMPREHENSIVE RESOURCE LIST

The workgroup is developing a survey to distribute to the community to determine available resources and services. Then create a resource list.



COMMUNITY

Establish a network of strategic community partners, food banks, churches and school districts across the county that facilitates the timely transmission of information/updates from the service providers to the public.

MOBILIZING A NETWORK OF COMMUNITY PROVIDERS

The Essential Community Workgroup has had a lot of community interest and is working to determine what is the best way to organize and mobilize the large network of community service providers who provide essential services throughout El Dorado County.



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The workgroup met on March 25th and plans to meet weekly.

HOMELESSNESS



Finding immediate ways to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19 in homeless communities, and creating plans to mitigate the impact of infection on homeless individuals and families.

EDUCATION ON COVID-19

Supporting systems to educate homeless communities on infection control and how to prevent the spread of any virus.

HOUSING THE VULNERABLE

Working to identify funding and motels that will house homeless individuals with chronic health problems.

PREPARE FOR A SURGE OF INFECTIONS

Develop plans for responding to a surge of homeless individuals with COVID-19 diagnosis if it spreads throughout homeless communities.

MOBILIZING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Homelessness Workgroup is working with the El Dorado County's Health and Human Services Agency to find ways state and federal homelessness funding can be used to mitigate the spread and impact of COVID-19 in homeless families and individuals in El Dorado County.



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WORKFORCE PROTECTION



Established to collaborate with local agency stakeholders regarding 1) consistent communication to the public and our employees, and 2) identify and discuss options to protect our private and public workforces.

FLEXIBLE TELEWORK POLICY

Work on a telework policy that is more simplified/flexible and conducive for private or small businesses.

DEVELOP RESOURCES

Develop a resource list that can aid in workforce protection efforts.

OUTREACH FOR EMPLOYMENT

Utilize Golden Sierra Job Training Agency to get the word out about job opportunities within the County.

SHARING BUSINESS SAFETY PRACTICES

At their first meeting the workforce protection workgroup discussed how to keep employees safe during this crisis and how to share these business practices throughout the community. Nine community organizations / agencies attended the first meeting.

The workgroup meets on Wednesday afternoons. They met on 3/18 & 3/25.



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GOVERNMENT FINANCE PROTECTION



Ensure government finance is ready to adapt to a changing financial climate and changing service needs using all available financial forecasting and planning experts.

PREPARE FOR REDUCED REVENUE

Using available experts in government finance, the workgroup will try to make estimates on the impact of COVID-19 on revenue.



FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BUDGET

Ensure that the Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget is nimble enough to adapt to decreased revenue or changing programmatic needs.

TYPES OF REVENUE THAT MAY BE AFFECTED

The Auditor-Controller estimates at this time that the COVID-19 shelter in place directive may effect sales and use tax, unsecured property tax, transient occupancy taxes, and federal/ state pass through program revenue. At this time these are estimates and more research needs to be conducted.



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BUSINESS PROTECTION



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COVID-19 ECONOMIC RESILIENCY AND RECOVERY

Please visit our new page dedicated to economic resiliency and recovery due to the potential economic impacts of COVID-19. You'll find state, local and federal resources for businesses and employees.

Please contact our Economic and Business Relations Manager, Kyle Zimbelman at (530) 621-5935 or our Ombudsman, Katie Rider at (530) 621-5352. We are here to assist you.

The Business Protection Workgroup was established to compile information and best practices to support our local economy in economic recovery and resilience efforts.

CREATING A WORKPLAN

They are developing a workplan with short, near, and long term actions.

ELEVATE TO ELDORADO.COM

In the first week of the workgroup the elevatetoeldorado.com site was repurposed as a central hub of information for businesses.

FINDING OPTIONS

They are exploring ways to extend permit entitlement application timelines. Creating flyers for customers and one-stop call center for resources.

COMPILING THE NEEDS OF BUSINESSES BIG AND SMALL

El Dorado County staff have begun a confidential log of all businesses who contact them regarding the impacts of COVID19 on their businesses. This log will track the impacts on businesses and the needs of businesses to help the Business Protection Workgroup determine what resources our business community needs the most.

The workgroup met on 3/19 and 3/25. Meetings are weekly on Wednesdays at 1 pm.



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The Purpose of the Community Public Information Officer (PIO) group is to inform and share individual communications strategies, messaging tracks, and tools to better inform the public.

UPDATE THE COMMUNITY

Communicate pertinent changes in number of cases, testing and reporting protocol

ACTION INFORMATION

Sharing primary actions taken by executive staff of each entity as it impacts the general public (e.g. short-term rentals, new directives, enforcement, education and outreach, etc.)

MEDIA OUTREACH

Provide timely response to media inquiries and proactive media outreach (e.g. press conference, FaceTime interviews, etc.)

WAYS TO REACH EL DORADO COUNTY COMMUNITIES

The Public Information Officers are working to expand the reach of media and outreach efforts to ensure that El Dorado County residents receive import information during this Public Health Emergency. This means proactive media outreach and monitoring social media reach and promotion methods.

Meeting three times a week to share information and strategies.



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