

## **Yarmouth Community Coronavirus Task Force**

Weekly Report

6.17.20

### **Neighborhood Communicators**

These are quiet weeks for the communicators:

- The campaign to distribute YCCTF flyers has ended having reached 90% of the households. The flyer were recently emailed to all communicators to be forwarded on to their neighbors as a reminder.
- Posters referencing the governor's order on wearing masks and encouraging mask wearing have been distributed to fourteen local Yarmouth businesses. Several national chains have created their own messaging (as have a few local businesses.)
- Zoom calls continue for a core group of communicators and act as place to surface questions and discuss the latest covid news. It is also a place of support.
- Emails have continued to be sent to communicators 3 x week and have been a great mobilizing force for community actions such as food pantry donations, letters to seniors, high school graduation activities, etc.
- Starting next week, we will reduce our zoom calls to every other week and emails 2 x week.

### **The Sewing Warriors**

The sewing warriors have delivered over 2000 masks. Amazing! Over 660 hours of volunteer time.

### **Food Pantry**

We continue to have a consistent number of patrons. We received and distributed our June boxes from Good Shepherd, and Good Shepherd also donated \$700 to support the purchase of food. We continue to purchase produce from Laughing Stock Farm and we now buy eggs from them, also. The Community Garden will begin providing produce either this week or next week. We began rescuing food from Hannaford's once again, although we are only taking meat, deli and bread/bakery. That is all that we can safely distribute. We have a driver who is willing to go weekly to pick up the food and 2 folks who are willing to weigh and out away the food. I am working on finding a 3rd volunteer to be a sub for those who are weighing the food.

Our needs at the moment are: jelly, rice, cereal, black beans and chick peas.

I want to thank all who have so generously donated food and money to the food pantry and also the small group of dedicated volunteers who continue to work the pantry openings twice a week. We could never do this without them. Thank you all!

### **Call Center**

There was only one call to the call center in the last week. Margaret and Tom will keep the Call Center open through the Summer and see what develops in the Fall.

### **Other**

Sharon, Leigh, Erika, Margaret, Karyn and others attended a meeting convened by Scott LaFlamme, the Yarmouth Economic Development Director, to consider a possible application for a municipal grant through the Keep ME Healthy program. The program supports COVID-19-related education, staffing and infrastructure efforts. The group agreed there is sufficient opportunity for Yarmouth to warrant an application.

Sharon, Leigh, Chief Robitaille and Margaret attended the first forum organized by the Maine Public Health Association for task forces and other community and county organizations working on COVID-19 efforts. One of the goals of the group is to share resources and best practices. Margaret uploaded some the YCCTF materials to the Google doc folder set up for this purpose.