

MSDC Covid-19 Task Force Agenda and Outline

April 23, 2020, 5 PM ET

1. Welcome and meeting called to order
2. Review of notes from last meeting and updates

Issue	Discussion Items	Recommendation	Update
COVID-19 Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ There are numerous testing options between the Public Health Lab and private labs ✓ Each lab has different tests and different times for results ✓ Because results are reported differently we lack good epidemiological data ✓ How accurate are each type of test? Is that sufficient? ✓ What about new at-home tests (like this)? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MSDC to discern what types of tests are done where, the time before results are known, and if an appointment is needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSDC has city testing sites on our website
PPE and equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ No one knows how many physicians are COVID positive ✓ No one knows how many physicians working with patients have been tested ✓ Outside groups and individuals want to donate equipment but there are concerns on how to collect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MSDC ask the Mayor to support the ability for physicians to self-refer for testing ✓ MSDC to support independent priority testing sites for physicians ✓ MSDC to identify volunteer organizations providing PPE 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MSDC exploring PPE bulk purchasing programs with partners
Vulnerable populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ There is unused indoor space in the District and populations that need stable space ✓ Long term care facilities are high risk areas for outbreaks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MSDC should support efforts to house displaced populations in underutilized spaces ✓ MSDC supports long term care facilities and staff being treated as priority areas for testing and equipment ✓ MSDC to engage in conversations about independent physicians assisting at treatment sites 	

		including the convention center	
Mortality rate in African American population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Systematic issues (unconscious bias, racial disparity, poor local environment) disadvantage African Americans during the epidemic ✓ Social determinants of health drive up mortality rate ✓ Messaging from government focuses more on a white upper/middle class population ✓ Wards 7 and 8 have few primary care physicians or small practices to serve as a contact point for sick residents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MSDC to aggressively promote its infographic on healthier lifestyles to prevent COVID-19 deaths ✓ MSDC to work closely with physicians practicing in Wards 7 and 8 ✓ MSDC to advocate for health resources and easy testing (e.g., testing not needing a car) in Wards 7 and 8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MSDC continuing to push infographic including to other state medical societies ✓ MSDC had Dr. Julian Craig present before DC Council on health disparities around COVID-19
MSDC Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MSDC is doing work but it's not making it into the mainstream news ✓ MSDC information stays on internal resources not external ones ✓ How often is too often or not often enough? ✓ How aggressively should we push outside content (AMA for example)? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MSDC to aggressively publicize the Task Force's work ✓ MSDC to get its information in front of media sources daily ✓ MSDC to create more infographics to distribute on priorities ✓ MSDC to update its social media accounts daily 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MSDC now posting to social media daily ✓ MSDC exploring a weekly email summary ✓ MSDC tracking clicks and views on COVID-19 site ✓ WBJ front page story on physician practices published
IMG and licensure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ There are physicians wanting to come into the District to help but aren't being licensed due to international status 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MSDC to push DC Health or Board of Medicine to loosen requirements around IMG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MSDC asked Board of Medicine how to publicly comment, public comments being prepared
Medical students and residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The status of medical education leaves students uncomfortable about their future in profession ✓ Implications of graduating doctors early is unknown 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MSDC to liaise with medical student groups from three DC medical schools to plan how MSDC can assist them. 	
Economic impacts on the practice of medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Physician practices are closing, smaller practices are scaling back, and there is little capital available to keep them open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MSDC to explore partnerships and policy solutions to provide capital to physician practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSDC holds townhall with Council on financial impact of COVID-19 on

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hospitals are hemorrhaging money in preparing for COVID-19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ MSDC to create communications channels with large health systems in the DMV ✓ MSDC to work with DHCF and CMS on Medicare and Medicaid issues 	<p>physician practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSDC working with Council on health care practice loan program
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3. Discussion of new issues

Issue	Notes from call
<p>MSDC Statement on Protecting Physicians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the avenues to push this statement? • Public policy or template for private entity compliance? 	
<p>Resuming “non-elective” surgeries and treatments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is elective vs. non-emergency? • How do we prioritize types of treatment? 	
<p>Guidance on “re-opening” the District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor says 2 weeks of declining positive tests • What do steps towards “re-opening” look like? • What role does MSDC play in this process? 	
<p>Incarcerated populations and MSDC response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How important is it to release non-violent prisoners? 	

4. Other issues and confirming next meeting is April 30 at 5 PM

5. Adjournment