**Updates from the Shelter Task Force:**

**Week Ending May 15, 2020**

* **Kudos to the Monroe County Shelter Bed Task Force!** The Monroe County Shelter Bed Task Force Guidance Manual was shared with the National Healthcare for the Homeless Council. The way in which Monroe County providers have come together to address the COVID-19 pandemic among people experiencing homelessness is serving as a model for other communities. Thank you to Frank Tiberio for promoting the work of our community!
* The United Way is winding down the distribution of PPE and non-food supplies. Get your order in as soon as possible if you have a need for these items. The process for obtaining the supplies through the United Way’s Support Services Hub is detailed in the Guidance Manual. All are encouraged to join the Hub, where many valuable resources are shared: <https://www.uwrochester.org/COVID-19-Response/Human-Services-Support-Hub>
* The Shelter Provider Task Force continues to meet to develop and refine strategies to respond to COVID 19. Current work includes:
  + A focus on re-opening of the community – what will the shelter system look like in the near future as the community begins to re-open and what will providers need to be best prepared?
* The **Monroe County Shelter Bed Task Group Guidance Manual, Version 2** can be found on the Partners Ending Homelessness website: (<https://letsendhomelessness.org/wp-content/uploads/formidable/31/MonroeCounty_COVID19_ShelterGuidance_v2_4.14.20.pdf> )