City Preps For Possible COVID-19 Surge Amid Somber Meeting

By Camila Castellanos

The city of Pasadena, in partnership with Huntington Hospital and the Pasadena Convention Center, launched an alternate medical care facilty recently to be used only if the hospital surpasses capacity for COVID-19 patients.

In her address to update the City Council, Pasadena Public Health Officer Dr. Ying-Ying Goh said all deaths in Pasadena residents related to COVID-19 were associated with long-term care facilities and were among those 65 years or older. However, about half of the confirmed cases have been among people age 65 and younger, she said.

City spokeswoman Lisa Derden emphasized the council's commitment.

AbilityFirst Supports Clients Working on Front Lines

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TyFirst supported employment programs gives guidance in building a resume and filling out applications, as well as job training and valuable life skills like time management.

From the beginning, program officials were able to determine that Vera had the ability to work and a natural interest in connecting with others. However, he didn’t quite know how to start the process of getting a job, and he would feel anxious anytime he needed to ask questions. Before he could begin applying to jobs, he needed to get comfortable with the application process.

Since Vera enjoys being around people, his job developer at AbilityFirst helped him look for job openings that involve interacting with the public. He also worked on tools to increase his prospects, like studying math so that he would be able to use a cash register.

AbilityFirst CEO Lori Gangemi said part of the secret success of its job placement is that the non-profit takes a very individualized approach.