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The Skokie Health Department is committed to improving and protecting the lives of all Skokie residents. As we work tirelessly to stop COVID-19’s progression, we have been inspired by the efforts of Skokie residents, who continue to work together to keep our community safe.

We were pleased to learn that several residents from Skokie’s Jewish community have spearheaded a new initiative called Community Counter. Community Counter utilizes anonymous self-reporting of COVID-19 cases within the Jewish community so that individuals and leaders are able to work together to suppress the transmission of the novel coronavirus. Projects like this provide valuable support for our official contact tracing efforts, which are essential to keeping Skokie community safe.

We recognize that a project of this nature would not be possible without the collaboration of residents, local leaders and clergy.

Skokie is proud of its tremendous ethnic, racial and religious diversity. One exciting feature of the Community Counter project is that its premise can be adapted by any of Skokie’s sub-communities that wish to empower themselves to get ahead of Covid-19 transmission in order to protect their loved ones and themselves.

COVID-19 has created many new challenges in the public health arena, but we are confident that we can maintain the safety and wellness of our residents as we seek opportunities to work together to protect one another. We want to thank Community Counter for demonstrating how such a partnership can take shape, and we invite other Skokie communities to utilize this approach as well.

If you are interested in learning more about this program and how you might adapt it to your community please contact project lead Manya Treece manyatreece@gmail.com

Again, The Skokie Health Department is proud to support Community Counter.
Sincerely,

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