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### **City of Gary Protocols Addressing Potential Arrival of COVID-19 Virus**

Mayor Jerome A. Prince and his administration identified two potential protocols to address the potential arrival of the COVID-19. The protocol selection will be determined by confirmation of any of the following:

1. Clinical diagnosis of COVID-19 in **any** Gary resident
2. Clinical diagnosis of COVID-19 in **any** City of Gary employee
3. Clinical diagnosis of COVID-19 in **any** resident of Lake County

### **City of Gary Protocol A- No diagnoses of COVID-19 in Gary or Lake County**

1. **Effective immediately**, City of Gary Health Commissioner Dr. Roland Walker has suspended **all official governmental meetings and gatherings in all** City of Gary facilities for two weeks beginning 4 p.m. Mar. 13. Also, all non-governmental meetings and gatherings with more than 100 attendees in all City of Gary facilities will be cancelled for the same period.
2. The City of Gary will immediately begin a continuous disinfection regimen for all common areas of all City of Gary facilities.
3. The City of Gary will post signs at public entrances to all city facilities with information on COVID-19 symptoms and methods to slow the spread of the virus.

**City of Gary COVID-19 Protocol B- Any presumptive diagnoses in Gary or Lake County**

1. On orders of the Mayor or Health Commissioner, *all* public meetings and gatherings in all City of Gary facilities will be suspended indefinitely.
2. The City of Gary will stop all public traffic in all City of Gary buildings indefinitely.
3. The Genesis Center and all other city facilities will cancel planned events and indefinitely suspend all new event bookings.
4. Non-essential City of Gary employees will be instructed to stay home indefinitely. Essential City of Gary employees will be expected to continue their normal work schedules.
5. The City of Gary will initiate a work-from-home policy for qualified workers indefinitely.

Mayor Prince and the administration will continuously monitor the situation and will host additional information sessions.