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City of Gary COVID-19 Update

Greetings. This is Mayor Jerome A. Prince with the City of Gary COVID-19 update for Apr. 20, 2020.

We remain under a Stay-Home order from Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb through May 1. We will continue to follow federal and state guidelines in determining when and how we will bring City of Gary employees back to work

However, the number of Gary residents infected with the COVID-19 virus continues to rise dramatically. We reported 225 cases among Gary residents on Fri., Apr. 17. Today, we are reporting 60 new cases in three days, with a new total of 485 positive Gary cases.

I cannot stress enough how important it is to **STAY HOME!**

- if you do not have to leave your home, please stay home
- please leave for work or for essential business **ONLY**
- even though the Stay Home order has not kept Gary residents from becoming infected, I **STRONGLY BELIEVE** it has kept our new infection rate down and it has **SAVED LIVES!**

There continue to be questions about recycling services in Gary

- until further notice, recycling pick up is suspended
- you may use garbage bins for recycling material until further notice
- material must be bagged and inside the bins with lids closed

State of Indiana continues COVID-19 testing at St. Timothy's Church, 1600 W. 25th Ave., on the corner of Grant St. and 25th Ave.

- Seniors with pre-existing conditions can get tested for free today, Monday, and tomorrow, Tuesday, at the church, from (hours)
- Health care workers, first responders and their families who may be experiencing symptoms may be tested

There is help available if you need food assistance during this public health crisis

- contact the Northwest Indiana Food Bank at [FoodbankNWI.org](http://FoodbankNWI.org)
- if you know someone who does not have Internet access, please share this information with them while practicing good social distancing techniques

If you have a business or industry related question about COVID-19, call Indiana Critical Industries Hotline at 877-820-0890 or email questions to [covidresponse@iedc.IN.gov](mailto:covidresponse@iedc.IN.gov)

If you have any medical or health related questions on the COVID-19 virus, you may call the Indiana State Department of Health at 877-826-0011 or visit [coronavirus.IN.gov](https://coronavirus.IN.gov)

## **Updates**

# Indiana residents COVID-19 tested:	64,639
# Indiana residents COVID-19 positive:	11,686
# Indiana COVID-19 related deaths:	569
# Lake County residents COVID-19 tested:	5,639
# Lake County residents COVID-19 positive:	1,182
# Lake County COVID-19 related deaths:	47
# Porter County residents COVID-19 tested:	1,279
# Porter County residents COVID-19 positive:	180
# Porter County COVID-19 related deaths:	3
# Gary residents COVID-19 positive:	285
# Gary COVID-19 deaths:	8

## **Closing**

Obviously, we all have been focused on responding to the COVID-19 pandemic to keep our community as safe as possible, but, my team and I continue to monitor the situation very closely.

We also are making plans to resume work in the City of Gary. We will do so responsibly and in a way that best supports all of our residents.

Before concluding, I want to remind you now is the time to complete your 2020 U.S. Census survey. If you have Internet access, you can very easily complete the survey by going to [2020Census.gov](https://2020Census.gov) and follow the prompts.

It is also very easy to complete your census by phone. Call 844-330-2020 and you will be guided step-by-step in that process.

I continue to ask that you look out for your neighbors. Many of our residents do not have Internet access. If you do, share information with them, but do so in a safe way.

Also, remember, if we remain calm and patient, we will get through this together.

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