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**City of Gary COVID-19 Update**  
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Greetings. This is Mayor Jerome A. Prince with the City of Gary COVID-19 for Apr. 21, 2020.

We continue to operate under Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb's Stay-At-Home order, which has been extended through April. We continue to support the Governor's order, and, we will continue to patrol our city and ensure our residents, businesses, houses of worship and others continue to adhere to the order.

I am very pleased to hear Indiana National Guard Brig. General Dale Lyles, Adjutant General of the State of Indiana, confirm the Indiana National Guard and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will supply up to 50 medical augmentation packages to the City of Gary by the end of this week. These packages will supply much needed support for our city, which is especially critical as we have not seen any signs of Gary's new COVID-19 infection rate leveling off.

Along with the leadership of City of Gary Health Commissioner Dr. Roland Walker, I have worked with a number of state and federal entities for many weeks to prepare a field hospital in Gary for the surge in cases we expect to see here between late April and mid-May. It only makes sense to have the field hospital equipment we need in place before the surge takes place. The packages will be stored at a secure, undisclosed location.

I thank Gov. Holcomb, the Indiana National Guard and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for wisely choosing to build a hospital in Gary when the need arises.

**Updates**

# of Indiana residents COVID-19 tested:	67,624
# of Indiana residents COVID-19 positive:	12,097
# of Indiana COVID-19 related deaths:	630
# of Lake County residents COVID-19 tested:	5,791
# of Lake County residents COVID-19 positive:	1,227
# of Lake County COVID-19 related deaths:	54
# of Porter County residents COVID-19 tested:	1,304

# of Porter County residents COVID-19 positive: 183  
# of Porter County COVID-19 related deaths: 5

# of Gary residents COVID-19 positive: 296  
# of Gary COVID-19 related deaths: 8

### **Information**

The City of Gary's first responders are working closely with emergency personnel from neighboring communities to demonstrate appreciation for health care workers at Methodist Hospital Northlake in Gary Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. at the hospital. We will provide more details shortly

### **Closing**

These continue to be trying times for everyone. The City of Gary continues to suffer from too many new COVID-19 cases. We are expecting a surge, and we continue to do everything possible to protect our community from the spread of this virus.

I continue to encourage everyone to STAY HOME! Please do not leave your homes unless you absolutely need to leave for work, essential groceries, medical appointments and other necessary activities.

Again, I ask you to check on your neighbors using safe social distancing techniques.

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

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