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City of Gary COVID-19 Update

Greetings. This is Mayor Jerome A. Prince with your City of Gary COVID-19 report for Apr. 22, 2020.

We remain under an extended Stay-At-Home order from Indiana Governor Holcomb. I've said repeatedly we support this order because we know it works.

We know by limiting our travels to essential business only, we cut back on the number of people we come into contact with and that helps reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Gov Holcomb yesterday discussed our interactions with our bordering states. In Gary, we're very close to the line with Cook County, Illinois, and Chicago. This is a hotspot for the COVID-19 virus.

That means as our state begins to open back up later this month and early next month, when the Governor is expected to lift the Stay-At Home order, we must remain vigilant.

Just because we are able to slowly move towards normal activities does not mean the pandemic is over. We must still wear masks, gloves and limit our travels if we want to avoid spreading this virus even more.

Social distancing works! In Gary, the spread of the COVID-19 virus has not slowed down yet. That means we each must do our part to try to fight this virus.

Yesterday, Indiana National Guard General Dale Lyles, the Adjutant General for the State of Indiana, indicated the National Guard and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will deliver 50 medical augmentation packages to Gary.

These packages are basically beds and other gear for a field hospital. The packages will be kept in a secure, undisclosed location.

As more people come out of their homes, we will likely see an increase in the spread of the virus. If this spread overwhelms our current medical facilities, we will be able to launch a field hospital in Gary using these packages from the Indiana National Guard to treat our residents.

I thank Gov. Holcomb, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Indiana National Guard Gen. Lyles and our own Health Commissioner Dr. Roland Walker for tirelessly working to bring the field hospital gear to Gary.

Updates

# Indiana residents COVID-19 tested:	69,470
# Indiana residents COVID-19 positive:	12,438
# Indiana COVID-19 related deaths:	661
# Lake County residents COVID-19 tested:	6,108
# Lake County residents COVID-19 positive:	1,292
# Lake County COVID-19 related deaths:	57
# Porter County resident COVID-19 tested:	1,347
# Porter County residents COVID-19 positive:	193
# Porter County COVID-19 related deaths:	5
# Gary residents COVID-19 tested:	299
# Gary COVID-19 related deaths:	9

Closing.

We have a long way to go. This virus is not going to just disappear. It is continuously looking for new victims so it can continue to spread among our residents.

Even if we cannot stop the virus, remember we can slow it down significantly by staying home unless necessary and using good social distancing techniques.

As always, I encourage you to check on your neighbors, especially our older residents and our vulnerable populations.

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