

Apr. 9, 2020

**Mayor Jerome Prince
City of Gary COVID-19 Update**

Greetings. This is Mayor Prince with the daily COVID-19 update for Apr. 9, 2020.

We remain under a Stay-Home order from Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb.

As we prepare for Easter Sunday, please remember to practice social distancing habits like:

- Maintaining a distance of six feet from each other;
- Avoiding in-person gatherings of more than 10 people at a time;
- Avoiding skin-to-skin contact when greeting each other.

As I've said many times, these are unprecedented times calling for unprecedented actions. It's important we reduce contact with each other to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

I was tested for the virus yesterday, Until I receive the results, I am suspending on-camera appearances in favor of written daily updates. However, I may return to the video message if necessary.

I strongly believe part of being the Mayor of Gary is providing accurate, up-to-date information on this public health and safety challenge. I will continue these updates, albeit in different forms.

Today's COVID-19 updates:

Total number of Indiana residents tested for COVID-19:	32,133
Total number of Indiana residents tested positive:	6,351
Total number of Indiana COVID-19 related deaths:	245

Total number Lake County residents tested for COVID-19:	2,432
Total number Lake County residents tested positive:	525
Total number Lake County COVID-19 related deaths:	19

Total number of Gary residents tested positive:	110
Total number of Gary COVID-19 related deaths:	5

I have instructed my administration to investigate imposing a nightly curfew in Gary and an Executive Order regarding essential and non-essential businesses, though we continue to mirror state and federal guidelines.

Residents with medical or health-related questions regarding the COVID-19 virus can call the Indiana State Department of Health Hotline at 877-826-0017 or visit the website at coronavirus.IN.gov.

Anyone with business or industry related questions only can call the Indiana Critical Industries Hotline at 877-820-0890 or via e-mail at covidresponse@iedc.IN.gov.

As I've said all along, we must remain patient and calm. We are asking a lot of our residents to help contain the spread of this virus, but, these are necessary steps.

If we keep our heads and practice good social distancing habits while we check on each other, we will get through this together.