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City of Gary COVID-19 Update

Greetings. This is Mayor Jerome A. Prince with the City of Gary COVID-19 report for Apr. 23, 2020.

We continue to operate under Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb's Stay-At-Home order. We will continue to closely monitor state and federal guidelines and determine the best way to apply them to protect our Gary residents.

I remind you to practice social distancing. Avoid in-person groups of more than 10 people. Do not greet others with skin-to-skin contact. Keep a distance of six feet from other people.

Please wear masks and gloves when outside of your homes.

Also, I remind our residents to restrict travel to work and essential activities only.

These mandates will become increasingly important as our state gradually opens up to business and loosens the Stay-At-Home restrictions. We can expect more of our neighbors from Illinois and Michigan to come into our area to do business. We must remain vigilant if we are going to protect ourselves and our neighbors from the spread of the COVID-19 virus, as more people come to and around Gary.

I am tremendously saddened we have lost two more Gary residents to this dangerous virus. Their deaths mean that we have lost 11 residents in Gary. I ask that you remember these loved ones and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Also, we now are reporting that more than 300 Gary residents have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. As we test more people, and as the virus continues its spread, the number of positive test results will rise.

Testing

City of Gary Health Commissioner Dr. Roland Walker today announced that the health department will offer free COVID-19 testing Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to noon, **by appointment, and with a doctor's orders**. The service will **not** be available next Monday, Apr. 27, but, ***it will begin next Wednesday, Apr. 29.***

Updates

# of Indiana residents COVID-19 tested:	72,040
# of Indiana residents COVID-19 positive:	13,039
# of Indiana COVID-19 related deaths:	706
# of Lake County residents COVID-19 tested:	6,239
# of Lake County residents COVID-19 positive:	1,346
# of Lake County COVID-19 related deaths:	61
# of Porter County residents COVID-19 tested:	1,368
# of Porter County residents COVID-19 positive:	198
# of Porter County COVID-19 related deaths:	5
# of Gary residents COVID-19 positive:	314
# of Gary COVID-19 related deaths:	11

Closing

We will include more community members in our daily briefings beginning Apr. 24. There are many agencies working on our residents' behalf to provide more information, and we will begin highlighting the work those agencies are doing.

Please remember to be calm and patient, and we will get through this together.

