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Greetings.

I will release the City of Gary's plans to carefully reopen city operations, businesses and houses of worship later this week. The plans will include more information to help religious leaders plan their weekend services and other ceremonies.

Our first responders face a number of threats to their personal safety every time they answer a call. Last Friday, while responding to an incident in which a young Gary resident was hit by a car, five Gary Fire Department paramedics and firefighters/EMTs were exposed to the COVID-19 virus. The five first responders have been tested for the virus, and they all are under quarantine.

I cannot thank our first responders enough for their courage, their commitment to duty and the sacrifices they make everyday to keep our city safe.

**Updates**

# of Indiana residents COVID-19 tested:	150,510
# of Indiana residents COVID-19 positive:	25,127
# of Indiana COVID-19 related deaths:	1,444
# of Lake County residents COVID-19 tested:	13,456
# of Lake County residents COVID-19 positive:	2,534
# of Lake County COVID-19 related deaths:	128
# of Porter County residents COVID-19 tested:	2,610
# of Porter County residents COVID-19 positive:	353
# of Porter County COVID-19 related deaths:	9
# of Gary residents COVID-19 positive:	515
# of Gary COVID-19 related deaths:	16

**Conclusion**

As the weather warms up, we all want to get outside and spend more time with family members, neighbors and friends. However, we must remain vigilant and continue using good social distancing techniques.

Also, many businesses and houses of worship have questions about reopening. We will address these issues in more detail as we move forward. I continue to encourage them to use the State of Indiana's website [Backontrack.in.gov](https://www.in.gov/backontrack) to get information now.

As always, please use good social distancing techniques when sharing information with and helping your neighbors, especially our older population.

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

