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**City of Gary COVID-19 Update**

We continue to slowly ease the Stay-At-Home restrictions established by Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb in March.

The reopening guidelines for local businesses are detailed in our reopening plan, posted on Gary.gov, the City of Gary's website. Also, later this week I will provide more information for reopening houses of worship and other locations.

We have a task force of department heads and managers finalizing a plan for City of Gary employees to return to work. Department heads will begin contacting employees to advise them of their return dates. We will post more details on Gary.gov.

Today, Gary is reporting 18 new positive COVID-19 cases. I find this development disturbing, and it should remind all of us we remain in a very serious public health crisis.

**Updates**

# of Indiana residents COVID-19 tested:	195,738
# of Indiana residents COVID-19 positive:	29,274
# of Indiana COVID-19 deaths:	1,716
# of Lake County residents COVID-19 tested:	18,251
# of Lake County residents COVID-19 positive:	3,024
# of Lake County COVID-19 deaths:	149
# of Porter County residents COVID-19 tested:	3,372
# of Porter County residents COVID-19 positive:	421
# of Porter County COVID-19 related deaths:	15
# of Gary residents COVID-19 positive:	591
# of Gary COVID-19 related deaths:	16

**Unsung Hero**

Jeffrey Edwards is a Gary unsung hero. Mr. Edwards and his sons began mowing lawns and picking up litter in their Horace Mann neighborhood. Their work drew attention, and neighbors began to join them.

Soon after, Mr. Edwards launched Gary Community Partnership, a 501(c)3 neighborhood organization which later received a grant from the Love Your Block program. Gary is one of 10 cities nationwide to be awarded a Love Your Block grant from the national Cities of Service.

With the Love Your Block grant, Mr. Edwards and the Gary Community Partnership started a tool-lending library, which includes lawn mowers and shovels, and they have cleaned 15 vacant properties and rejuvenated Rees Park.

The City of Gary and I thank and celebrate Mr. Edwards and the Gary Community Partnership.

### **Closing**

We are reopening the City carefully, even as we continue to see double-digit increases in the number of new COVID-19 infections in Gary. These new cases will not stop our progress, but, as Mayor, I will monitor the infection rate data as I make decisions on moving the city forward.

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

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