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City of Gary COVID-19 Update

City of Gary Beaches

The City of Gary opened the Lake St. and Marquette Park beaches Saturday morning. Our parking lots filled rapidly. We saw many license plates from Illinois. The combination of the arrival of warm weather with open beaches and the continued closure of beaches and parks in the Chicago area contributed to massive crowds at our beaches.

We thank our Gary Police Department, Lake County Sheriff Oscar Martinez and his deputies and the Indiana State Police for their work in protecting our residents and visitors.

Gary COVID-19 Updates

Over the weekend, a small team of health department officials and data analysts closely examined our reporting methodology for reporting the number of COVID-19 positive test results and COVID-19 related deaths in Gary.

As I've said from the beginning, the COVID-19 pandemic has been a series of new developments for months, and that challenge continues. We are modifying our methods for counting and reporting COVID-19 cases in Gary. We will resume reporting Gary-specific COVID-19 updates when I am satisfied we can provide the most accurate, up-to-date information possible.

Updates

# of Indiana residents COVID-19 tested:	230,749
# of Indiana residents COVID-19 positive:	32,078
# of Indiana COVID-19 related deaths:	1,850
# of Lake County residents COVID-19 tested:	21,084
# of Lake County residents COVID-19 positive:	3,320
# of Lake County COVID-19 related deaths:	168
# of Porter County residents COVID-19 tested:	4,155
# of Porter County residents COVID-19 positive:	490
# of Porter County COVID-19 related deaths:	21

Closing

We are entering another challenging phase of our fight to control the COVID-19 pandemic. The State of Indiana has begun reopening our economy well before the State of Illinois has begun reopening their economy.

As predicted, we will continue to see many visitors from Illinois coming to our city to shop, visit and enjoy our beaches and parks. This will increase our exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

I encourage you to be vigilant, use good social distancing techniques and immediately seek help if you feel ill.

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