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City of Gary COVID-19 update

On May 1, Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb recommended a statewide plan to emerge from the COVID-19 restrictions on travel, business, leisure/recreation and personal services. The plan is made of five stages, beginning May 4 and stretching through July 4.

It is important to remember Gov. Holcomb issued the plan as a series of recommendations. He also stressed local municipalities, like Gary, will have the authority to be more restrictive than the state plan.

I have convened a team of administration officials to determine how our city will move forward, but it is important to remember our fight against the spread of the COVID-19 virus is not over.

We still are reporting too many new COVID-19 positive cases, often in double digits from one day to the next. Also, we have lost 15 Gary residents to this disease.

Tomorrow, May 5, I will release more details on how I believe the governor's plan affects us in Gary. Also, later this week, I will release the results of our team's plan to help us emerge from the COVID-19 restrictions.

Updates

# of Indiana residents COVID-19 tested:	113,297
# of Indiana residents COVID-19 positive:	20,507
# of Indiana COVID-19 related deaths:	1,151
# of Lake County residents COVID-19 tested:	9,871
# of Lake County residents COVID-19 positive:	2,098
# of Lake County COVID-19 related deaths:	97
# of Porter County residents COVID-19 tested:	1,986
# of Porter County residents COVID-19 positive:	258
# of Porter County COVID-19 related deaths:	7
# of Gary residents COVID-19 positive:	440
# of Gary COVID-19 related deaths:	15

Information

If you have a business related question regarding COVID-19, you can call the Indiana Critical Industries Hotline at 877-820-0890 or send e-mails to covidresponse@iedc.IN.gov.

If you have a medical or health related question regarding COVID-19, you may call the Indiana State Department of Health Hotline at 877-826-0011 or visit coronavirus.IN.gov.

The City of Gary Health Department, 1145 W. 5th Ave., continues to test residents for COVID-19 with no upfront cost. Residents must bring in doctors' orders for the tests and proof of insurance.

Closing

We still have many questions about the COVID-19 virus and how we will move forward as a City while the threat of infection remains.

Please use good social distancing techniques when you share this information with your family, friends and neighbors, especially our oldest residents.

I ask you to be patient and calm. We will get through this together.
