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### **City of Gary COVID-19 Reopening Plan**

In Indiana, local leaders have the right and authority to be more restrictive with reopening governments, houses of worship and businesses if those leaders feel it is necessary to protect their communities.

The ultimate guide to reopening City operations, houses of worship and businesses has been the safety of our families, friends and neighbors.

We will begin reopening City operations, houses of worship and Gary businesses beginning the weekend of May 22nd, with restrictions. We reserve the right to place new restrictions to protect public health and safety.

#### **General Guidelines (Until further notice)**

- Whenever possible, residents should work from home to decrease their exposure.
- Residents 65 years old and older should continue to stay home. Seniors are not contracting COVID-19 disease as much as younger groups, but older residents have much higher percentage of COVID-19 related deaths.
- All residents older than two years old should wear masks.
- Residents should still avoid any groups of more than 10 people.
- Playgrounds, basketball courts, sports venues, fitness centers, gyms, spas must remain closed.

#### **City Government**

- We will reopen City of Gary facilities to employees only on a limited basis on May 18th. More employees will return over next several weeks. Department Heads and managers will contact employees with detailed instructions on their return and expectations of those employees.
- City facilities will remain closed to the public until further notice.

## Houses of Worship

- Due to the high rate of new COVID-19 cases, the City of Gary will extend restrictions one more week.
- Baptist and Church of God In Christ ministers have already planned to hold off in-person services until June.
- Faith leaders should to continue to conduct on-line services and drive-in services.

## Businesses: Until May 23

### **All Gary businesses are expected to comply with restrictions until at least May 23.**

- Restrictions on businesses will be driven by data on the rate of new COVID-19 infections.
- All businesses with any customer traffic must post the legal occupancies of their customer areas on entry doors, registers and points of sale. All businesses with any customer traffic also must post a COVID-19 safety plan directly adjacent to their occupancy notices.
- Beginning May 24, all restaurants, bars with food service, personal service services (barber shops, salons, nail salons, etc.), may open their sites to 25% occupancy.
- Restaurants, bars with food service, retail and any other stores with customer dining and/or shopping areas must continue phone and online ordering and provide curbside pickup or delivery until May 24.
- Beginning May 24, restaurants and bars with food service may open their dining areas to 25% occupancy.
- Retail stores may open to 25% of their site's occupancy.
- Personal service providers may open to 25% occupancy and must operate **by appointment only**.
- Bars/taverns/nightclubs/adult entertainment businesses must remain closed.

These restrictions will remain in place until further notice.

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