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City of Gary COVID-19 Update

New Cases Update

Today marks the 12th consecutive day with new COVID-19 cases in the single digits. This is a significant improvement. However, as the Independence Day holiday weekend approaches, and the City of Chicago keeps restrictions on its beaches, we expect to see a significant number of Illinois visitors at our beaches and parks. This will pose challenges in securing our beaches and minimizing our residents' exposure to the virus. We must remain vigilant in wearing masks, avoiding large in-person gatherings and using good social distancing techniques to help prevent a spike in new cases.

Testing Sites

The Indiana State Department of Health has begun free COVID-19 testing at the Hudson-Campbell Sports Center, 455 Massachusetts St. All Indiana residents are welcomed, and they will accept walk-in visitors. The testing will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., today through Saturday, Jun. 20th. The testing is free, and doctors' orders are not required.

The City of Gary Health Department continues to offer COVID-19 testing at the health center, 1145 W. 5th Ave., by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays. No upfront payment is necessary, but guests are encouraged to bring any proof of insurance to the testing site. Also, doctors' orders are not required for the test.

Updates

# of Indiana residents COVID-19 tested:	371,182
# of Indiana residents COVID-19 positive:	41,013
# of Indiana COVID-19 related deaths:	2,289
# of Lake County residents COVID-19 tested:	30,792
# of Lake County residents COVID-19 positive:	4,222
# of Lake County COVID-19 related deaths:	231
# of Porter County residents COVID-19 tested:	6,820
# of Porter County residents COVID-19 positive:	597
# of Porter County COVID-19 related deaths:	35

of Gary residents COVID-19 positive:
of Gary COVID-19 related deaths:

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Closing

This Friday, Jun. 19th, we will have our weekly City of Gary COVID-19 video update. At that time, I will release new information on restrictions and our reopening plans for City operations, businesses, places of worship and community gathering places. Also, we will post this information on our City website, Gary.gov.

I am cautiously optimistic about our lower rate of new COVID-19 cases, but this fight is not over. We still see significant numbers of new cases in cities throughout the United States, and several major cities overseas are facing new outbreaks of the disease.

My team and I will continue to closely monitor the rate of new cases in Gary. Also, if necessary, I will renew restrictions on public spaces if it means protecting our people.

I ask you to remember if we remain calm and patient, we will get through this together.
