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City of Gary COVID-19 Update

We continue to see double-digit increases in the rate of new COVID-19 infections in the City of Gary. Along with constant communication with my staff, including City of Gary Health Commissioner Dr. Roland Walker, I have used this data to determine Gary's next steps in reopening during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Houses of Worship

Houses of worship may hold regular weekly meetings, but attendance should be limited to no more than 100 people at a time. Please continue to use good social distancing practices. This restriction is the same for wedding receptions, baptisms, funerals and other ceremonies.

Houses of worship should space individuals or family units six feet apart. Please seat guests in alternate rows when possible.

Whenever possible, houses of worship should provide services online or on broadcast media.

Individuals ages 65 years and older who have at-risk health conditions should stay home and watch services remotely.

Community Venues

Community tennis courts, basketball courts, soccer and baseball fields, YMCAs and similar facilities are open, but users still must practice good social distancing techniques.

Sports teams may practice together. Conditioning exercises and skills drills are acceptable, but no contact should be allowed. Non-contact sports competitions may begin in Gary on Jun. 14.

Retail Businesses, Restaurants

Retail stores or businesses with customer traffic must continue to post their legal occupancy rates on entry ways and points of sale, such as cash registers. They also

must post a COVID-19 safety plan, which includes information on safety measures (e.g. face coverings, gloves, etc.) each business requires of its employees.

Retail stores or businesses with customer traffic may allow up to 75% of occupancy in their facilities at any one time. Employees must continue to wear face coverings.

Restaurants and bars with food service may open their dining areas up to 50 percent capacity. Employees must continue to wear face coverings. No bar seating is allowed.

Bars, nightclubs and adult entertainment venues must remain closed.

Testing

The City of Gary Health Department is providing COVID-19 testing to Gary residents. No doctor's note is necessary. There is no upfront payment, but visitors should bring proof of insurance, if available. The Health Department, located at 1145 W. 5th Ave., will be open for COVID-19 testing Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-noon.

Updates

# of Indiana residents COVID-19 tested:	309,503
# of Indiana residents COVID-19 positive:	37,623
# of Indiana COVID-19 related deaths:	2,135

# of Lake County residents COVID-19 tested:	27,362
# of Lake County residents COVID-19 positive:	3,959
# of Lake County COVID-19 related deaths:	215

# of Porter County residents COVID-19 tested:	5,771
# of Porter County residents COVID-19 positive:	574
# of Porter County COVID-19 related deaths:	33

# of Gary residents COVID-19 tested:	
# of Gary COVID-19 related deaths:	

Closing

As we all know, we recently have had a number of new issues arise in and around Gary that has taken our attention away from the COVID-19 pandemic. This is normal, but it does not mean we are clear of this virus. It still poses a serious threat to our community, and we must remain vigilant against the spread of this disease.

As always, I remind you we have a long way to go in the struggle against this public health crisis, but, if we remain patient and calm, we will get through this together.

