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City of Gary COVID-19 Update

The national struggle against the COVID-19 virus continues. In the City of Gary, we are cautiously proceeding in reopening the local economy, houses of worship and entertainment facilities.

My team and I are monitoring our daily new COVID-19 cases and the total number of COVID-19 related deaths. If we see significant, prolonged increases in either measure, I will order restrictions to be put back into place to protect our community.

We are seeing a resurgence of new COVID-19 cases throughout the country, and the Chicagoland area continues to struggle with new cases. However, I am not ordering all Gary residents to wear face coverings in public at this time.

Houses of Worship

Houses of worship may host up to 250 people for services, but we encourage them to continue to use on-line services, as well.

Family units and individuals should be spaced six feet apart from each other.

Businesses, Recreation and Fitness Venues

Retail businesses may operate at full capacity. We recommend retail businesses require employees wear face coverings.

Restaurants and bars with food service may open their dining rooms to 75% capacity, if they use social distancing techniques. Employees must wear face coverings. Bars with food service may open their bar seating up to 50% capacity.

Bars without food service and nightclubs may open to 50% capacity if they use social distancing techniques, but employees must wear face coverings.

Personal service businesses, such as nail salons, hair salons and barber shops, may operate by appointment only. Work stations must be spaced for social distancing, and employees must wear face coverings.

Playgrounds, basketball courts and other outdoor recreation sites are open for non-contact activities.

Gyms and fitness centers may open with class sizes and equipment spaced for social distancing. Equipment must be cleaned after each use, and employees must wear face coverings.

City of Gary Updates

State, Lake and Porter County updates are available at coronavirus.in.gov.

The City of Gary is reporting a total of 866 COVID-19 positive cases and 59 COVID-19 related deaths.

Closing

The struggle against the COVID-19 virus remains a very fluid situation. We will see occasional spikes in our Gary numbers, but our focus is on creating a safe environment to protect our residents against a prolonged resurgence of the virus in our city.

As always, I encourage our residents to check on their family members and neighbors, and I am confident if we remain patient and calm, we will get through this together.

