



Mayor Domenic J. Sarno's City of Springfield COVID-19 Situational Update

Friday, April 10, 2020

Mayor Domenic J. Sarno, in the best interests of our residents and business community, continues his daily morning meetings with his cabinet heads as they work 24/7 to facilitate and coordinate with all of our local, state, federal, and public and private partners in response to the COVID-19 situation.

Below are the most recent updates as reported from each City Departments.

Mayor's Office

- Continues to coordinate the city's efforts with all stakeholders (state, federal, hospital and medical facilities, public and private partners, etc.) in response of services and relief and recovery measures.
- Continues to hold daily morning cabinet head meetings utilizing remote platforms to encourage social distancing.
- Following up on the Mayor's press conference seeking N95 and KN85 masks for city police, fire and frontline personnel, additional private sector establishment stepped up and donated to the city.
 - CRRC donated 10,000 KN95 masks, 5,000 garments for Baystate and Mercy Hospital and additional goggles
 - Sheriff Nick Cocchi donated 400 N95 mask and 100 face shields to our SPD
 - Titeflex donated 500 N95 masks to our SFD
 - Over the past 48 hours since the Mayor's press conference, nearly 12,000 N95/KN95 masks have been donated to our SPD, SFD and frontline personnel.
- The City of Springfield continues to explore all public and private means in which to secure additional PPE's for our Police and Fire Departments and our first responders and frontline personnel.
- MGM Springfield donated 60 bed cots and 16 outdoor space heaters to our state of the art homeless tent triage facility.

Health

- Announced 51 cases of Springfield residents testing positive for COVID-19 (Coronavirus)
- Total positive cases now at 393
- Continues to monitor potential COVID-19 cluster locations across the city, especially at our long-term care facilities.
- Continuing to implement mapping aspects to track virus areas and demographics

- School nurses continue to assist with contact tracing
 - Currently monitoring and tracing 500 +
- Announced the continued need and importance of adhering to all public health, personal hygiene and social distancing procedures.

Elder Affairs

- Continues to do wellness checks on a daily basis with people in senior housing complexes and associated with senior centers.
- Continues to deliver meals to seniors in need who are registered with our senior centers

DPW

- Trash and recycling continue to be picked up.
- Streets and Engineering continue to provide services
- Yard waste collection started but is running behind schedule but will continue into Saturday

Eco Dev

- Continues to review and secure additional funding for restaurant and small business assistance grants.
- Announced the second round of the Prime the Pump grants for restaurants and small businesses totaling \$500,000.
- Continues to review and identify Federal stimulus funding to focus on local efforts for relief and recovery for our residents and small businesses.

Elections

- Election Commissioner Gladys Oyola represented the Mayor and City of Springfield and provided an update to the city's Spanish media outlets on the city's response to the COVID-19 situation and what resources are available.
 - All information and updates can be translated into over 90 languages on our city's website

Finance

- The City of Springfield continues to explore all public and private means in which to secure additional PPE's for our Police and Fire Departments and our first responders and frontline personnel.
- Continues to monitor all federal and state relief and recovery funding mechanisms.
- Implementing strategic spending measures to identify areas of need, relief and recovery while also trying to maintain city services for residents and business community.
- Continues to monitor lost revenue – city and state
- Continues proactive meetings with Josh Norman of GP Strategies to track, identify and implement relief and recovery reimbursement aspects

Parks

- Continuing the deep cleaning of all city buildings and facilities
- Continuing to monitor our parks on social distancing aspects

Public Safety

Fire

- Down 7 Fire Department personnel
- Desperate need for N95/KN95 masks

Police

- Down 24 officers
- Continue to provide anti-crime activity
- Continue to coordinate logistics with the National Guard to compliment SPD operations.
- Desperate need for N95/KN95 masks

Schools

- 60,825 meals served (meals included breakfast, lunch and dinner and cover Thurs., Fri., Sat., and Sunday)
- 194,925 meals have been served overall.
- In addition to the 7,000 laptops that were already been used by our students before the Schools were closed – the city continues to deliver and distribute over 10,000 laptops to students

School Committee

- Conducted their April meetings virtually.
 - The Budget and Finance Subcommittee held their meeting on Wednesday, April 8th and the meeting of the full School Committee took place on Thursday, April 9th
 - Re-runs of the meeting will be available on demand on both the Springfield Public Schools and Focus Springfield websites and as regularly scheduled programming on Focus Springfield Channel 17.