



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

**Thursday, April 9, 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.
  - Springfield native Timothy Murphy drove down from his school in West Newton, MA to drop off 300 N95 masks. These PPE's were secured thanks to his student Zhang from Shanghai, China.
  - Merrill Lynch contacted the Mayor's Office and donated 140 N95 masks
  - Over the past 24 hours since the Mayor's press conference 940 N95/KN95 masks have been donated – all by private sources
- 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.

## **Health**

- Announced 86 cases of Springfield residents testing positive for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) as of April 8, 2020.
- Total positive cases now at 342 (as of April 8, 2020)
- 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 504 +

- 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

### **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

### **Eco Dev**

- Continues to review and secure additional funding for restaurant and small business assistance grants.
- Over 80% of first round restaurants have responded to their notice and should be contracted by next week
- Second round of restaurant and small business assistance grants totaling \$500,000 is being formalized and program guidelines being drafted. Announcement to be made later this week.
- Continues to review and identify Federal stimulus funding to focus on local efforts for relief and recovery for our residents and small businesses.

### **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

### **Public Safety**

#### **Fire**

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

#### **Police**

- Down 25 officers – 14 positive cases
- Continue to provide anti-crime activity
- Continue to coordinate logistics with the National Guard to compliment SPD operations.
- Desperate need for N95/KN95 masks

- State Department of Children and Families have suspended their home visits citing a lack of PPE's. Springfield Police Officers have now been tasked with providing DCF home visits – even with a lack and dwindling supplies of PPE's for SPD officers

### **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.
- Continues to deliver and distribute over 10,000 laptops to be distributed to students this week

### **School Committee**

- Will begin to conduct their April meetings virtually.
  - The Budget and Finance Subcommittee Meeting will take place Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. and the meeting of the full School Committee will take place on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
  - Both meetings will air live on Focus Springfield Channel 17. The meetings will also be livestream at <http://focusspringfield.com/watch/government> and on the Springfield Public Schools website at [www.springfieldpublicschools.com](http://www.springfieldpublicschools.com). Re-runs of the meeting will be available on demand on both websites and as regularly scheduled programming on Focus Springfield Channel 17.