



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

## **Monday, March 30, 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**

- Advised the need for caution of out-of-state travel.
- Stressed the need for much needed medical equipment – especially N95 Masks.
- Announced that 9 Massachusetts State Police Troopers will be deployed, 3 per shift, to augment and supplement our Springfield Police Department's operations.

### **Health**

- School nurses will assist the Health Department with contact tracing procedures.
- 45 Springfield residents now tested/confirmed with COVID-19 (coronavirus)

### **Elder Affairs**

- Senior Meals are being delivered to those seniors who have asked for assistance .

### **Eco Dev**

- The 'Prime the Pump' Grant Applications are being reviewed and evaluated. Announcement will be made later this week for announcing the awardees.
- Continues to work with HUD while seeking flexibility to redeploy potentially \$500,000 additional CDBG funding to 'Prime the Pump' restaurant and small business direct grant initiatives

### **Parks**

- All active recreational activities have been closed and are prohibited. This includes:
  - Golf Courses
  - Basketball Hoops are down
  - Tennis Courts are locked
  - Playgrounds are tapped off
  - Farmers Markets closed

- In collaboration with the city's Health Department, Baystate Health, Mercy Medical, Friends of the Homeless and STCC – Tents have been set up to address the COVID-19 situation and needs for our most at-risk population, the homeless. This is part of the city's contingency's plan to provide a proactive response to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus.

### **Police**

- Special Police Officers are being called in. These include recently retired or scheduled to retire officers who still have active and up-to-date certifications.
- 9 Massachusetts State Police Troopers will be deployed, 3 per shift, to augment and complement Police operations.