

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

May, 2022

Mayor Domenic J. Sarno, in the best interests of our residents and business community, continues his 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 Coronavirus pandemic.

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 efforts, measures and initiatives
- Mayor Sarno urges residents young and old to get vaccinated
- HHS offers COVID-19 booster clinic for eligible residents
- Mayor Sarno, HHS Commissioner Caulton-Harris and city officials recognize Mental Health Awareness Month
- Mayor Sarno and Fire Commissioner Calvi join with Red Cross for Sound the Alarm Event for smoke detectors
- School Committee adopts \$545 million budget
- Springfield Board of Health issues Mask Advisory for those with underlying health conditions
- Mayor Sarno, HHS Commissioner Caulton-Harris, Fire Commissioner Calvi and Police Deputy Chief Kent join with AMR for Earn While You Learn Graduation and awards ceremony
- Mayor Sarno testifies before state committee on Economic Development in support of Governor Baker's legislation
- Springfield Police Department and Sheriff's Department announces continued partnership for Forest Park patrols
- City of Springfield and DOJ announce RFQ for compliance evaluator
- Mayor Sarno and CAFO Plante announce multi-faceted tax relief plan as part of FY23 budget
- Vax Force Youth Council hold community day of wellness event
- Watershop dam construction completed
- Roadway and pedestrian safety improvements on State Street to begin
- Parks Department announces Concerts in the Park series

- Mayor Sarno and DPW meet with Greek Cultural Center to discuss roadway and pedestrian enhancements
- Mayor Sarno, Police Deputy Kent and state Representative Carlos Gonzalez hold ghost gun awareness event
- Mayor Sarno and city officials hold special flag raising ceremony for V for Victory site at Forest Park
- Mayor Sarno announces 5th round of ARPA funding
- Mayor Sarno and DPW Director Cignoli join with Eversource to announce 3rd phase of enhanced LED lighting in the South End
- City of Springfield holds Memorial Day Ceremony
- City Council President Marcus Williams resigns

Health

- City of Springfield's 2022 monthly COVID-19 cases:
 - January: 9,498
 - February: 1,484
 - March: 371
 - April: 982
 - May: 2,588
- Announced the continued need and importance of adhering to all public health, personal hygiene and social distancing procedures
- Continues to partner with community agencies and organizations to provide vaccine clinics, testing and outreach

Parks, Buildings, and Recreation Management

- Continues to maintain the \$1.5 million in Covid-19 prevention equipment that was previously installed across the city in school and municipal buildings. The upgrades have brought the buildings into compliance with the ASHRAE standards.

Finance / Eco Dev

- Continues to review costs associated with COVID-19 response for relief and recovery reimbursements
- Continues to track and monitor all COVID-19 related spending for reimbursement aspects
- Continues to track, monitor and record all CARES Act and ARPA funding aspects
- Tracking local, state and national unemployment trends and numbers
- Continues to review and work on economic development projects across the city.
- Continuing to review funding program for workforce training development
- Continues to monitor all federal and state relief and recovery funding and reimbursement aspects
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- Continues to monitor lost revenue and deficit spending due to pandemic
- Continues proactive meetings with Josh Norman of GP Strategies to track, identify, and implement relief and recovery reimbursement aspects.
- Continuing to review and monitor all city capital projects to keep them on track to the best of our ability and to extend deadlines if needed

Schools

- To date, Sodexo has served over 8.7 million meals to Springfield Public Schools students since the program began on March 12th (meals included breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks)
- Over 20,000 laptops have been distributed to students for remote learning
 - 10,000 laptops were given out over the summer, including to our homeless students
 - 7,000 laptops were already distributed to our students before the pandemic
- iPads distributed to Pre-K students
- Out of an abundance of caution, pre-packaged lunches will be made available

Law/HR/Labor

- Continues to review and monitor all federal and state legislation pertaining to COVID-19