



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

**Monday, January 31, 2022**

*Week of January 23 – January 29*

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
- City lifts citywide mask policy effective November 1, 2021
- HHS offers COVID-19 booster clinic for eligible residents
- Mask mandate reinstated citywide starting January 3, 2021
- Mayor Sarno testified before state Judiciary Committee in support of Governor Baker's dangerousness legislation
- Mayor Sarno and city officials meet with Springfield Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors
- Public skating at Cyr arena canceled
- Mayor Sarno joined with Harlem Globetrotter Ambassador Scooter Christensen at Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame to celebrate Globetrotters history and kickoff Black History Month
- Mayor Sarno and CDO Sheehan applaud purchase of TD Bank Center by Colebrook and Balise
- Mayor Sarno meets with Springfield state delegation for update on state budget, state ARPA funding and pending legislation
- Mayor Sarno celebrates grand opening of Del Rey Taqueria and Bar

**Health**

- City of Springfield's weekly COVID-19 cases:
  - Week of April 18, 2021: 504
  - Week of April 26, 2021: 425

- Week of May 2, 2021: 265
- Week of May 9, 2021: 154
- Week of May 16, 2021: 156
- Week of May 23, 2021: 118
- Week of May 30, 2021: 65
- Week of June 6, 2021: 30
- Week of June 14, 2021: 27
- Week of June 21, 2021: 17
- Week of June 27, 2021: 23
- Week of July 4, 2021: 37
- Week of July 11, 2021: 64
- Week of July 18, 2021: 119
- Week of July 25, 2021: 122
- Week of August 1, 2021: 279
- Week of August 8, 2021: 374
- Week of August 15, 2021: 477
- Week of August 22, 2021: 517
- Week of August 29, 2021: 547
- Week of September 5, 2021: 499
- Week of September 12, 2021: 886
- Week of September 19, 2021: 510
- Week of September 26, 2021: 399
- Week of October 3, 2021: 351
- Week of October 10, 2021: 258
- Week of October 17, 2021: 254
- Week of October 24, 2021: 215
- Week of October 31, 2021: 259
- Week of November 7, 2021: 400
- Week of November 14, 2021: 495
- Week of November 21, 2021: 377
- Week of November 28, 2021: 818
- Week of December 5, 2021: 783
- Week of December 12, 2021: 997
- Week of December 19, 2021: 1,132
- Week of December 26, 2021: 2,328
- Week of January 2, 2022: 2,448
- Week of January 9, 2022: 2,773
- Week of January 16, 2022: 2,371
- Week of January 23, 2022: 1,440
- 79% of positive cases are under the age of 50 (as of January 31, 2022)
  - 52% are under the age of 30
  - 27% are between the age of 31-50
- Announced the continued need and importance of adhering to all public health, personal hygiene and social distancing procedures
- Continues to provide free at-home COVID-19 testing kits for residents

### **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
  - City of Springfield unemployment rate
    - 4.8% - March
    - 21.1% - April
    - 21% - May
    - 21.6% - June
    - 16.3% - July
    - 15.3% - August
    - 15.2% - September
    - 13.6% - October
    - 12.8% - November
    - 12.6% - December
    - 12.3% - January (2021)
    - 12.2% - February (2021)
    - 11.2% - March (2021)
    - 10.9% - April (2021)
    - 9.6% - May (2021)
    - 10.7% - June (2021)
    - 11% - July (2021)
    - 10.4% - August (2021)
    - 10.5% - September (2021)
    - 9.8% - October (2021)
    - 8.8% - November (2021)
  - Commonwealth of Massachusetts unemployment rate
    - 3.1% - March
    - 16.3% - April
    - 15.4% - May
    - 14.8% - June
    - 10.1% - July
    - 9.1% - August
    - 8.9% - September
    - 8.1% - October
    - 7.7% - November
    - 7.3% - December
    - 7.8% - January (2021)
    - 7% - February (2021)
    - 6.7% - March (2021)
    - 6.4% - April (2021)
    - 5.0% - May (2021)
    - 4.9% - June (2021)
    - 4.9% - July (2021)
    - 5% - August (2021)
    - 5.2% - September (2021)
    - 5.3% - October (2021)

- 5.4% - November (2021)
  - National unemployment rate
    - 4.4% - March
    - 14.8% - April
    - 13.3% - May
    - 11.1% - June
    - 10.2% - July
    - 8.4% - August
    - 7.8% - September
    - 6.9% - October
    - 6.7% - November
    - 6.7% - December
    - 6.3% - January (2021)
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    - 6% - March (2021)
    - 6.1% - April (2021)
    - 5.8% - May (2021)
    - 5.9% - June (2021)
    - 5.4% - July (2021)
    - 5.2% - August (2021)
    - 4.8% - September (2021)
    - 4.6% - October (2021)
    - 4.2% - November (2021)
- 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
- Continues to review costs associated with COVID-19 response for relief and recovery reimbursements
- 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 12<sup>th</sup> (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