

Monday, May 2, 2022

Week of April 24 – April 30

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 and city officials join with Indian Orchard Citizens Council for neighborhood walk
- Mayor Sarno joins with Congressman Neal, Governor Baker, Congressman McGovern and western mass state delegation to support East-West Rail service
- Mayor Sarno visits with seniors at Clodo Concepcion Community Center
- Mayor Sarno announces initiatives and programs from Opioid settlement agreement with Attorney General's Office
- Springfield Police and DEA hold drug take back day
- Mayor Sarno and Parks Department celebrate Arbor day with tree plantings
- Mayor Sarno meets with state delegation for update on state budget, state ARPA funding and pending legislation

Health

• City of Springfield's weekly COVID-19 cases:

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

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37
   Week of July 4, 2021:
   Week of July 11, 2021:
                               64
0
                               119
   Week of July 18, 2021:
0
                               122
   Week of July 25, 2021:
                               279
   Week of August 1, 2021:
                               374
   Week of August 8, 2021:
                               477
   Week of August 15, 2021:
0
                               517
  Week of August 22, 2021:
                               547
   Week of August 29, 2021:
0
   Week of September 5, 2021:
                                      499
   Week of September 12, 2021:
                                      886
0
   Week of September 19, 2021:
                                      510
                                      399
   Week of September 26, 2021:
0
                                      351
   Week of October 3, 2021:
                                      258
   Week of October 10, 2021:
                                      254
0
   Week of October 17, 2021:
                                      215
   Week of October 24, 2021:
   Week of October 31, 2021:
                                      259
                                      400
   Week of November 7, 2021:
                                      495
   Week of November 14, 2021:
0
   Week of November 21, 2021:
                                      377
                                      818
   Week of November 28, 2021:
                                      783
   Week of December 5, 2021:
   Week of December 12, 2021:
                                      997
                                      1,132
   Week of December 19, 2021:
                                      2,328
0
   Week of December 26, 2021:
   Week of January 2, 2022:
                                      2,448
   Week of January 9, 2022:
                                      2,773
                                      2,371
   Week of January 16, 2022:
0
   Week of January 23, 2022:
                                      1,440
   Week of January 30, 2022:
                                      707
   Week of February 6, 2022:
                                      453
   Week of February 13, 2022:
                                      279
0
   Week of February 20, 2022:
                                      149
                                      85
   Week of February 27, 2022:
   Week of March 6, 2022:
                                      79
                                      48
   Week of March 13, 2022:
   Week of March 20, 2022:
                                      71
   Week of March 27, 2022:
                                      115
0
                                      137
o Week of April 3, 2022:
                                      218
   Week of April 10, 2022:
                                      250
   Week of April 17, 2022:
  Week of April 24, 2022:
                                      350
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- 65% of positive cases are under the age of 50 (as of May 2, 2022)
 - o 38% 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
- 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 12th (meals included breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks)
- Over 20,0000 laptops have been distributed to students for remote learning
 - o 10,000 laptops were given out over the summer, including to our homeless students
 - o 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