



MAYOR BYRON W. BROWN

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MAYOR BYRON W. BROWN ANNOUNCES IMPORTANT UPDATES TO BUFFALO'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Buffalo, NY - Mayor Byron W. Brown and the City of Buffalo continue to work to ensure public safety, prioritize the health and welfare of residents and visitors, and reduce circles of exposure to COVID-19 in our community.

Mayor Brown issued the below statement, following Buffalo Common Council President Darius Pridgen's Sunday announcement that he tested positive for COVID-19.

"Yesterday, Buffalo Common Council President Darius Pridgen shared that he tested positive for COVID-19. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and easily spread. No one is immune from it and even casual contact can lead to transmission. People who have it may not even show any symptoms and therefore not even be aware that they are spreading it. That is why it is critical we maintain social distancing. Being apart during a time of crisis and uncertainty is one of the most difficult things we can do. It's natural for us to want to be together and find support in each other when we are scared. I understand how difficult this is for so many of you."

Mayor Brown continued, "But right now, being physically apart is the only way we can keep each other safe. All of us have to find new ways to interact with each other, console one another and find a supportive community. The positive is that we live in a time and place that allows us to do that through technology. Now is the time for each of us to commit to maintaining a physical distance from each other. Only travel when it is absolutely necessary, limit your face-to-face interactions as much as possible, and stay home whenever you can. The more we follow these steps now, the better off we will be."

On National Doctors' Day, Mayor Brown also took a moment to recognize those on the front lines in the fight against Coronavirus.

He stated, "Today is National Doctors' Day, a day when we can and should express our gratitude and appreciation to the women and men who are risking themselves to meet our community's needs. Please join me in thanking our doctors, as well as the nurses, EMS workers, hospital support staff, first responders and other health care workers for the extraordinary efforts during this time."

**THE FOLLOWING LIST INDICATES THE LATEST UPDATES, CHANGES AND REMINDERS TO
CITY OF BUFFALO GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS THAT AFFECT THE PUBLIC, EFFECTIVE
MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020.**

- The Electronic waste drop-off event, scheduled for the first Saturday every month at 1120 Seneca Street, has been canceled for this Saturday, April 4th.

- Mayor Brown reminded City residents to cooperate with the City's alternate parking rules.
 - Tonight, there's a 6 pm switchover, from 6 pm Monday to 6 pm Thursday
- Mayor Brown and his Administration continue to work alongside Erie County, as members of the Western New York Coalition for the Homeless, to help the most vulnerable people in our community have shelter during this emergency.
 - A new temporary shelter has been opened at the Burt Flickinger Athletic Center at ECC
 - More than 70 homeless have been served at this location since it opened last night
- Local job experts continue to help residents impacted by the COVID-19 emergency.
 - If you are looking for work, call the Buffalo Employment and Training Center at 856-JOBS
 - Employment counselors are available for one-on-one counseling sessions
- Reminder: The Broadway Market continues to be open Monday through Saturday, 8am to 5pm, to help residents with grocery needs
 - Social Distancing measures are in place to protect the health and safety of customers and vendors
 - Please continue to support this local historic treasure
- Collecting blood is a marathon, not a sprint. ConnectLife continues to call on residents to step up and help replenish the dangerously low blood supply.
 - If you are healthy, please consider donating. It is quick, easy and social distancing is in place at to protect donors and workers at collection sites
 - To make an appointment, call 716-529-4270 or connectlifegiveblood.org
- Mayor Brown continues to stress the importance of residents completing their Census forms.
 - He stated, “If we don’t have an accurate count, we will be denied our fair share of federal funding, which will be crippling during the recovery phase in the wake of this public health emergency.”
 - Go to 2020Census.gov to fill out your form

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