



MAYOR BYRON W. BROWN

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

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*Mayor Brown continues to urge residents to comply with New York State guidelines when in public spaces*

Buffalo, NY – Mayor Byron W. Brown today renewed his call for residents to obey Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order to maintain a safe physical distance and wear face coverings when in public spaces where physical distancing is not possible.

Mayor Brown stated, "With the arrival of warmer weather, more people are getting outside and visiting our great local parks. I am asking residents and visitors to be mindful of their surroundings when in public spaces. If we do not comply with the guidelines, we will fail to flatten the COVID-19 curve, which would be a major setback for our community. If we want to successfully reopen our City, we must continue to practice physical distancing and wear face masks to protect ourselves and hamper community spread of this deadly virus."

For more information about how to keep your family safe, visit [covid19.buffalony.gov](https://covid19.buffalony.gov).

### **Parking reminder for tonight**

Mayor Brown is reminding residents that tonight there is a 6 pm parking switchover, from 6 pm Monday to 6 pm Thursday. The alternate side parking on these streets is critical for emergency vehicle access.

### **Be counted: Participate in the 2020 Census TODAY**

Mayor Brown continues to urge residents to complete their 2020 Census questionnaires. The City's census response rate, as of May 4th, stands at 43.2%, far behind the 56.3% national response rate. Failure to achieve an accurate count can result in the City of Buffalo losing hundreds of millions of dollars in federal aid that can be used for community programming, education, infrastructure and much more. Please complete your questionnaire today by visiting [2020Census.gov](https://2020Census.gov).

### **#BuffaloPAUSE challenge underway**

Mayor Brown's innovative new Instagram challenge, #BuffaloPAUSE – Powered by AT&T, is paying tribute to educators as part of Teacher Appreciation Week. Tonight, Raven Baxter, aka Raven the Science Maven, will be hosting a LIVE science experiment on Mayor Brown's Instagram account (@mayorbyronbrown716) at 7:30pm. Raven will also be hosting the experiment on her Instagram account, @raventhesciencemaven.

Raven Baxter, Director of Collegiate STEM Initiatives at Health Sciences Charter School stated, "I believe that the key to closing gaps in both health disparities and STEM fields lies in culturally responsive science communication. As a proud Buffalo native, I am excited to partner with the City of Buffalo on BuffaloPAUSE to encourage our teens to engage in socially responsible behavior, while providing a relatable and diversified representation of science to our communities during the COVID-19 pandemic and for the years to come."

Mayor Brown, in partnership with AT&T, the Police Athletic League of Buffalo and Say Yes Buffalo, urges young residents to participate in #BuffaloPAUSE – Powered by AT&T. The weekly Instagram challenges calls on Buffalo teens, ages 13 to 18, to help spread the message of the importance of staying home during the COVID-19 emergency.

Each week, now through the week of June 8th, a new challenge will be posted on Mayor Brown's Instagram Page. This week, Mayor Brown is asking participants to show their appreciation for their teachers.

To enter the #BuffaloPAUSE challenge, participants must be between the ages of 13 and 18, reside in the City of Buffalo, and have a public profile on Instagram. All entries must take place at home indoors or outdoors following proper physical distancing guidelines. Only one submission per person or from a social media account can win each week. Tag your post with #BuffaloPAUSE on Instagram. Selected winners will be notified via Direct Message (DM) with a link to fill out a form so we can process your gift card. All prizes and awards are funded by AT&T.

### **Mother's Day Brunch Baskets available at the Broadway Market**

The Friends of the Broadway Market District, Inc. are offering a \$40.00 Mother's Day Brunch Basket filled with Broadway Market goodies. Included in the basket are bacon and breakfast sausage from Lupas Meats and Camellia Meats, one dozen eggs, braided bread and coffee cake from White Eagle Bakery, strawberries and red and green peppers from Lewandowski Produce and a 1/2 dozen pierogi from Babcia's Pierogi. Baskets including 4 steaks and a pound of cooked shrimp with cocktail sauce are also available for \$60.00. Orders must be placed no later than Friday, May 8, at noon. To place and pay for your order, call 716-896-7163. Basket pick up is Saturday, May 9, only from 1-4 pm.

The historic Broadway Market's popular curbside service program continues until further notice. Shoppers can call a participating Broadway Market vendor(s), place a pre-paid order and then pick-up their product(s). Same day service is now available, with no need to reserve a pick-up time. The program runs Monday through Saturday from 8am to 5pm. For more information about the program, including a list of participating vendors, visit [www.buffalony.gov](http://www.buffalony.gov).

### **Buffalo City Hall lights up for International Firefighters' Day**

Tonight, Buffalo City Hall is lit RED & BLUE in recognition of International Firefighters' Day, a day to honor all fallen firefighters, support their families, and continue to thank the brave men and women of the Buffalo Fire Department for their ongoing commitment to keep our community safe.

### **A sweet show of appreciation**

Today, Mayor Brown joined a generous group of individuals to deliver 7,000 chocolate bars to first responders and others working on the frontlines of the COVID-19 emergency. Each chocolate bar is wrapped in a personalized 'We Applaud You' wrapper as a tribute to the dedicated men and women serving our community during this crisis. The chocolate bars were delivered to the Buffalo Police, Fire and Sanitation Departments, Buffalo General Hospital, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, John R. Oishei Children's Hospital, Erie County Medical Center, Sisters of Charity Hospital, Mercy Hospital of Buffalo and American Medical Response (AMR).

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