



MAYOR BYRON W. BROWN

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

Buffalo, NY – Mayor Brown reminds residents that tonight's curfew begins at 8 PM and will last through 5 AM tomorrow. The curfew order will remain in effect every night until 5 AM, Monday, June 8th. Residents traveling to and from work or for other necessary reasons including childcare, medical care, or other essential activities, will be allowed. Mayor Brown is also asking residents to keep their sanitation totes off of the street overnight to limit the potential for vandalism and to place them at the curb on the morning of their regularly scheduled trash and recycling pick-up.

Outdoor dining begins in the City of Buffalo

The City of Buffalo continues to assist eligible restaurants interested in offering outdoor dining services. Per New York State regulations, outdoor tables must be spaced six feet apart, all staff must wear face coverings and customers must also wear face coverings when not seated. Restaurants can submit open public space use plans at buffalony.gov/reopenbuffalo. To learn more about the gradual phases of reopening, visit forward.ny.gov. The Brown Administration continues to work with the small business community, marketing experts and others to ensure businesses have access to the latest information and resources.

Parking reminder

City residents are encouraged to cooperate with the City's alternate parking rules. Please obey the "No Parking 6 pm Thursday to 6 pm Monday" signs. The alternate side parking is needed to ensure that emergency vehicles can get down those streets.

Mayor Brown to appear on WUFO

Mayor Brown will join other elected officials, leaders in the faith community and others tonight for "I Can't Breathe," the second panel discussion addressing police brutality and racial injustice. The program will air tonight at 7pm on the legendary WUFO Mix 1080 AM.

Assisting families in need

On Friday, June 5th, the Belle Center will be giving away bags of free groceries and masks to families in need at 104 Maryland Street. The distribution runs from 9 am to 1 pm.

Mayor Brown's Reading Rules! Summer Reading Challenge goes virtual in 2020

Mayor Brown is calling on all Buffalo school students to take part in his Virtual Reading Rules! Kid's Summer Reading Challenge. In a continued effort to help keep our community safe during the COVID-19 emergency, while at the same time continue to help improve our youth's literacy proficiency skills, Mayor Brown announced that his 19th Challenge and Awards Ceremony for Champion Readers will take place completely online this year.

Every student who reads 10 books plus writes 10 book summaries, now through August 14, 2020, will be eligible to win even more amazing Raffle Prizes in July & August plus bonus prizes at Mayor Brown's Virtual Graduation & Awards Ceremony on Saturday, August 29, 2020.

Mayor Brown established this significant educational program 19 years ago when he received alarming statistics about local students who were testing below the New York State average in English Language Arts and Literacy. Since then, over 20,000 children from the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Region have improved their literacy proficiency skills by participating in Reading Rules! To learn more about the challenge, visit buffalony.gov.

The need is NOW! Blood donations are down, give blood today

ConnectLife says donor appointments are down and patients need your help. Mayor Brown is asking healthy residents to give blood to help maintain an adequate blood supply. Donating is safe and physical distancing precautions are in place to protect donors. To make an appointment or to host a blood drive, visit connectlifegiveblood.org.

Be counted! Mayor Brown urges residents to participate in the 2020 Census

An accurate Census count enables the City to access hundreds of millions of dollars in federal aid for education, infrastructure improvements, and much more. The City's Census response rate as of Thursday, June 4th, is 48.5%. Mayor Brown is aiming for 100% participation, please help by encouraging others to complete their Census questionnaires. To participate, visit 2020Census.gov.

Connecting residents to COVID-19 testing

If you are interested in getting tested for COVID-19, find the closest test site near you by visiting covid19.buffalony.gov. The map contains a complete listing of all COVID-19 testing sites, with addresses, contact information for setting up an appointment, hours of operation and whether the site requires a prescription by a doctor for testing. Additional locations to provide this vital service can be added to this resource by visiting www.buffalony.gov/SubmitTestSite.

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