



MAYOR BYRON W. BROWN

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

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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. The following list indicates the latest updates, changes and reminders to City of Buffalo government operations that affect the public, effective, Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

- The City continues its efforts to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, and the cooperation of every resident is essential. Mayor Byron W. Brown continues to call on residents to please practice physical distancing.
  - Physical distancing means that people should stay in their homes unless it is absolutely necessary for them to leave
  - If you or your place of business have been deemed non-essential, then you should not be going to work
  - If you need something from the store or pharmacy, consider using a delivery service or if that is not available then minimize the time you are out and pick up only the essentials
  - Do not congregate in groups; stay six feet apart from other people
- The City continues efforts to protect and thank City workers on the front lines.
  - This morning, Mayor Brown reached out to employees in the City's Permits and Inspection Services Department, as well the Division of Parking and Traffic Violations, expressing thanks for their outstanding dedication in helping to maintain vital City services during this emergency
- Mayor Brown helped to promote National Census Day – today, April 1st.
  - Every ten years, the Census Bureau counts every person living in the nation and that information is used to determine important things like federal funding to support programs in our community
  - In 2010, the City of Buffalo's population was undercounted by as much as a third so it is vital that all residents use this time to fill our census questionnaire.
  - As of today, the response rate is still only around 29%
  - You can fill out the Census by going online to [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov) or calling 844-330-2020
- If you are healthy and want to help the Buffalo community through this crisis, sign up to volunteer through Mayor Brown's Good Neighbors Network. [www.buffalony.gov/volunteer](http://www.buffalony.gov/volunteer)
  - Connectlife reports that it is still experiencing a major shortage in its blood supply.
  - If you are healthy, please consider donating; to make an appointment, call 716-529-4270 or [connectlifegiveblood.org](http://connectlifegiveblood.org)

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