



MAYOR BYRON W. BROWN

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

The City of Buffalo celebrates nurses for National Nursing Day

Buffalo, NY – Mayor Byron W. Brown today honored nurses for their extraordinary work and the heroic efforts they have made helping our community overcome the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Brown will lead a convoy of Buffalo Police and Fire Department vehicles past ECMC at 6 PM to help demonstrate our gratitude for the tireless work our nurses are doing to serve City residents during this unprecedented crisis.

Mayor Brown stated, "As we continue to respond to the COVID-19 emergency in our community, the importance of nurses to our residents' health has been brought sharply into focus. Our nurses and health care workers are nothing short of heroes and I thank them for the critical work they do for our everyday health and safety."

The Mayor is also asking all residents to go outside on their porches at 7 PM tonight and cheer for the men and women of the nursing profession as a sign of our deep appreciation for the sacrifices they have made to help keep us safe.

In a sign of support, tonight, in partnership with the Buffalo Landmark Illumination Team (BUFFALOLIT), our City's landmark buildings and structures will be lit GREEN and BLUE in recognition of National Nursing Day.

The Brown Administration receives pep talk from Buffalo Bills Coach Sean McDermott

On May 6th, Buffalo Bills Coach Sean McDermott made a special guest appearance during Mayor Brown's daily morning conference call with members of his Administration. Coach McDermott thanked them for working around the clock to maintain quality services for the residents of Buffalo and praised Mayor Brown for his leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the call, Buffalo Bills Coach Sean McDermott stated, "The true test of a team is what we are going through right now in our community, and that's how long a team can stay together. And how long a team can stay together in adverse times, through conflict, through challenges and forces that try to pull it apart." He continued, "To everyone on this call, those of you on the front lines, those of you working from home and to me are still on the front lines, keeping our community thriving, not just surviving, during this time. From my family and the Bills family to you and your family, thank you. Let's continue to all stay Buffalo strong and Buffalo tough."

A City of Good neighbors

Mayor Brown thanks Marrano Homes for donating 10,000 masks to provide protection to vulnerable residents during the COVID-19 emergency. The masks will be distributed to residents in need by volunteers in the Good Neighbors Network, Mayor Brown's new initiative designed to support residents during this crisis.

Mayor Brown also joined Senator Tim Kennedy, FeedMore WNY, the Buffalo NAACP, Buffalo Police and many others to distribute food at Mt. Olive Baptist Church at 701 E. Delavan Avenue to help feed over 1,000 families in need.

COVID-19 Testing Available for all Essential City Employees

Mayor Byron W. Brown today called on all essential employees in the City of Buffalo to make an appointment to get tested for COVID-19.

Mayor Brown stated, "Even if you are not showing symptoms of the Coronavirus, you should still be tested. Many people infected with the virus are asymptomatic but can still infect others. I encourage all essential employees, especially if you interact with the public, to please get tested immediately. You are on the frontlines of this emergency and your health is important to us all during this emergency. We are the City of Good neighbors."

Free COVID-19 tests are available at the following locations without requiring a prescription from a primary care doctor:

Kaleida Health's COVID-19 Testing Clinic

Leroy Coles Library, 1187 East Delavan Ave.

Open Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9AM – 5PM

Schedule an appointment by calling 716.859.3222 or www.kaleidahealth.org/coronavirus

New York State Drive-Thru or Walk Up Testing Site

125 Perry Street

Open daily, 8AM – 6M

Schedule an appointment by calling 888.364.3065 or covid19screening.health.ny.gov

Mayor Brown appointed to board of national African American Mayors Association

On May 5th, Mayor Brown was sworn in as a trustee on the board of the African American Mayors Association (AAMA). The role of the African American Mayors Association is to advocate for public policies that impact the vitality and sustainability of cities; provide mayors from around the country with leadership and management tools; and create a forum for mayors to share their best practices related to municipal management.

An easy way to help your community: Complete the 2020 Census TODAY

The City of Buffalo's Census response rate is approaching 45%, but Mayor Brown says more residents need to participate in order to obtain the hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funding for the infrastructure, education and community programming that Buffalo deserves. The City's census response rate, as of May 6th, stands at 43.7%. Please complete your questionnaire today at 2020Census.gov.

Connecting residents to jobs

Mayor Brown continues to encourage residents looking for work to get assistance through the Buffalo Employment and Training Center by calling 856-JOBS. Employment counselors are available for remote one-on-one counseling sessions. To date, more than 70 residents have been placed in open positions since the beginning of the COVID-19 emergency.

Helping families in need

On Friday, May 8th, the Belle Center will be giving away bags of free groceries to families in need at 104 Maryland Street. The distribution runs from 9 am to 1 pm.

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 8th, at noon. To place and pay for your order, call 716-896-7163. Baskets can only be picked up on Saturday, May 9th, from 1-4 pm.

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