

# Mayor Domenic J. Sarno's City of Springfield COVID-19 Situational Update

**September, 2022**

Mayor Domenic J. Sarno, in the best interests of our residents and business community, continues his meetings with his cabinet heads as they work 24/7 to facilitate and coordinate with all of our local, state, federal, and public and private partners in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic.

Below are the most recent updates as reported from each City Departments.

## **Mayor's Office**

- Continues to coordinate the city's efforts with all stakeholders (state, federal, hospital and medical facilities, public and private partners, etc.) in response of services, and relief and recovery efforts, measures and initiatives
- Mayor Sarno and HHS Commissioner Helen Caulton-Harris urge residents young and old to get vaccinated
- HHS offers COVID-19 booster clinic for eligible residents
- SPS focuses on recovery of pandemic related learning loss
- City officials announce initial hurricane Fiona disaster relief efforts for Puerto Rico
- Mayor Sarno and HR Director Mahoney announce Walk-In Wednesday hiring event scheduled for the month of October
- City of Springfield, SPD, Department of Health and Human Services, Hampden County Sheriff's Office and community partners continue with Project Rescue Initiative
- Mayor Sarno brings greetings at US Naturalization Ceremony at Springfield Armory National Historic Site
- Department of Health and Human Services hold COVID-19 vaccine and booster clinic
- City of Springfield holds annual September 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Ceremony
- Mayor Sarno and DPW Director Cignoli announce plans with Eversource to retrofit all street lights with LED's
- Springfield TJO Animal Control and Adoption Center hold open house
- Mayor Sarno and city officials meet with new MassDevelopment TDI Fellow for Mason Square

## **Health**

- City of Springfield's 2022 monthly COVID-19 cases:
  - January: 9,498

- February: 1,484
- March: 371
- April: 982
- May: 2,588
- June: 1,063
- July: 1,346
- August: 2,052
- September: 1,330
- Announced the continued need and importance of adhering to all public health, personal hygiene and social distancing procedures
- Continues to partner with community agencies and organizations to provide vaccine clinics, testing and outreach

### **Parks, Buildings, and Recreation Management**

- Continues to maintain the \$1.5 million in Covid-19 prevention equipment that was previously installed across the city in school and municipal buildings. The upgrades have brought the buildings into compliance with the ASHRAE standards.

### **Finance / Eco Dev**

- Continues to review costs associated with COVID-19 response for relief and recovery reimbursements
- Continues to track and monitor all COVID-19 related spending for reimbursement aspects
- Continues to track, monitor and record all CARES Act and ARPA funding aspects
- Tracking local, state and national unemployment trends and numbers
- Continues to review and work on economic development projects across the city.
- Continuing to review funding program for workforce training development
- Continues to monitor all federal and state relief and recovery funding and reimbursement aspects
- Continues to review costs associated with COVID-19 response for relief and recovery reimbursements
- Continues to monitor lost revenue and deficit spending due to pandemic
- Continues proactive meetings with Josh Norman of GP Strategies to track, identify, and implement relief and recovery reimbursement aspects.
- Continuing to review and monitor all city capital projects to keep them on track to the best of our ability and to extend deadlines if needed

### **Schools**

- Sodexo has served over 8.7 million meals to Springfield Public Schools students since the program began on March 12<sup>th</sup> (meals included breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks)
- Over 20,000 laptops have been distributed to students for remote learning
  - 10,000 laptops were given out over the summer, including to our homeless students
  - 7,000 laptops were already distributed to our students before the pandemic
- iPads distributed to Pre-K students
- Out of an abundance of caution, pre-packaged lunches will be made available
- SPS focuses on recovery of pandemic related learning loss

### **Law/HR/Labor**

- Continues to review and monitor all federal and state legislation pertaining to COVID-19