

City of South Bend

July–August 2020



Hello Neighbor,

I hope you are well and in good health. This summer has been much different for our community as we continue to adjust to life with COVID-19. Again I thank you for your work to slow the spread of the virus, protect our neighbors from infection, and reopen our economy safely.

As a community it's important that we find ways to safely reintroduce important elements of our lives while still minimizing the risk of transmitting the virus.

You'll see that we've re-opened our community centers, splash pads, and other facilities that you and your family can use this summer, with modified operations in place to keep everyone safe.

I encourage you to use good judgment as we find a new normal. Wearing a mask when physical distancing cannot be observed remains one of the best ways to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. It's important to remember that the virus is still in our community and we could see a spike in cases if we too quickly forget about the basics of physical distancing. But at the same time, it's important we find ways to connect with our families and others.

Sadly, our community lost a longstanding institution, that I remember fondly from my childhood, when the YMCA announced plans to close. But I am proud that our Venues Parks and Arts team found a way to partner with the Y at the O'Brien Fitness Center to maintain some of the critical services. This new partnership will allow Y members to utilize the O'Brien Center with access to complimentary childcare watch, unlimited group fitness classes, exclusive Les Mills fitness programs, access to most YMCAs nationwide, and discounts at VPA programs and amenities including golf, basketball leagues, camps, and more.

In recent weeks, the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis has sparked demonstrations and important conversations across our country, including here in South Bend. It's important we all acknowledge our nation's long struggle for racial equality and do our part to press for racial justice. My administration continues the important work of reforming our public safety system, something that will have been and will remain a major priority for the City.

You can still access many city services remotely by visiting www.southbendin.gov/covid19cityservices or calling 311.

Thank you again for your efforts to keep our community safe and healthy during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James".

Mayor Mueller

Clerk's Corner

Greetings, South Bend!

St. Joseph County is extending the facemasks mandate for the safety of all residents, due to the continued increase of COVID-19 cases.

Health officials recommend face masks as one of the best ways to prevent coronavirus spread and infection.

With summer just getting here, you might wonder how this pandemic could interfere with your outdoor activities including wearing a mask under the scorching sun, which can be uncomfortable.

You may feel the need to slip your mask under your nose to breathe more easily, or you might be tempted to take it off after drenching the material in sweat.

It's important to resist those urges because touching your face and exposing your airways while around other people can increase your chances of contracting and spreading the corona virus.

As long as you practice social distancing you can take your mask off when enjoying the pool, beach, or local park. Remember that fresh air always helps you feel better. Please social distance yourself outside when removing your mask. Stay safe and have a great summer!

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dawn M. Jones".

Dawn M. Jones
City Clerk

COVID-19 RESOURCES & SUPPORT

At-Home Activities & Education

South Bend Venues Parks & Arts

Hosting a Virtual Experience on Facebook Every weekday at 12pm. Check it out!

St. Joseph County Public Library

574-282-4646 | sjcpl.org | library@sjcpl.org
The St. Joseph County Public Library is here to help. All library branches are now open for browsing, with precautions in place to keep patrons safe. Curbside Pick-Up and document delivery continues at all locations. If you do not have a library card, sign up for a

digital SJCP card by calling 574-282-4646. Free WiFi is available to the public at all SJCP branch parking lots (except Main Library and Keller Park Branch).

Community Health Support

If you are suffering from symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, please contact your primary care provider.

Beacon Health System Hotline: 855-523-2225

Saint Joseph Health System: 574-335-8650

South Bend Clinic: 574-307-6870

If you do not have a primary care provider, call the

central 211 hotline to be connected with a provider.

Health safety tips:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick

Food Support

Grab and Go Meals for SBSCS Students

Food pick up available at rotating sites throughout the school district from 11am–1pm every week day. Find out each location by visiting sb.school

Catholic Charities Food Pantry

1817 Miami Street | 574-234-3111
Pick up every Wednesday, 10am-12pm and 5-7pm

Food Bank of Northern Indiana

702 Chapin St.
Drive-through distribution Mon & Fri, 9am-2pm and Wed, 11am-5pm

Purple Porch Co-op At Risk Shopping

123 N Hill St.
Wed, 8am-10am, only customers over 65 years

Kroc Center Food Boxes

900 W Western Ave | 574-233-9471 x 2206
Pick up Monday and Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

La Casa de Amistad

746 Meade St. | lacasadeamistad.org
Pick up on Wednesdays from 2pm–4:45pm

St. Vincent de Paul Food Boxes

svdpsb.org | 520 Crescent Ave
Drive Through every Tuesday & Thursday from 10am-12pm. Must bring a picture ID.

Youth Services Bureau

574-235-5517 | 1330 Lincoln Way E
To-go lunches and hygiene supplies. Drop-in Center
Hours 12pm-6pm, Mon–Sat

St. Margaret's House

117 N Lafayette
Pick up Mon through Fri from 12pm-1:30pm

Wings Over South Bend

1124 E Angela Blvd
Free kids meals to any child grades K-12

Real Services

574-256-1649 | realservices.org
Call for information on Meals on Wheels services

Success Academy Students Under 18

3408 Ardmore Trail
Tues & Thurs from 11am-12pm

Small Business & Workforce Support

Small Business Emergency Assistance Funding

The City is working with community development financial institutions (CDFIs) and local financial institutions to develop resources that will prioritize helping smaller, local businesses, who have not been the main target of other aid packages at the State or Federal level. Learn more at <https://southbendin.gov/initiative/emergency-assistance-funding/>

Local Takeout Options

Visit www.takeoutcovid19.com to see a list of restaurants serving take-out and delivery.

Bartender Emergency Assistance Program

The United States Bartenders Guild is providing emergency assistance grants for bartenders who face severe hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak and closure of bars and restaurants. Click here to find out more and apply.

Emergency Tipped and Service Worker Support Fund

One Fair Wage, a campaign to raise the minimum wage, has established a relief fund for Tipped and Service Workers. Click here to find out more.

Indiana Small Business Development Center

www.SBA.gov/disaster
Currently accepting applications for Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) assistance.

Donations & Volunteer Opportunities

United Way Response Fund | uwsjc.org

The COVID-19 Response Fund is designed to meet short term, immediate needs, of individuals and families that will be impacted by COVID-19 as well as the long term impacts that have yet to be seen.

United Way will look to a broad network of direct service organizations as well as Indiana 211 to identify critical needs and resource gaps. The fund will be designed to be flexible and get resources to organizations with minimal bureaucracy and appropriate sense of urgency. 501c3 Organizations in St. Joseph County will be eligible to apply.

La Casa de Amistad Volunteers

lacasadeamistad.org
Looking for adult volunteers who are local, healthy, and not part of an at-risk population. Contact Nancy Diaz at Nancy@lacasadeamistad.org. For community volunteers, willing to help with the food pantry, contact Jurek at jurek@lacasadeamistad.org.

Real Services Volunteer & Donation

realservices.org
Real Services is currently accepting new volunteers and donations. Volunteers must undergo a screening process to protect vulnerable clients .

Hope Ministries Food Donation

574-235-4150 x 222 | asilverraven@hopesb.org
Facebook: @HopeMinistriesSB
Hope Ministries is accepting food donations and monetary donations to buy food. Donors may also contact Hope staff got a shopping list of needed items.

St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County

svdpsb.org | 520 Crescent Ave
Donations of food can be made from 10am–2 pm, Tuesday through Thursday at 520 Crescent Avenue.

Housing & Utility Support

Utility shutoffs

The City of South Bend announced Immediate Suspension of Water shutoffs on Monday, March 16. American Electric Power announced suspension of all electric shutoffs on Friday, March 13. NIPSCO announced suspension of all gas shutoffs on Friday, March 13.

Evictions

Consumer Protection Division | 1-800-382-5516
Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb ordered on March 19 that evictions and foreclosures may not be initiated until Indiana's State of Emergency has terminated.

Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill has asked Hoosiers to file complaints if evictions or foreclosure proceedings occur during the COVID-19 crisis. Anyone who is unlawfully subjected to such a proceedings should contact the Attorney General's Office's Consumer Protection Division.

Catholic Charities Resource & Referral Program

574-234-3111 x 60
Provides limited financial assistance to help meet basic needs including utility assistance or rental assistance as well as material assistance based upon availability. Assistance by appointment only.

Township Assistance

sjcindiana.com/1615/Townships
Township Trustees provide emergency assistance to individuals and families in need who qualify. This can include payment of rent, mortgage, or utilities, as well as burial or funeral costs.