

City of South Bend

May–June 2020



Hello Neighbor,

I hope you and your family are staying strong and healthy. The last two months have been challenging for our community and our country, and I want to thank you for your efforts to follow physical distancing guidelines and help prevent the spread of COVID-19 here locally.

In the coming weeks and months, we'll work to re-open our economy gradually. But as we do that, it's important we come to terms with the fact that some elements of mitigation, like physical distancing and face coverings, may be with us for a longer period of time. The key to our efforts to re-open is listening to health experts, building our community's resilience, and working to prevent a spike of widespread infection in our community.

To manage the virus for the period before a vaccine is developed, my administration is working with state and county health officials to implement a plan for contact tracing infections and containing potential outbreaks.

As we adjust to this new normal, there are critical things to share with our community that are unrelated to COVID-19. One of those is the 2020 Census, which determines how federal funds will be allocated to our community and our representation federally in the coming decade. The onset of the pandemic has thrown a wrench in the Census Bureau's typical process of going door to door to collect answers from those who haven't mailed them back.

It's so critical that our community is accurately counted, and I want to emphasize that the Census takes less than 10 minutes to fill out and your answers won't be shared with other federal agencies. Please take a moment and fill it out online by visiting 2020census.gov or over the phone by calling 844-330-2020.

As we continue to chart a course through this crisis, I want to again urge you to stick with the plan and maintain the important habits of good handwashing and physical distancing. Nobody likes the disruptions to our lives, but we can't ignore the threat this virus will continue to pose to our most vulnerable and our economy for the foreseeable future.

During these challenging times, you can still access many city services by visiting www.southbendin.gov/covid19cityservices or calling 311.

Thank you for all your efforts and sacrifices to mitigate COVID-19's spread and get us back on track as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James".

Mayor Mueller

Clerk's Corner

Greetings, South Bend,

Businesses are showing appreciation for their employees. They have also reached out to help those who are hungry. Parents are empowered by teaching their own children.

Our mayor has made provisions for many who have nowhere to go, as well as have kept many people working by reassigning duties in addition to keeping the community updated. Together we are recognizing the steadfast dedication of all essential staff.

So as we head into the summer, a time that we usually dedicate to coming together, let us continue to be mindful of social distancing. Continue to stay connected virtually via phone, text, video chats, zoom, email, house party, and much more along with washing our hands and wearing our mask until we have beat this pandemic. Let's help keep each other safe as we work together to design our new normal.

At the clerk's office, we will continue the thoughtfulness. Therefore, all late fees for parking tickets have been temporarily waived at this time.

For comments or concerns, you may contact The Office of the City Clerk at 574-235-9221 or sbcityclerk@southbendin.gov.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script 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. Although all library locations are closed, librarians are available by phone to help you fill out government forms, like unemployment, SNAP, TANF, and HIP. If you have limited data, WiFi access, or don't

have access to a computer, call our virtual reference desk to get one-on-one support. Call 574-282-4646. Librarians are available to assist you Monday-Saturday from 10am-6pm. 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 SBSC 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.