

MAYOR'S MEMO

News of Interest to Southfield Residents from Mayor Ken Siver

Southfield ramping up COVID vaccine availability locally

Oakland County communities are dependent on health systems and the Oakland County Health Division for distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. Unlike Detroit, Oakland cities and towns do not have an allotment of the vaccine to disperse.

However, city officials have been working diligently to secure vaccines for city residents through Oakland County and various medical providers. The county Health Department has been holding vaccination clinics in the Southfield Pavilion two- and three-days a week for the past two months. Now that more vaccines are available, Southfield continues to work to make it convenient for residents to get vaccinated.

Here are the latest developments:

Surgeons Choice Medical Center

(former rehab center next to Providence Hospital)
22401 Foster Winter Drive, Southfield
Surgeons Choice will administer 200, COVID-19 vaccines every Wednesday beginning April 7 from 9am to 4 or 5pm. Appointments must be made on-line at www.surgeonschoice.com Do NOT call. They will administer vaccines to anyone age 16 and older with no restrictions. Additionally, starting Saturday, April 17 they will be administering 500 vaccines every Saturday thereafter.

Ascension Health Michigan

Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road
Plans are to administer 1,500 doses daily *tentatively* starting April 16 in the Southfield Pavilion. Times and days of the week have yet to be finalized, as well as the on-line address to register.

Ascension is gearing up for Southfield while reducing operations in Macomb County. Ascension plans to offer a "Southfield Only Day." Once Ascension is up and running, it hopes to be operational at least five days each week. Check the city website for details as they become known on how to register for an appointment.

The City of Southfield is urging everyone to become vaccinated. Residents are urged to investigate



For the past two months, the Oakland County Health Division has been holding a vaccination clinic several days each week in the Southfield Pavilion at city hall. An appointment is required. Once vaccinated, participants are asked to remain in Pavilion for 15 minutes to make sure there are no reverse reactions.

multiple options for securing a COVID vaccine appointment. Check with Kroger, Meijer, CVS, Rite Aid, Ford Field, etc. if you have not heard from your health provider or Oakland County.

Anyone needing assistance in getting registered may call the **Southfield COVID Vaccination Hotline** at **248.796.4529**.

For more information on where to get a vaccine locally, contact Oakland County:

- Nurse-on-call: 800-848-5533 or noc@oakgov.com
- Oakland County Vaccine Hub: <https://oakland-countyvaccine.com/appointments/>

Mayor declares local state of emergency; Council extends for 180 days

Meetings of the City Council and boards and commissions will continue to meet virtually until September. If the pandemic recedes, the state of emergency could be lifted sooner.

While vaccine more readily available, COVID cases surge

Despite the increase in the availability of COVID-19 vaccines, the numbers of people coming down with the Corona virus have surged in recent weeks.

Health officials have declared that we are experiencing a “fourth wave” of the deadly virus. Everyone is urged to continue precautions, including wearing masks, social distancing, frequent hand washing and avoiding large gatherings.

In the month of March 538 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Southfield, as opposed to 276 new cases in January and 144 in February.

Due to the increase in infections, Southfield City Hall will remain closed to visitors until at least April 19th. However, the city is open for business either by phone, on-line or by appointment.

The library continues drive-up window service and appointments for computer usage. Evergreen Hills Golf Course opened on Monday, April 5th for the season.

To book a tee time on-line, simply log-on to www.cityofsouthfield.com/departments/parks-recreation/golf. Tennis courts are open and sign up for picnic shelters has begun. Southfield Parks & Rec is also offering a series of Thursday “Walks in the Parks” beginning May 6. Walks start at 9am each week. Meet at the park entrance. For the schedule of park walks, check the city’s website.

Latest COVID-19 Stats:

Michigan

Date	Cases	Deaths
March 1	589,150	15,534
March 15	610,580	15,783
March 31	672,259	16,092

Southfield

Date	Cases	Deaths
March 1	3,814	266
March 15	3,906	266
March 31	4,352	267

Southfield to host COVID-19 memorial, visual tribute May 10-28

Program will include candlelight vigil May 11 at 8pm

Residents, relatives and friends of Southfielders who have lost their lives due to the COVID-19 pandemic are invited to submit a photo and brief biography for a memorial tribute to be held in May.

Mayor Ken Siver, Planning Department, Public Arts Commission and the City Centre Advisory Board will install memorial flags as a tribute to residents who lost their lives to COVID-19 on the front lawn of the Southfield Municipal Campus, 26000 Evergreen Road. The flag memorial will be on display from May 10-28. In addition, a candlelight vigil will take place on May 11 at 8pm on the steps of city hall. The memorial will include a reading of the names of community members who have passed.

“With so many Southfield lives lost to COVID-19, we felt it was vitally important to pay tribute to these cherished friends and family members,” commented Mayor Dr. Ken Siver. “We hope that this memorial tribute provides some comfort to the many families, friends, neighbors and colleagues who have lost loved ones and we remember these individuals and share how they inspired us and contributed to our community.”

The city of Southfield is inviting residents to honor lost loved ones by submitting their names, a brief bio (350-character limit) and a photo (optional) to be included in an on-line memorial at www.cityofsouthfield.com, as well as at the candlelight vigil. Submissions should be e-mailed to kbryant@cityofsouthfield.com by 5pm on Monday, May 3 to be included.

To date, 267 Southfield residents have succumbed due to the COVID-19 virus.

For more information, contact Mayor Siver’s office at (248) 796-5100 or visit www.cityofsouthfield.com

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