



African American Mayors Association Member Mayors' COVID-19 Efforts

As mayors have been hard at work leading their communities through the pandemic, we'd like to take a moment to highlight our member mayors' efforts against COVID-19.

- **AAMA President, Mayor McKinley L. Price (Newport News, VA)**
 - Efforts
 - Leading advocacy work as president of AAMA, bringing priorities of our mayors to the national stage
 - Building partnerships between the private and public sector to provide services to citizens
 - Priorities and Concerns
 - Funding for HBCUs for technological resources to enable online learning
- **Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms (Atlanta, GA)**
 - Efforts
 - Messaging to ATL community as GA Governor has reopened the state: (1) Just because you can, does not mean you should (2) it's not about you, it's about those with underlying diseases
 - Implemented hazard pay: Additional \$500 of pay per month for front line city employees
 - Suspended evictions and utility disconnections
 - Working with businesses and philanthropy to provide loans for small business, beauty salons and barbers, and federal contractors
 - Priorities and Concerns
 - Reliance on local government and private resources vs federal/state resources
- **Mayor Melvin Carter (St. Paul, MN)**
 - Efforts
 - Redirected millions of city funds to low-income families and small business
 - Working with community leaders
 - Priorities and Concerns
 - MN has done well at slowing the spread, needs more focus on the economic crisis
 - "We need a full-scale reconstruction of our relationship with our economy, not a recovery"
 - Cities' inability to sustain an increase in spending (which cannot be stopped) with a decrease in revenue



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- **Mayor Eugene Grant (Seat Pleasant, MD)**
 - Efforts
 - Focusing on rapid and affordable, mass-testing
 - Priorities and Concerns
 - Cases rising among those with pre-existing health conditions
 - Seeks amendment of FDA's restrictions on antibody testing (cannot take place outside of a lab)
 - Recommendations
 - Antibody testing to be performed outside of laboratories and in the community.
 - Antibody testing by a licensed medical professional, including doctors, nurses,
 - paramedics, and EMTs. This will allow us to test inside businesses, outside sporting
 - events, prior to boarding flights, or when entering the country.
 - Using fingerstick instead of drawing blood from veins for antibody tests. Without
 - allowing fingersticks, point-of-care testing in the community will simply not be possible.
- **Mayor Deana Holiday Ingraham (East Point, GA)**
 - Efforts
 - Partnered with the Atlanta Community Food Bank (headquartered in East Point), United Way, local churches, and schools and have provided over 220,000 lbs of food and 12,000 sandwiches to approximately 800 - 1,000 families per week.
 - Partnering with MAJL Diagnostic Laboratories to provide COVID-19 viral and anti-body testing in our City.
 - Through our partnership with the 100 Black Men of South Metro, we giveaway masks at our testing sites.
 - Created a COVID-19 Bridging the Gap Resource Request Form to connect residents to available resources.
 - Committed to suspending the disconnection of services.
 - Priorities and Concerns
 - The need for food, testing, and financial support to our residents continues to grow.



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- **Mayor Vi Lyles (Charlotte, NC)**
 - Efforts
 - Focusing on vulnerable populations
 - Ensured contract with RNC states all Convention attendees must follow safety guidelines set by Charlotte government
 - Priorities and Concerns
 - Living wages for everyone
- **Mayor Steven Reed (Montgomery, AL)**
 - Efforts
 - [Frontline Hero](#): Honoring front line workers
 - Partnering Hyundai to open more testing sites
 - Reached out to community leaders to see what resources they can offer
 - Priorities and Concerns
 - Tensions between the public and private sector due to restrictions on businesses
 - Desire to work with more businesses
 - Unity amongst mayors for funding for municipal governments
- **Mayor Frank Scott, Jr. (Little Rock, AR)**
 - Efforts
 - Placed a modified shelter-in-place, as mayors are not permitted to announce shelter-in-place orders according to state law
 - Put together a COVID-19 Taskforce
 - Implemented mobile testing in underserved communities
 - Launched a small business assistance program: \$5,000 to small businesses with 20 employees or less, focuses on beauty salon and barbers
 - Priorities and Concerns
 - PPE for businesses



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- **Mayor Randall Woodfin (Birmingham, AL)**
 - Efforts
 - Send letter to AL governor: “We have to fight both the economic and health crisis”
 - [#BhamStrong](#): Among other things, provides PPP loans for small business and nonprofits without relationships with banks or lenders
 - Increased test locations
 - Launched call center to provide residents with information on testing locations and provide transportation for residents
 - Focusing on community outreach
 - Communicating with faith leaders around spread, vulnerable communities and social distancing in church
 - Priorities and Concerns
 - Preventing deaths, spread, and overrun of community hospitals
 - Understanding health outcomes before making political decisions
 - COVID-19 tracking and tracing