



COVID-19 Community Briefing

Thank you for joining.
Please standby – the update
will begin shortly





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City of Syracuse

May 1, 2020



Introductions

Hon. Helen Hudson, President, Common Council

Sharon Owens, Deputy Mayor

Hon. Ben Walsh, Mayor

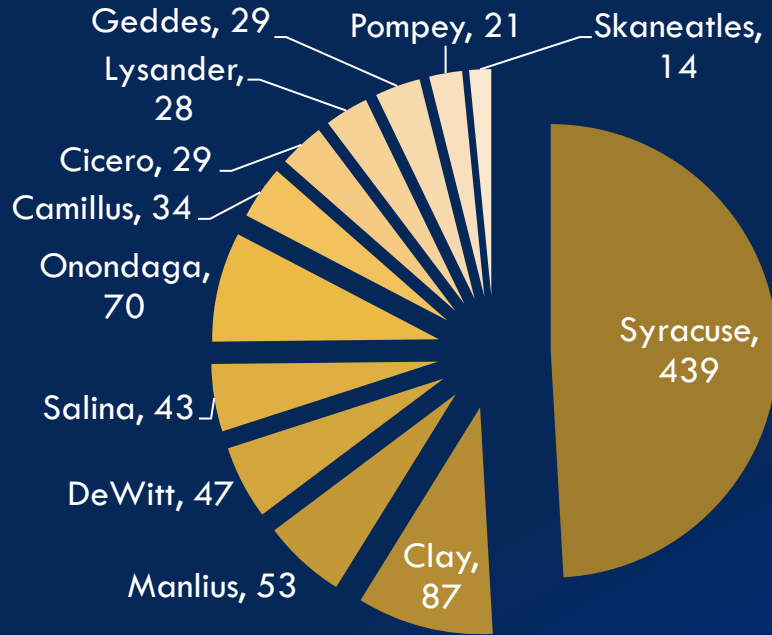


Agenda

- Update on COVID-19
- Report on City Services
- Actions to Address Fiscal Impact
- Thoughts on Restart



COVID-19 Update



439 cases in City of Syracuse

48% of total cases in Onondaga County

Highest case rate in Onondaga County



City Services Carry On

Virtually all city services continue – some with modifications

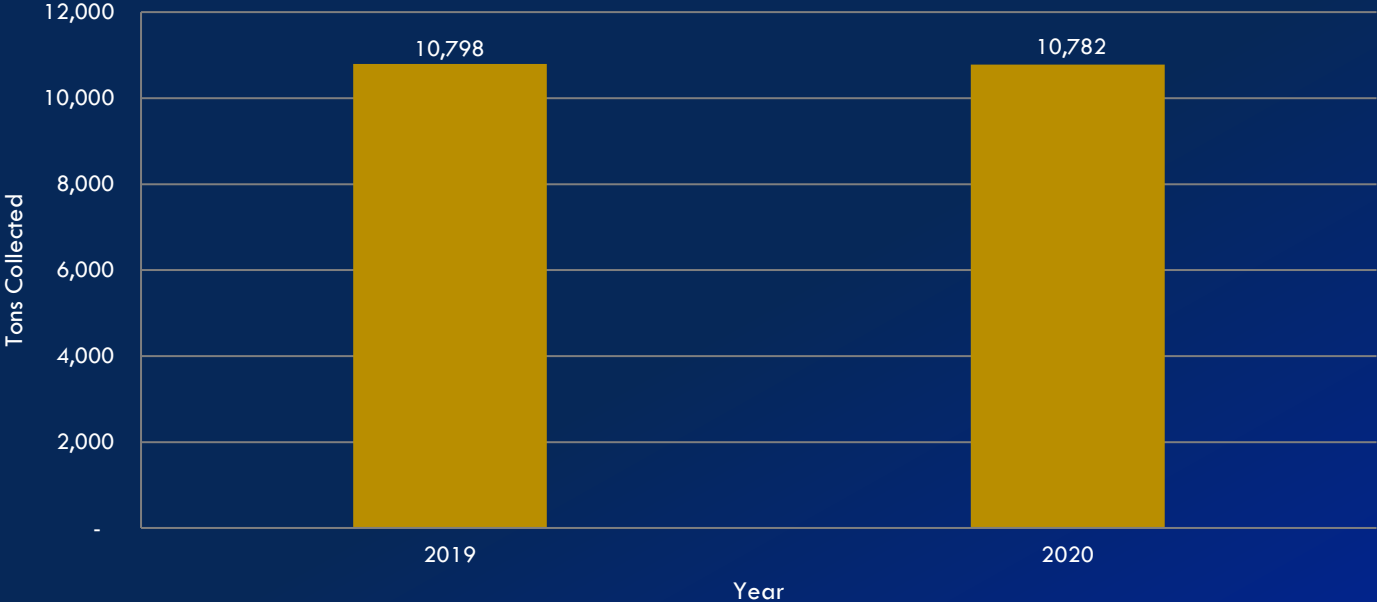
City workers on the job and working remotely deserve our thanks and support

Continue to respect and protect our essential workers



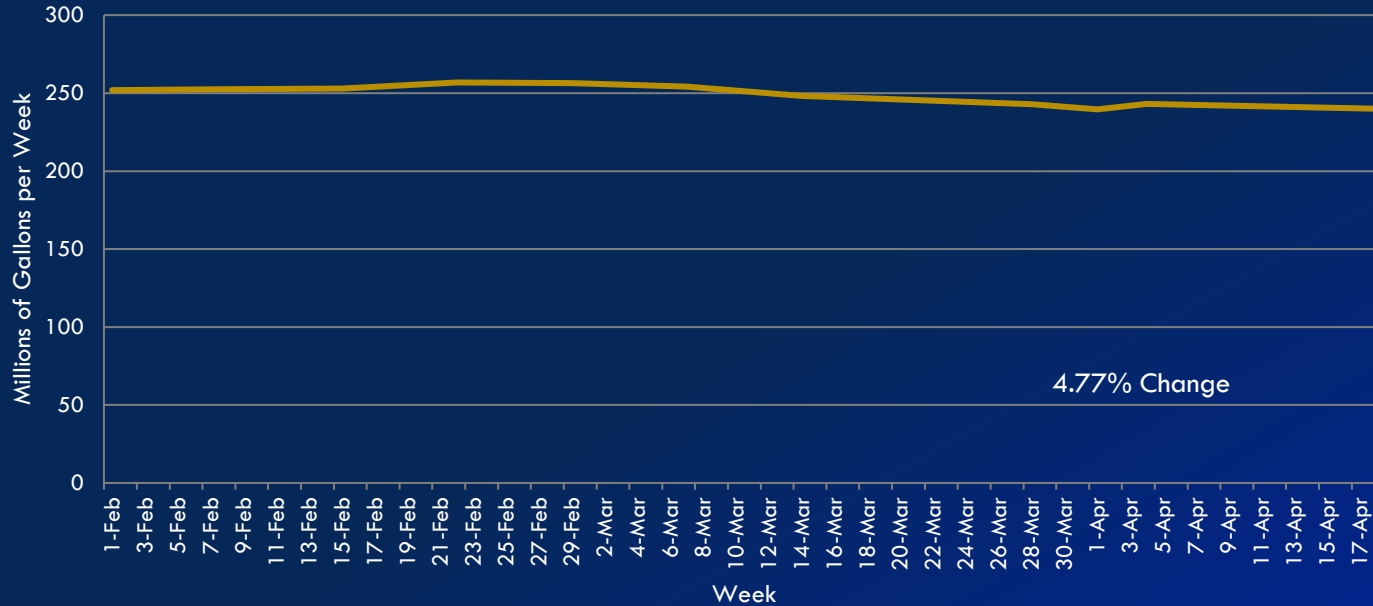
Trash Collection

TONS OF COLLECTED TRASH



Water Usage is Slightly Down

PAUSE IMPACT ON WATER USAGE



Crime Rate Impacted by PAUSE

Part One Offense Comparison City Wide

January 1 to April 27 2020 v 2019 with 5 year Average

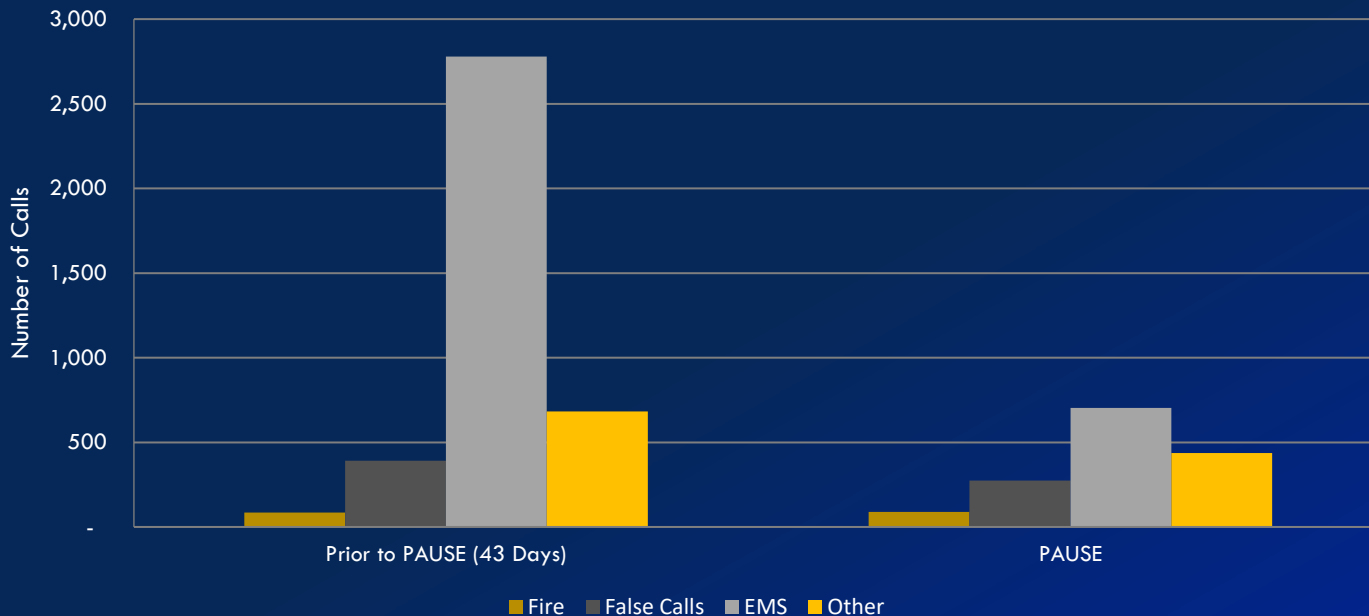
Part One Incident	Total		2020 v 2019		Last 5 Years	
	2020	2019	% Change	Avg.	% Change	
Homicide	2	8	-75%	8.8	-77%	
Rape	19	24	-21%	34.6	-45%	
Robbery	52	76	-32%	109.4	-52%	
Aggravated Assault	216	231	-6%	230.4	-6%	
Violent Crime	289	339	-15%	383.2	-25%	
Burglary/B&E	244	200	22%	308.6	-21%	
Larceny/Theft	879	846	4%	1102.6	-20%	
Stolen Vehicle	163	165	-1%	154.8	5%	
Property Crime	1286	1211	6%	1566	-18%	
Part One Crime Total	1575	1550	2%	1949.2	-19%	
Calls for Service Total	17738	18557	-4%	18435	-4%	

POLICE PART ONE CRIMES



Fire/EMS Impacted by PAUSE

PAUSE IMPACT ON FIRE/EMS CALLS



Online Meetings



AVG
OF 253
MEETINGS
PER WEEK



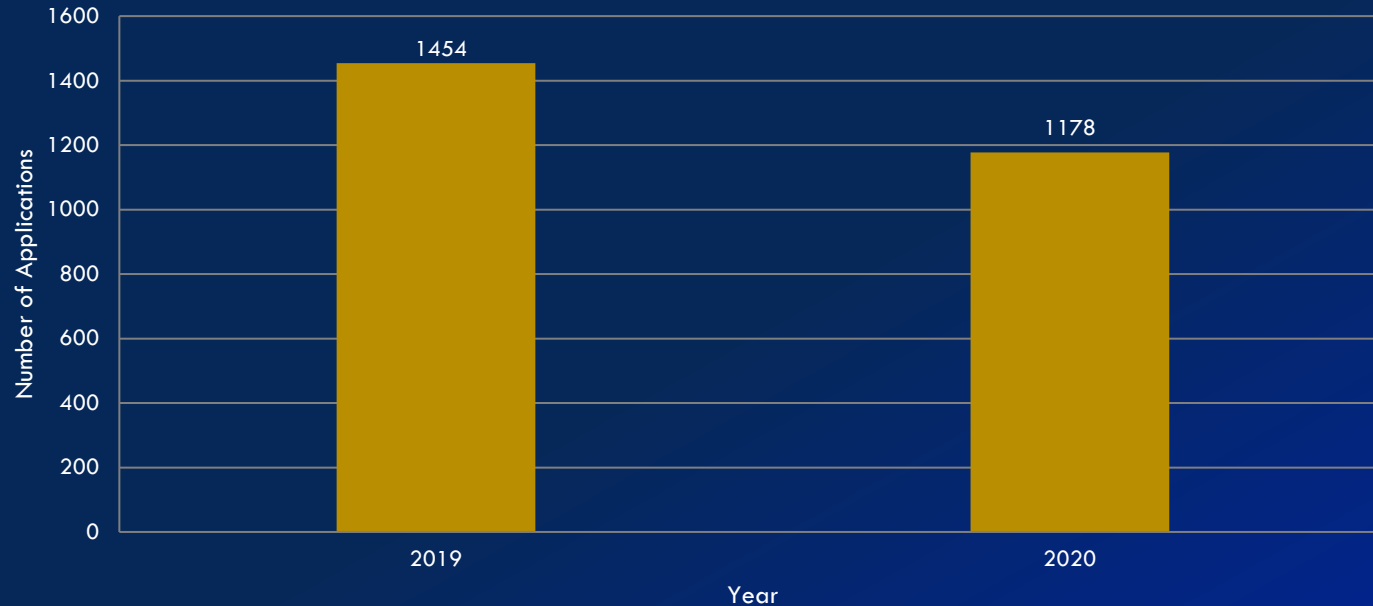
7.1 PARTICIPANTS PER MEETING

UP FROM 5 PER MEETING
4 WEEKS AGO



Permits Drop but Don't Stop

NUMBER OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS



Innovation to Enable Progress

Central Permit Office

- Open daily by appointment with safety precautions
- Sensors tracking activity throughout day: 18 people came through on 4/27 between 3-4 p.m.
- Public will be able to track online

Entrances per Hour
Permit Office 📅 Apr 14 - Apr 27

Permit Office saw the most entrances (18) from 3 - 4pm on Monday, Apr 27th.

	Tue 4/14	Wed 4/15	Thu 4/16	Fri 4/17	Sat 4/18	Sun 4/19	Mon 4/20	Tue 4/21	Wed 4/22	Thu 4/23	Fri 4/24	Sat 4/25	Sun 4/26	Mon 4/27
12a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6a	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
8a	10	2	6	7	1	0	5	3	7	4	2	1	0	7
10a	5	4	5	6	0	0	7	2	15	13	6	0	0	4
12p	10	3	3	7	10	0	2	8	6	7	7	0	0	3
2p	2	4	7	13	0	0	7	7	5	10	0	3	0	11
4p	4	5	6	6	0	0	5	3	9	4	3	0	0	7
6p	1	2	4	3	0	0	8	2	10	10	0	0	0	2
8p	6	3	5	5	0	0	8	4	5	4	1	0	0	18
10p	0	6	4	2	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	2
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City Services Update

Yard waste and construction debris resumes this weekend – NE quadrant (May 2-3)

– SE: May 9-10

– SW: May 16-17

– NW: May 23-24

Gotcha's Syracuse Sync Bike Share operating



Managing Fiscal Impact

Monitor and adjust to changing landscape

Reduce city spending and costs

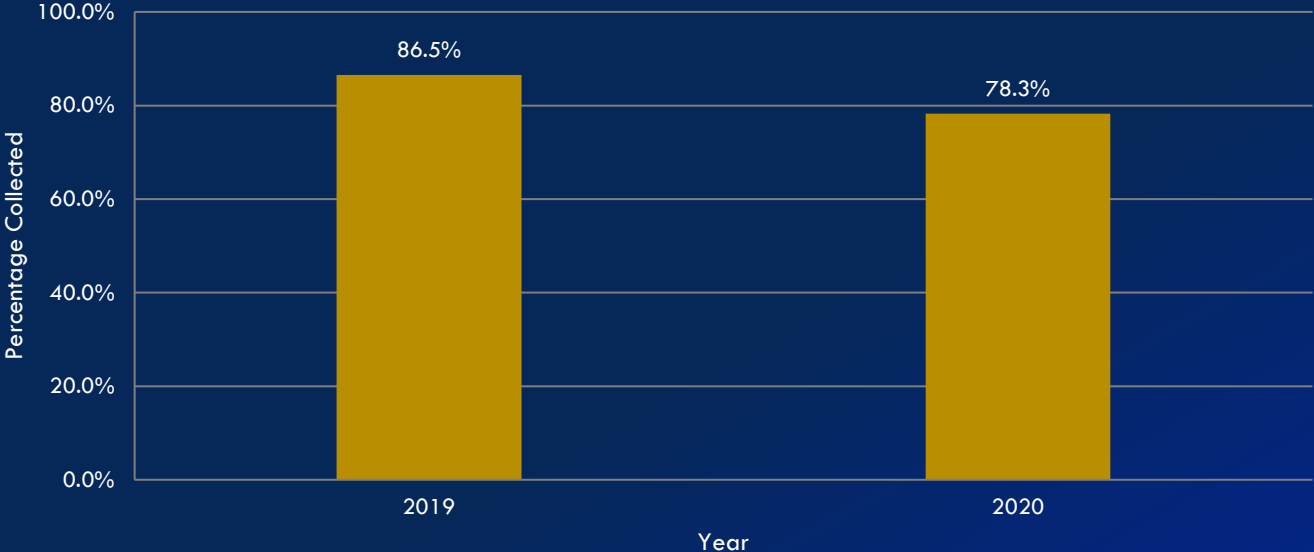
Access fund balance for short term relief but protect for long term fiscal sustainability

Serve city residents



Tax Collection Status

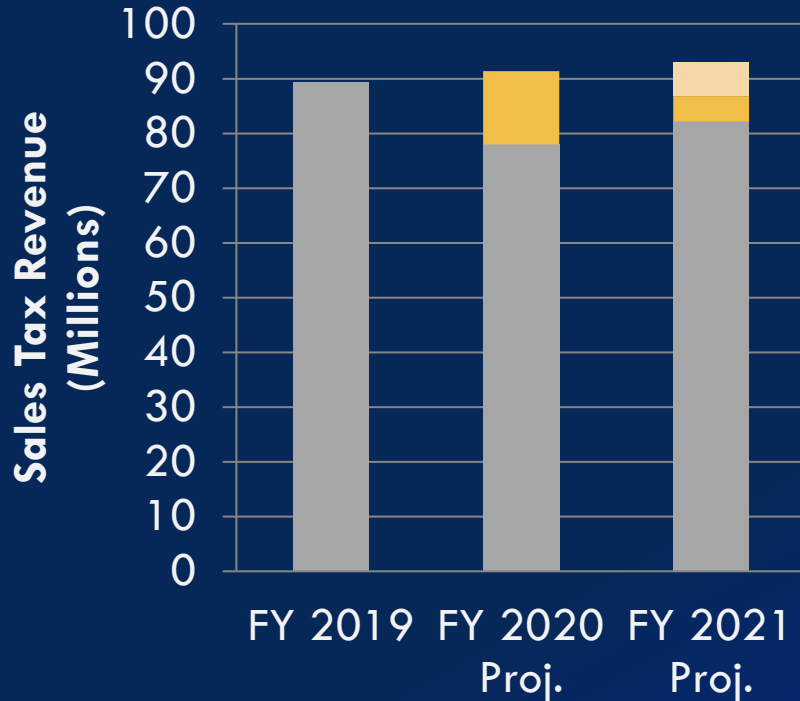
TAX LEVY COLLECTED



*State action required to change property tax deadlines and fees
Extension to May 15 for residents on Tax Trust payment plans*



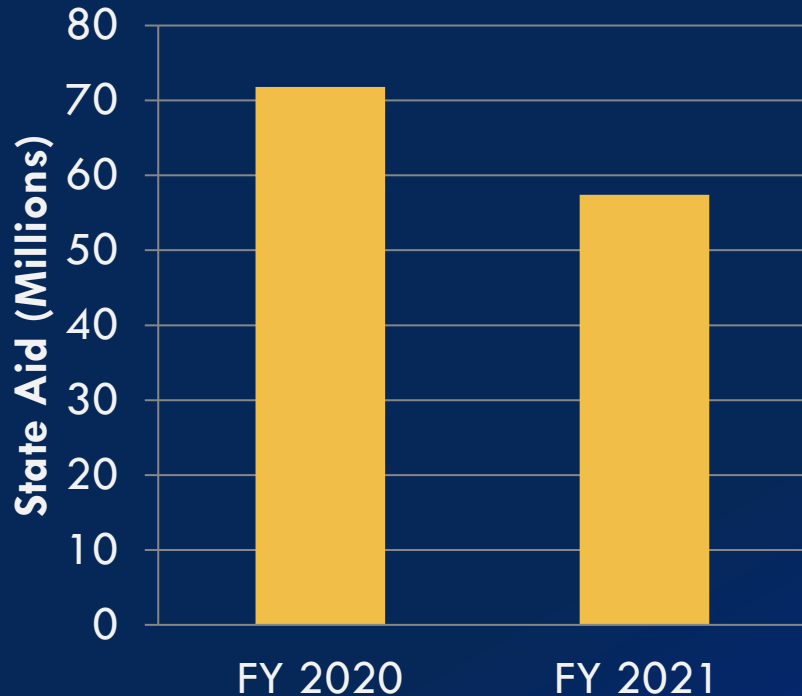
Financial Impact – Sales Tax Revenue



- FY 2019 Sales Tax Revenue collected was \$89.3M
- Difference between budgeted and current projection for FY 2020 is \$13.4M
- Projected loss for sales tax revenue for FY 2021 is \$10.7M



Financial Impact – State Aid



- FY 2020 State Aid was \$71.8M
- Projected FY 2021 State Aid with a 20% reduction is \$57.4M



Actions to Address Impact

FY2020

Immediate temporary leave without pay for 104 non-essential workers

Freeze all non-essential spending effective May 1



Actions to Address Impact

FY2021

Assembled **Financial Contingency Committee**

Representatives of Administration, Council and private sector

Prepare **contingency reduced spending plans**

Staffing levels and frequency of service



Commitment to Our Constituents

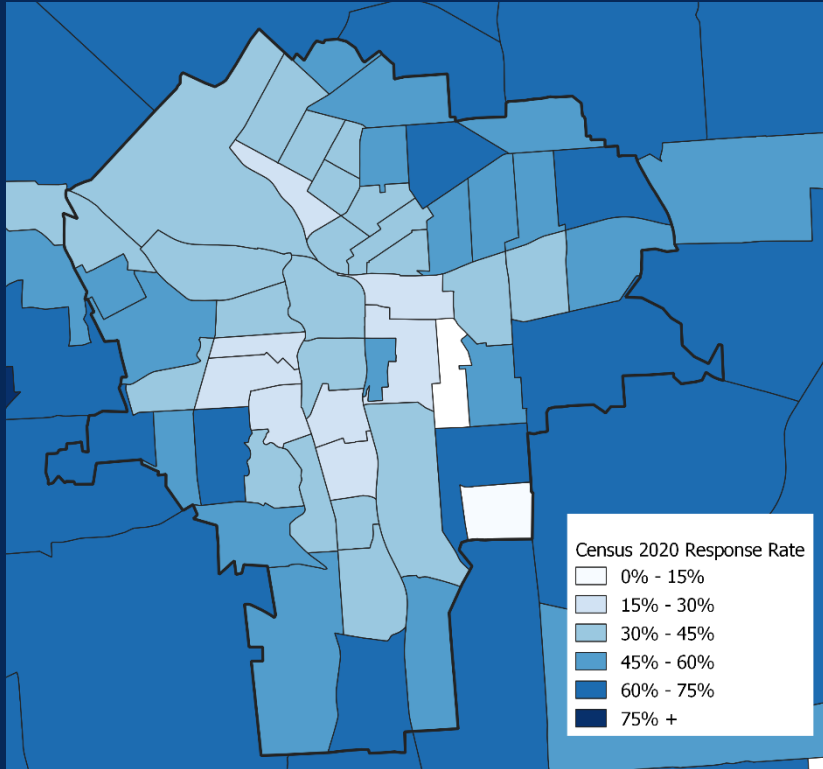
Push for federal aid to state and local governments

Protect City's fund balance and growing fiscal sustainability

Reject bankruptcy and fiscal control board



Census 2020 Response Rate



- 43.2% of city residents have responded to the 2020 Census
- 58.6% response rate in Onondaga County
- 48.8% response rate in New York State
- As of April 29, 2020

Syracuse Common Council President

HON. HELEN HUDSON



Council Work Continues

- Common Council has conducted 62 committee meetings
- Together, Councilors have spent about 300 hours in online meetings
- Budget public hearing is *May 4* at 5 p.m.



Data-driven Phased Restart

Close local, county and state coordination

- Regional Economic Development Council/Resiliency Task Force
- Central New York and Mohawk Valley
- Four Syracuse leaders on New York Forward Reopening Advisory Group

Monitor regional indicators and adjust for health and safety



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QUESTIONS

