

## **COUNTY OF WILSON**

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## Citizens of Wilson County;

Another week has passed in this coronavirus pandemic and we are closer to the approval of a vaccine by the FDA. It is like being in the middle of a drought, we get one day closer to a rain, but no one knows when that day is. Fact is we still need to guard ourselves and our friends and family against contracting this disease.

Schools are going to be starting soon and we need to protect our children with as little exposure as possible. Our everyday lives can't be lived in a bubble, but we need to be cautious in our daily activities and when we are in the public. Anytime we are out in the public or at a gathering of people, there is a risk of exposure. There is no way to avoid this as we try to get our lives back to normal. There is going to be activities and there is going to gatherings of people, thus leading to more exposure.

More people are going to contract the disease and more people are going to spread the disease. The task facing us now is how to control the level of the spread of the disease. The disease is not going away and is going to spread. Taking needless risks of exposure jeopardizes not only our most vulnerable friends but puts a strain on our healthcare system, having to care for sick people that might not have contracted the disease if they had been more careful.

It is inevitable, more people are going to be infected with COVID-19. We need to keep this to a minimum, but with more people infected with the virus there is the possibility of more hospitalizations. This should be a concern to everyone, especially someone with an existing medical condition. If all hospital space is taken up by Coronavirus patients, where are the people in need of emergencies or other medical procedures going for help. You don't want to be the person who was not safe and contracted the disease, it got more severe than you expected and you had to go to the hospital. Thus taking up a bed needed for someone else that needed a medical procedure or other healthcare assistance, jeopardizing their life when they had no choice and you did.

Take care of yourself and your family, and in the process, let's take care of everyone. Remember we are all in this together. Wear your mask, social distance, practice good hygiene, and sanitize everything.

May God Bless Wilson County, everyone in it, and get us out of this mess soon!

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