



COUNTY OF WILSON

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Citizens of Wilson County;

Another week and another letter dealing with coronavirus, and I am still saying the same thing over and over. Stay safe, protect yourself, and help protect our vulnerable family and friends. Statistics from TDSHS show numbers are getting lower in the past days. This should give us confidence things are getting better, but truth is, the coronavirus is still out there. The same people that have had cause for concern should still have that concern. Some people will make it through this ordeal without ever getting the disease, but the ones that get the disease will have to deal with a life changing or life ending experience.

I still stress, follow the CDC social distancing guidelines. Wear a mask, this not only protects you but other people as well. The argument is that a mask does not help. A mask is not 100% prevention from getting the virus, but it does help deter the spread of the virus and some help is better than none. This virus is not going away, even with a vaccine. Just like the flu has not gone away, and we have a vaccine for the flu.

We are experiencing unemployment in record numbers. People have been laid off, furloughed, or lost their job for some reason and for these reasons there are more people out in the public, all the more reason to protect ourselves, our family, and our vulnerable friends from the spread of COVID-19. Without a job many people are without health insurance, to these people getting COVID-19 could be devastating financially as well as health wise.

The purpose of having to wear a mask is not to inconvenience anyone, but to protect the most vulnerable. I have heard, that since our numbers are down there should be no reason to wear a mask. Well maybe the reason the numbers are down is that we are wearing masks. I pray, that when this is over and we are back to normal, and we will be one day, the vulnerable people, the high risk people, and the people that are concerned about their health and safety are still here to reflect on how well everyone worked together to control the spread of COVID-19 until healthcare experts curbed the disease.

There will be a Walk-up Testing Clinic at The Wilson County Expo and Community Center August 11, 2020 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm unless testing supplies run out.

Remember stay home, stay safe and be compassionate and caring for our vulnerable family and friends. May God Bless Wilson County!

Wilson County Judge

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