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Subject: Crisis Management Thank you to County and City Leaders

Dear all,

Thank you to the city/county leaders here in Jonesboro and Craighead County. These are trying times for everyone.

As a community we have had to witness a devastating tornado in the midst of a global pandemic.

The Mayor, County Judge, the Police Chief and Sheriff continue to be exemplary in the management of the search and rescue/ rebuilding efforts following the tornado.

They also have shown excellent leadership as we are faced with Corona Virus.

The Covid 19 virus has cost over 40 000 deaths in the US in about 5 weeks. Worldwide deaths are now upwards of 170,000 in 16 weeks. 60,000 remain seriously ill and many will not recover.

It is not only commendable but necessary for each of us to pay attention. This virus came from an animal not a human. Humans have no resistance. There is no vaccine. There is no medicine that has been proven to cure it.

The virus does not recognize state or county lines. It doesn't play political favorites. It doesn't recognize religions or civic organizations. It affects everyone. Older people, some minorities and those with other illness can have a very low chance for survival. Young people can also die.

A good comparison is that a person with measles on average infects 8 to 11 people. People with polio on average infect 6 people. A person with Covid 19 infects 3 to 4 people.

Again there is no vaccine. Would you send yourself, your loved ones, your friends or for that matter anyone into a room full of Covid 19?

The problem is that there is only one defense that works —social distancing and masks. Remember the mask protects others from u not the other way around.

The other problem is we have some leaders here locally that have no knowledge for science, epidemiology, virology, or the practice of medicine. Furthermore they have no respect for those who do understand the science.

We fully support your wise leadership and are in full support of the local curfew.

It's not about civil liberties it's about saving the lives of you, your family and your neighbors.

There will be a responsible way to resume our lives in safety. I hope that you all continue to support the science as you responsibly find ways for our community to move forward.

Please don't be influenced by those who have not cared enough or taken the time to be informed about this disease.

Please leave the curfew in place until we see clear indications of improvement.

Thank you again.

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