COVID 19 Response

I hope you and your family enjoyed this nice weekend. As you know, the President has declared a national state of emergency directed at slowing the spread of the Corona virus.

Social isolation, meaning avoiding crowds and unnecessary exposure, is a key factor in reducing the spread of the virus. This is not a panic reaction, but a smart method of getting through the pandemic as quickly and safely as possible.

My family is avoiding unnecessary trips and we are enjoying time together. It has meant missing Taekwondo classes, archery team practice and other gatherings, but we feel it is something we can do to slow the spread of the virus. Our pastor live-streamed church service Sunday for us to enjoy at our homes instead of gathering at church. We miss seeing our church family, but understand the need to keep them and ourselves safe and healthy. Again, this is not a panic reaction, but a well thought out and practical measure to help slow the spread of the virus.

The Williamson City Hall will be open to serve our citizens. We request that you handle transactions via phone and online as much as possible. For those unable to pay online or over the phone, we have a drop box for payments. We rarely have multiple people conducting transactions at the same time at City Hall but we want you to be aware of options available.

The Center for Disease Control guideline suggests avoiding large gatherings. The larger the groups of persons you come in contact with, the more the potential for exposure. Additionally, please be careful and try to avoid potentially risky behaviors until the pandemic subsides and the threat diminishes. Medical facilities need to be available for virus patients. Limit your exposure at medical facilities. Limit visits to nursing homes, the elderly and and other persons with weakened or compromised immunities. Learn to use Skype, Facetime, Facebook and other methods to interact without exposure. We are trying to limit our grocery store visits and make visits at off-peak times when possible.

I you feel you have been exposed to the COVID 19 virus or develop potential virus symptoms, seek professional medical advice.

Please avoid the urge to stockpile items which may seem to be in short supply. This action causes others to have difficulty obtaining items their family and loved ones may need.

Again, don’t panic, just act wisely and we will get through this as quickly and with as little impact as possible. The City of Williamson plans to be open and functioning and ready to assist our community in any way we can. We will be evaluating methods to better serve and protect our community in this time of need. Your health, safety and welfare are our primary comcern.

Thanks for your assistance,

Steve