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First, we hope all our continuing best practices to safe guard you and your family from the corona virus. We must all recognize that the safety of our family and ourselves is so very important and therefore, we should all maintain the various measures presented to us in the days to come.

On April 27th Governor DeWine presented the first three milestones to return people to work and create the first steps in moving towards an end to the “Stay at Home” order.

Effective May 1st:

- All non-essential medical procedures at hospitals that do not require an overnight stay will be allowed to resume. Dentists and Veterinarians may return to full schedules.

Effective May 4th:

- The reopening of manufacturing, construction, and distribution operations will be permitted to reopen providing that separation and distancing be part of the company’s future plans. Of course, hand washing, sanitizing, and the wearing of masks will be part of their daily procedure for all returning to work.

Effective May 12th:

- Retailers are permitted to reopen.

The Governor also outlined other procedures:

- Those who are able to work from home should consider continuing that practice for the immediate future.
- This is simply a modification to the “Stay at Home” order and the 10 people rule continues in general offices retail and services.
- Masks are highly recommended, but not mandatory as of today's press conference from Gov. DeWine. It is still recommended as best practice for people to wear a mask/face covering to help protect from spreading viruses
- RTA is requiring riders and staff to wear masks

Still Closed:

- Child & Senior Care Centers
- Salons & Barbershops
- Bars & Restaurants
- Movie Theaters
- Entertainment & Gyms
- Campgrounds
- Schools and Day Camps
- Pools and Community Gatherings

All of this information and more can be found at:
<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home>

There is some good news recently reflected in the number of corona virus cases in our area but with the partial return to work there may be a large increase. That is why it is so vitally important we continue to follow good hygiene and protect ourselves. We continue to recommend following the Governors website daily, and we will continue to bring forth as

much information as we can to keep you aware of new information and any changes brought forth by Governor DeWine and his staff.

And now a brief update of our local status:

- The Community Center will continue to be closed but indications from Governor DeWine, we may be moving closer towards some controlled opening. This most likely will include distancing, wearing of masks, proper hygiene, and methods of separation at the front desk and the fitness area.
- Police and Fire Service continue full force and they continue to thank the public for their cooperation.
- Our Service Department is hard at work performing essential duties and the Road Program is progressing well.
- Human Services Department continues to be available for certain needs of our community, especially our elderly. 75% of deaths as a result of the corona virus, the victims were age 70+ years old. That is a remarkable figure, tragic as it is. Therefore, we should all be mindful to assist our elderly in any possible way. Volunteer to shop for them or bring items they may need and help provide certain services that they cannot perform due to the extreme threat by this virus.
- We have been asked about Memorial Day. We are working on plans to honor our veterans yet adhere to the rules in place. There will be an announcement coming forward soon. We will not forget our veterans, those who made the ultimate sacrifice, protecting and preserving our freedoms.
- Our outdoor programs are continuing to be suspended until further orders, however, we have not given up on all of our summer programs at this point. We will again await direction of the federal and state government orders.
- A decision will soon be made as to our next regularly scheduled council meeting. That information will be sent to you via e-mail and the city web page. At this point we anticipate continuation of teleconference meetings. We are also assessing the need for Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission meetings.

The recent Brecksville Bulletin, as you are aware, was written to present important information regarding the corona virus. The Bulletin also provided the procedures to make a homemade mask. Many families have informed the City that they have made a family project out of the making of these masks for themselves friends and neighbors. The making of masks or obtaining masks should be something each and every person must do.

We have witnessed so much good throughout the community. Donations to the food pantry of the city, residents helping residents, young people making stay at home projects and sharing them with elderly residents, friends and neighbors. It is quite heartwarming. We are learning new ways, and perhaps revisiting what was considered “old fashioned” ways, of enjoying our lives and occupying our time. I hear it time and time again, the appreciation of spending time with families, and people enjoying helping their neighbors. I would like to thank all of our residents and businesses who have donated to our food pantry. We have received many generous monetary donations as well as canned and boxed food donations from our community. People should contact Brecksville Department of Human Services at 440 526 2499 if they would like to donate to the Brecksville Food Pantry.

On a personal note, I would also like to thank you for the words of encouragement to our staff. It is so very kind of you to acknowledge their work and dedication and their professionalism.

I believe soon we will experience a return to work, or expansions, but those will only come about if we continue now to protect ourselves and reduce the number of episodes of the virus. To those of you who find that there is heightened anxiety as a result of the changes in our lives, I would like to encourage you to talk over your fears and your concerns with family, friends, and health care officials who are available to offer their support and comfort. Be safe, this shall all come to pass.

Some of you have taken advantage of sharing your thoughts or have requested information from the City and me, specifically. Please continue to do so. It is important to us to be responsive to your needs and questions. Again, as redundant as it is, continue to practice good hygiene clean and sanitize your surroundings, maintain social distancing, and wear a mask when in public. If I can be of assistance to any of you please feel free to contact my cellphone 216-316-6666.

Sincerely Yours,

Jerry N. Hruby
Mayor



