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Dear Taylorsville Friends and Neighbors,

We know that many of you may be worried about the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). While there is reason to take precaution, we want to give every assurance that we have emergency management policies and procedures in place to address this pandemic.

Gov. Gary Herbert addressed the state today and issued a “State of Emergency” this past week. According to his remarks, the state is putting in place several recommendations for the next two weeks to minimize any community spread of the virus. Recommendations include the following:

1. Mass gatherings should be limited to no more than 100 healthy individuals, beginning March 16. This includes limits to church gatherings, conferences and concerts. It does not apply to schools, at the present time. The state is coordinating with its 41 school districts, including the Taylorsville-area Granite School District, to assess the situation on a case-by-case basis. State officials are advising that if you are sick, please stay home.
2. State officials are taking measures to protect vulnerable populations. Those over age 60 and people who are immunocompromised should avoid gatherings of more than 20 people.
3. Businesses are advised to put in place and allow employees to telecommute. “Now is the time to do so. We have the technology today to work and be effective,” the governor said.
4. The state is asking the Utah Department of Health to protect high-risk populations. The governor advised that care centers restrict access and monitor employees and visitors.

Gov. Herbert said additional steps may be taken as we move forward. The primary aim is to slow the effect and potential spread of the virus.

As Taylorsville City Mayor, I wholeheartedly support these measures, decisions and recommendations. As a city, we are also monitoring the situation daily and will put in place additional measures, as well and as necessary.

It is important for all of us to be proactive, both as a government and as individuals. In recent months, the global community has been and continues to experience the unprecedented rapid spread of COVID-19, a virus for which there currently is no vaccine or treatment for, and which appears to be highly contagious.

While there is certainly no need to panic, hoard supplies or overact in any way, we do want to be prepared should this disease directly touch our community. I further support the emergency declaration orders issued by Gov. Herbert and Salt Lake County Mayor Jenny Wilson on March 6, which allow our county and state to access emergency federal funds and aid should the need arise.

In addition, we have taken steps to continue to provide all city services to our community, while allowing some employees to work from home during this time so as to minimize contact. We do not anticipate any interruption of city services, although some might need to be altered in the way we provide them. Of course, police and fire services are always and will continue as the top priority.

We ask that residents keep practicing healthy hygiene principles, including:

- Staying home if you are ill.
- Washing your hands frequently and thoroughly. Scrub with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoiding close contact with ill people.
- Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of your elbow; do not cough or sneeze into your hands.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Avoiding sharing food and personal items.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using bleach-based cleaning products.

If you are worried about whether you may have COVID-19, please call the Utah Department of Health's Coronavirus Information Line at 1-800-456-7707.

As a city, we will continue to keep you informed of the latest information we have available on the virus. Please look to our website, www.taylorsvilleut.gov, and our official social media channels: www.facebook.com/TaylorsvilleCity or twitter.com/TvilleUT. We will also be sending periodic emailed notifications. If you are not signed up to receive these notifications, you may do so here: www.taylorsvilleut.gov/services/e-notifications

We appreciate your patience and kindness to those around you during this time. We are Taylorsville; we are a community, and as we do, we will get through this together. Please stay healthy and safe.

Most sincerely,



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