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Dear Clay County Community Member.

We are learning more and more about COVID-19 each day, and sometimes hourly. The latest concern that we have is the threat to ourselves and our community is much higher than we originally knew. Data is being confirmed that people who have the virus, nearly 50% of those infected, will have little to no symptoms. These asymptomatic people are still spreading the virus to anyone they contact, or any place they go.

Clay County residents are covered under the Directed Health Measure (DHM) and the legal requirements that are contained under that measure. We also have individual responsibilities to stop the spread of this virus under that DHM. This virus is spread by the actions of individuals and will be stopped by actions of all our residents. The below message is from our Governor on the DHMs and what the expectations are of each of who live in Nebraska.

“Gov. Ricketts reminded Nebraskans that as of Friday, April 3, all 93 counties across the state are under a directed health measure that includes:

- Schools are operating without students
- Restaurant dine-in service is closed. Drive through and delivery are allowed.
- Elective surgeries and non-emergency dental work must be delayed until after May 11
- People should stay home if they are sick as should anyone in their household
- People should wash their hands regularly and for 20 seconds at a time.
- Any meetings or gatherings must include 10-people or less.
- Stay at least 6-feet away from other people.”

There is much data showing that we need to do more. Stay at home, isolate at home, go to work if you only have to, and only go grocery shopping once a week or longer if you can. To protect everyone in your community having gatherings where people come to collect inside of a facility is extremely dangerous. One person who is “shedding” the virus, but feels fine, could infect everyone there. Those people then go about their lives and contact others who get the virus from the guests at this event. That next hand off of the virus may be fatal. You may give it to a worker at a senior care facility who takes it into the facility unknowingly and it gets spread resulting in the death of our treasured seniors.

It could get one of your guest’s family members with the same result. Life priorities require us to alter our living like our earlier generations did in WW II. We can do this together so we can stop the virus and get back together like we want and not be missing anyone.



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We just all need to do our parts to stop this virus. Complying with the DHM is saving lives, please join us in this fight to save valuable members of our community. COVID-19 attacks toddlers to the elderly. It does not discriminate.

Thank you for helping your Health Workers, first responders, and community leaders stop the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Tim Lewis
Clay County Emergency Manager