

## CITY OF PERRYSBURG

## **COVID-19 COMMUNICATIONS**

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As always, I'm continually inspired by this strong community and I thank you for your patience and cooperation as we chart one of the most uncertain times in our world's history.

As Dr. Amy Acton from the Ohio Department of Health repeatedly reminds us, "this is just the tip of the iceberg." The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases continues to rise dramatically and we must remember that none of us are immune to this virus, the City and its employees included.

We are aware of the questions that people have regarding the status of one of our employees and we understand that some of those questions come from fear and anxiety. The City has fully cooperated with the Wood County Health Department and their inquiry into any potential exposure. We continue to be diligent in managing our staff while following the guidelines established by the Governor.

Our employees are the backbone of our City. Please know, the City does not consider the medical status of other employees, whether diagnosed or under quarantine, to be one of public record. As always, the City must adhere to state and federal privacy laws and will not release the name of the affected employee. The City continues to diligently follow instructions from the federal government, the Ohio Governor's Office, the CDC, and the Ohio Department of Health, as well as working closely with the Wood County Health Department and the Wood County EMA.

Now more than ever we need to be kind and we must take care of each other. With this common enemy comes fear and anxiety, but we must remain positive and hopeful. We must focus on the actions we can control – staying at home, practicing social distancing, checking on our neighbors, friends, and family, washing our hands and practicing safe hygiene, sharing our extra supplies with those in need, etc. All of us must take personal responsibility to try and flatten the curve so that we can protect our health care workers and first responders.

The City is here to serve you all. We will continue to operate and will continue to be here and help those in need. If we all work together and do our part, I am confident we will get through this unprecedented and uncertain time.

Mayor Tom Mackin