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Citizens of Kingsland,

As you are all aware, the COVID-19 Virus is causing a myriad of issues across our nation. Our state is seeing some of the early signs of the spread of the virus. Yesterday, Governor Kemp announced that the first death from the coronavirus has been reported in Georgia. The elderly, those with weakened immune systems, and those with pre-existing severe health complications remain the most likely to experience risk of developing serious COVID-19 illnesses.

This week, I have been involved in a White House briefing on the advancement of the virus and the steps and procedures being implemented from the federal level. President Trump, working in conjunction with his advisors and experts, has focused his efforts in a “Whole of Government Approach” to dealing with this pandemic. Furthermore, the administration has allocated 8.3 billion in funding (H.R.6074 - Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020) to address the issues which we will experience over the coming days.

Locally, I have met with the county’s Executive Policy Group on a regular basis to receive the latest Department of Public Health, CDC, Federal and State public safety/health releases and information. Chuck White, the Director of our county’s Emergency Management Agency has kept us focused on local impact information. Our Fire Chief, Terry Smith, has been working the situation and engaging in localized communication with all health and safety personnel while balancing his duties between our city and county levels. Our Fire, Emergency, and Police department personnel remain engaged and aware of the situation. Guidelines and reaction plans are being devised to deal with the situation as it develops.

At this point, City and County Officials remain engaged in the ever changing situation around this pandemic. Our community will likely see some cases in the near future. I would stress that all citizens follow CDC and Department of Health suggestions and guidelines on ways to reduce exposure and decrease transmission of this disease. Information and best practices can be found at this site- <https://dph.georgia.gov/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-outbreak>.

As possible, I ask local businesses, organizations, churches and civic groups to practice increased cleaning regimens and reduce public gatherings as you are able to do. If you have pre-existing health conditions or are 65 or older, please seek to reduce your risk of exposure as you are able. The COVID-19 Virus could quickly drain regional and local resources should a severe spike in volume of cases occur. With a virus of this scale, the system can treat and respond to more cases stretched over an extended period of time rather than large volumes of infected on a short or reduced timetable. Your help and support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

God Bless,

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