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**COVID-19 ALERT**

The health department is extremely concerned about the rapid increase and spread of COVID-19 in our community. Our growing number of infected individuals is placing an undue burden on our hospitals and healthcare system.

We are also concerned about the growing number of events being planned in our community that do not follow the COVID-19 requirements for our high transmission area. We plead with event planners and venue owners to ensure the requirements of the state's public health order are followed and not dismissed once the event begins. Events should only occur if masks are worn, physical distancing between household groups is maintained, and the Event Management Template (provided by the state) is completed and followed. If these items cannot be followed the event should not take place.

As a health department, our resources are spread very thin as we investigate disease and perform contact tracing. We ask the individuals in our community to take personal responsibility to slow the spread of COVID-19. Stay home and away from other people if you have any symptoms of COVID-19, practice physical distancing, wear a mask, wash your hands frequently, and do not participate in activities that make it difficult to follow this guidance.

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*Mission: Prevent disease, promote healthy lifestyles, and protect the community & environment.*

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