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Message to Bermuda Run from Mayor Rick Cross

As I wrote last week, we are in times of rapid change. During this past week our state and county has taken additional steps to address the mitigation of COVID-19. These measures include greater restrictions on gatherings, significantly restricting visitor access to nursing, long-term care, and rehab facilities, and closing businesses that cannot maintain social distancing - including health clubs, gyms, barber shops, beauty salons, massage and tattoo parlors. Additionally, the state has mandated that public K-12 schools be closed until May 15th.

The City of Winston-Salem and the Village of Clemmons have each added directives to their existing State of Emergency Declarations for residents to stay-at-home/shelter-in-place beginning Friday March 27, at 5:00 pm. Given our proximity to and interaction with both Clemmons and Winston-Salem, I wanted to make sure we took every opportunity to let you know about their plans. The intent of a stay-at-home directive is to minimize potential for gatherings which creates opportunity for virus spread.

Given that Davie County had proactively taken additional steps last weekend, and the Governor implemented more restrictions earlier this week, our County State of Emergency Declaration stands as written with no further restrictions planned at this time. The Town of Bermuda Run remains committed to partnering with Davie County Government toward keeping residents informed and safe. Know that we continue to evaluate needs for our area and will communicate as needed.

Information from the CDC and NCDHHS this week reinforced some important statistics. Approximately 80% of those who get COVID-19 will be able to stay home

and recover. Approximately 20% will need some form of hospital care, and approximately 5% of those will require critical care. By comparison, during a typical flu season, approximately 2-3% of those who get the flu will need some form of hospital care.

Our collective goal as residents of Bermuda Run and Davie County should be to do everything possible to prevent the potential to overwhelm our healthcare system. We owe it to our neighbors and friends working for Wake Forest Baptist Health, Novant and private practices to reduce human contact, thereby reducing the potential for the COVID-19 spread, as much as possible.

Please join me in continuing to do the following:

- Be smart by social distancing. As many of you have told me you are already doing, follow the intent of stay-at-home guidance. Stay home unless there is an essential need to go out. If you do go out, make sure you maintain a 6 feet distance from others. Avoid gathering in groups. Be smart about travel. Be smart about getting together. Do your needed shopping, exercise, and other essential activities, and do it with social distancing in mind.
- Look out for each other. There may be situations where some folks may need grocery, medications, or other supplies, but can't, or shouldn't, be out and around. Let's continue to be a neighbors helping neighbors community. Our Homeowners Associations can also play a big role in neighbors helping neighbors. Our HOAs are very active, they have information on members, and they have the capability to reach out and mobilize across their neighborhoods.
- Continue to buy local. Our local establishments are very heartened by the outpouring of support from this community. Let's keep the momentum going. Make a purchase or buy a gift certificate for future use. Our restaurants have done a great job as they continue to alter service hours, menu offerings, and delivery/take-out options to meet the needs of the community. The Davie Chamber and our Bermuda Run Tourism Development Authority (#DoA180brnc) have done a wonderful job of getting the word out about our local businesses. Here is listina of Davie а County retailers and restaurants. Open the link and click on the location you are interested in. You will be taken to their site for hours, phone number, and menu offerings.
- To stay informed, our <u>Davie County Government</u> <u>CoronaVirus Updates</u> page continues to be a valuable source.

Bermuda Run Town Hall continues to operate with normal hours, but is doing its part by not allowing walk-in traffic. We ask that you call the office at 336-998-0906. For more information, go to our Town of Bermuda Run website.

While you're home, this would be a great time to complete your 2020 Census. As we have said before, this count is important for ongoing funding as well as representation for our community. Now, more than ever, as there are significant needs across our community, funding to assist in the management and recovery efforts related to COVID-19 will surely be done, at least partially, by population. After receiving information in the mail recently, I completed mine online. It took less than 10 minutes and was very easy to navigate. BE COUNTED, AND MAKE IT COUNT!



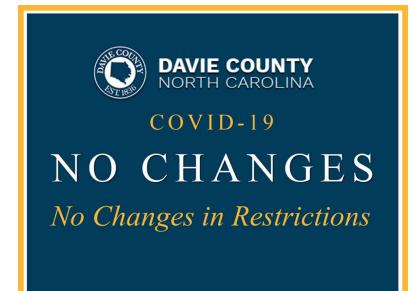
DavieCounts2020 Website

I know things continue to change at a rapid pace, and this can be unsettling to say the least. I commit to you that I will stay in touch with you for all that affects our community. After last week's note I heard from several folks. I received emails, texts, and some phone calls. Thanks for that. I will be reaching out to you and I want to hear from you. You can reach me at rcross@townofbr.com or 336-391-1992.

Your Town Council, Town Staff, and I continue to work tirelessly on your behalf as we address this significant challenge.

We are in this together, and together we will emerge stronger.

- Rick Cross



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