

Unfortunately, all of us are aware and concerned regarding the Coronavirus and how it is spreading throughout the world. Every day when we wake up, the news continues to be worse.

What can we do?

Relative to our town employees and their health, last Monday we spoke with them and our concern for them. We told them that if there is a sign of the virus to let us know. Then they should contact their doctor and if they do not have a doctor, go to a walk-in to be diagnosed. If they have to do this, it would be with pay.

Prior to our meeting with our employees we spoke with the Broome County Health Department. In addition to the above, they told us that testing could be done in 1-2 days. The test is simple. It is either a nose swab or a throat swab. The testing is done at the Wadsworth Lab in Albany, NY. Assume that there will be additional labs as we move forward. At this time there are no reported cases in Broome County.

At this time in our town we should adhere to what the health experts are advising us to do and what not to do. One of the things that they are advising us to do, which will be difficult, is to avoid multi gatherings and contact with others. Limit going to the store. When you shop, shop for more than the usual.

It appears that this will be with us for a long time. Our everyday lives will be affected and hard to accept. Those whom we love; families, friends, it will be hard for them to absorb and understand. We will not be able to kiss and hold hands together. However, remember by doing this, it will show and demonstrate our love for those in our lives.

If you are like me, when the news of the virus first came about, I hoped and felt that it might slow down and eventually go away. Well, I think that as time has moved on, we all must know that it is not going away quickly but it will go away, eventually. I must be patient and follow orders from our health experts for this to happen. I know that you will also.

Let's pray for one another and be there for one another. Kirkwood is known for our kindness and our love for one another. The coming days and nights will reinforce that belief and love.

I'm praying for all of you.

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