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In light of the COVID-19 pandemic it is important that as City Leaders we reach out to our citizens, and the surrounding communities to communicate our deep care and support. Your health and safety is of utmost concern to all of us. As the situation rapidly evolves, we are taking steps to continue to provide all city services and try to conduct normal city activities.

Our city leaders have taken unprecedented measures to keep the city services up and running while protecting the health of our dedicated city staff.

The city of Dickinson began a modified work schedule almost three weeks ago and we continue to modify working arrangements as the situation dictates. Some of our staff have been encouraged to work from home, and we are limiting their time at city hall. All work-related travel has been canceled and we have transitioned to virtual meetings. This work policy will be in place until further notice.

When I spoke with you last week I encouraged all of you to continue to practice social distancing and for businesses to adapt new policies to help stem the spread of the COVID-19 virus. I would like to reiterate those suggestions I made last week about traveling outside your homes:

- 1) **You are obtaining food or other household necessities including medicines at our local stores.** Families should limit members traveling to these stores to reduce the risk of exposure.
- 2) **You are seeking medical care for yourself or a family member.** Make the appropriate arrangements with your healthcare providers beforehand and follow the instructions provided by them. As citizens we do not need to stress our healthcare services.
- 3) **You are caring for a dependent or vulnerable individual with special needs.** Please conduct your business with them and travel straight home, thus limiting your exposure to others.
- 4) **You are a critical or essential employee.** I encourage local businesses to accommodate workers if possible and let them to work from home. I would encourage them to become creative in their scheduling, to get the job done.
- 5) **You are Traveling to an outdoor activity.** Your physical and mental health are important during this time of social-distancing. If conducting outdoor exercises, please do so while practicing social distancing of 6ft or more from other individuals.

To all Dickinson citizens and businesses impacted by COVID-19, our thoughts are with you. Now is the time to lean on one another for support and resources while we navigate these difficult circumstances together.

I applaud you for your steadfast commitment to our community even in times of grave challenges and rapid change.

Take care of one another and be safe!

Mayor Scott J. Decker