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Fellow citizens of Summersville and our extended community:

As we have entered into another week of uncharted territory. The health emergency caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) is likely to bring change to our lives for some time to come.

The city's first priority is and always will be the life, safety and security of our employees, citizens and extended community. It's important for our citizens to know that behind the scenes your city and county governments along with the Office of Emergency Services, law enforcement, EMS, health dept and all of our county's health systems are networking and collaborating our resources on a daily basis for the situations at hand and the unknowns of tomorrow.

While we're apart in our social distancing I challenge all to be creative in ways to reach out to family and friends. With the closure of our many favorite frequented places, I still challenge you to support the businesses that remain open. Of course, if you're sick, stay at home and keep your family at home. If you venture out for necessities remember to not make those social gathering opportunities. I can't emphasize enough the importance of regularly washing your hands and not touching your face.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW:

- The Board of Education is running a feeding program for children. If you have a child that has somehow slipped through the cracks, please contact the board office at 304-872-3611.
- Senior Centers are continuing their senior lunch services and deliveries. I advise you to contact your senior center for details, as the dine-in portion of this service has been closed and is now a pick-up service. The City of Summersville Senior Center has partnered with the City. Meals will be prepared at our city's conference center and ready for pick-up at the senior center at a drive-thru service from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Bread of Life Food Pantry, operated by the Summersville Ministerial Association will continue their normal days and hours of operation. However, they do request that you stay in your vehicle as they deliver food boxes to you.
- To all small businesses: I previously have posted information from the Small Business Administration on the "Keeping Workers Paid and Employment Act". This act is loan monies that will turn to grant monies for maintenance of payroll and pre-existing debt. If you need any additional information on this, I encourage you to contact city hall at 304-872-1211.

I can't stress enough the importance of us supporting each other and being strong because we will survive this together.

May God bless and protect us all,

Mayor Robert Shafer