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Citizens of Camanche,

As the spread of the COVID-19 virus begins to decline, Governor Reynolds has already begun opening up non-essential businesses on a limited basis. I would like to remind everyone that this does not mean we are necessarily through this pandemic. Thus far, Clinton County has had 50 positive cases with 43 of those being recovered and, of course, one death. There are currently no positive COVID-19 patients hospitalized in the county.

As a city, we are taking steps in preparation of opening up city services, buildings and departments. However, we are going to take things slowly while continuing to monitor the governor's emergency proclamation. It is our gut feeling that more businesses may be green-lighted to open on May 15th, at the end of the current proclamation. In order to continue to protect our employees from exposure to the virus, some of our processes and procedures moving forward will be changed and we will continue to exercise social distancing practices in city buildings and on city property.

As part of the latest proclamation, libraries are allowed to re-open. Our library will remain closed for at least another week as staff works on rearranging to accommodate the social distancing requirements set forth by the governor. In the interim, the library will be providing curbside service.

Also, city staff has been working hard to update our forms and applications for city services. All of these should now be available on the city's website. We would like the citizens to take advantage of this whenever possible. For example, if you should desire a golf cart permit, you can download one from the website, fill it out, and send it in electronically or through the mail. This will also help limit exposure to our employees.

City hall will also work a little differently for walk-in customers as we continue to social distance. There will be guidance or instructions posted on the door and inside the building. Keep in mind that parks are still closed and gatherings are still limited to no more than 10. Further, be aware that this virus is still out there and that if we are moving too fast, we may



very well end up in a worse situation. I ask that you please continue to limit contact with individuals outside of your home, and if you must be out, practice social distancing.

It looks as though we are finally going to be blessed with the weekend weather that everyone has been waiting for. I would encourage everyone to get outside and get some fresh air and enjoy the nice weather. Hopefully, we can be through all of this very soon. Stay safe, stay healthy, and God bless!

Trevor Willis

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