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Dear Citizens of Milan,

I this time we have been notified there is a reported case of a COVID-19 in Gibson County. Your City government is taking the following actions:

- **Building and Codes:** The department is prepared to continue business with phone calls and emails being forwarded to Department Head and staff. All permit forms are available on our website at www.cityofmilantn.com. Please call 731-686-0774 for assistance.
- **Senior Center:** Checking on senior citizens by conducting telephone reassurance to the homebound and meals are still being delivered.
- **Milan Municipal Court:** Closed to the public but clerks are still available to communicate and assist clients over the phone. Clerks will still be accepting payments at the court office. Please call ahead before coming to the office at 731-686-0985.
- **Fire Department:** Daily sanitizing station and equipment. Screening employees for exposure. Quarantine potentially exposed employees. We are taking higher universal precautions to protect employees as well as patients. Promoting proper hand washing procedures. We are not wearing duty boots within the stations/ leaving them in the bay. Central Control is screening all calls to identify potential exposure.
- **Library:** The library will be closed at the end of the business day today.
- **Milan Public Utilities:** MPU'S lobby will be closed to walk-in customers as of March 19, 2020 until it is deemed safe to re-open the lobby. The drive-thru will remain open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The night deposit is located next to the drive-thru and all utility payments can be paid there as well. It can be accessed at all times. We *encourage* customers to continue to mail payments in, pay through drive-thru, or take advantage of bank draft. You can also go online at www.mpu1.com and go to "Pay My Bill" there. You can call 1-877-290-1148 to pay by phone. For new service, please call the office at 731-686-1537.
- **Milan Public Works:** Suspending all face to face business; locking office doors and providing office number and email address. Postponing conferences and meetings; having as many teleconferences as possible. Daily cleaning of lobby, office, and break area including doors, switches, restrooms, and phones. Sending crews out in groups of 3-4. Distributed CDC guidelines and COVID-19 information to all employees. This info is also posted in the employee break area.
- **Milan Park and Rec.** In addition to the steps taken by MPW, the park is also taking the following steps: Installed handwashing instructions in all public restrooms. CDC COVID-19 information posted at each pavilion. Park is closed to all organized activity for both youth and adults. This will be reevaluated on April 3rd. This is in alignment with MSSD for youth activities. Public restrooms are being cleaned multiple times daily.
- **Milan Police Department:** Have stopped fingerprinting all arrestees. Sanitizing jail cells. People with walk-in complaints stay in lobby. Complaints taken through glass to avoid contact. Officers taking advantage of E-Citations to reduce time spent with motorists. MPD had provided masks for officers that want them. Hand sanitizer and wipes in cars. Officers are trained to keep 6 to 8 foot safety zone.



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Re: Positive Coronavirus Case in Gibson County

Today we were notified by the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) that a resident of Gibson County has tested positive for the novel coronavirus. The patient has a mild course of illness, is recovering, and currently in quarantine.

This is not unexpected. Your local and county leaders and officials have been preparing for and expecting this for weeks. We are coordinating with the TDH and our local healthcare community to make sure all Gibson County residents are protected.

The worst thing we can do during trying times like this is panic, and lose faith. It is important to remember that the vast majority of patients that contract this virus have a mild course of illness and recover quickly. If you are ill with respiratory symptoms, it is very important that you call your doctor first. Do not go to the Emergency Department or to your physician without calling first. We all have to work together to make sure our healthcare community is not overwhelmed.

Here are some things you can do to help: Keep your hands clean and continue to practice social distancing. If you are feeling bad, stay at home. Be mindful of, and take special care of the elderly. They need to be staying at home as much as possible, and we need to support them and keep them safe. People over the age of 65 and those with prior illness are at the greatest risk. Take care of children – help them remain positive and practicing these same safety measures. Work hard to continue to support (be smart, be creative) local businesses and their families, as this time will be especially difficult for them.

We will continue to closely monitor this evolving situation and will adapt our response as appropriate. We have planned over the past days and weeks, with expert guidance, for this scenario. Over the next several weeks we might all suffer some inconveniences. I have always admired the compassion and faith of our great county, and know in the end we will be stronger as a community as this passes. And we know, this too shall pass.

Again, I want to emphasize, this was not unexpected. We are prepared and are working closely with the TDH and all agencies of government at all levels to minimize the impact on the residents of Gibson County. That has been and continues to be our primary concern. We will get through this together.

Individuals with specific questions about the coronavirus can call the TDH Information Line at 877-857-2945. If you need me, or if I can provide any measure of support to you, please contact our office at 731-686-3301. I will work hard to keep you informed, advised, and most importantly, safe.

Mayor BW Beasley

- Milan City Hall will be closing today, March 20, at noon. Employees will be working from home. Please continue to call 731-686-3301 for assistance. Keep monitoring our Social Media for updates.

Just as we come together for our football games, band competitions and all of our purple and white events, it's time to bring that same spirit to protect our community from this coronavirus. Please adhere to the public health department guidelines and limit your travel, apply social distancing, wash your hands frequently and stay home and isolate yourself and family as much as possible.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone to be safe, be calm and be responsible.

Mayor Beasley