

Fellow City of Lawrence Team Members:

Rapidly, we have become part of an unprecedented world-wide health event. As public servants, we are part of a system of critical service providers who are called to keep the people of our community healthy and safe. All indications are that a substantial and prolonged effort will be required for our—and all communities—to have the best possible outcomes from the impact of the coronavirus (Covid-19).

We have been working for the past several days in close coordination with other community partners, county, state and federal agencies to respond with the very best information and preparations to serve and protect our community. Success is highly dependent on you. Regardless of your role, your dedication and professionalism is critical for us to deliver new and different services during this event while also keeping our regular and vital services functioning consistently and reliably.

Integral to this, and at the core of our organizational values, is that we take care of each other and our families so that we can continue providing great service for our community. It is likely that even with best practices some of you and your family members may become sick. We are providing extra support to help you make good decisions so you can take care of yourselves and your family. We must do everything we can to reduce the spread of this virus so that we have adequate staffing to perform the critical services on which our community depends.

I hope you will use the resources we have allocated as you need them and I know that you will also be driven to show what the City of Lawrence and our team is all about when put to the test. We will continue to communicate and make further modifications and allocations as this situation evolves. We encourage you to stay in communication with your supervisors and leadership to let us know what needs you encounter and how we can help.

Thank you for your Character, Competence, Courage, Collaboration and Commitment! Take care of yourselves, each other and our community. When this concludes, I know we will be proud of our response and the results.

Sincerely,
Craig