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To:	"slhofferber@gmail.com"
Cc:	Chris Connally; Debra Bradley; Mary Robertson
Subject:	RE: Covid19
Date:	Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:53:11 AM

Steve – by copy I will ask Debra, the Chief, and Mary if we can produce periodic community updates as you suggest – THANKS, Bill

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From: slhofferber@gmail.com <slhofferber@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:50 AM
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Subject: Re: Covid19

Thanks for the reply. I am not saying that you should not consult with Council...in private, consistent with the Sunshine law. But I do not think it is helpful for PJ to be postulating about whether people should be wearing masks and other inaccurate comments that were made during the worksession.

The point of Dr. Birx's comment was not just that you should make data driven decisions...but that you need to share that data with the community. That is not happening here. The Health Department shares what Mosaic tells them, but doesn't put out a single number for testing in the community. I don't recall ever having seen any information from the Health Department about the number of hospitalizations...a key number you are relying on. I also think tracking emergency room visits would be useful, although I don't know if they categorize them based on the underlying reason for the visit. But, I've seen ten posts recently by Mosaic ER doctors expressing concerns about the increase in number of ER visits by people who had previously tested positive. It is also concerning that the gentleman who passed away did so at home. Hospitalizations alone may not tell the whole story. Did he worsen suddenly, was it his choice to go home, were their financial/insurance considerations that kept him from being hospitalized? (I'm not really asking...just pointing hospitalizations alone may not be an accurate measure of serious cases.)

One thing I would urge you to consider is for you to do a periodic update to the community. Jefferson County, MO does one three times a week, for 15 minutes. The work sessions (partly because of zoom and partly because people are arguing their positions and not always being cautious with facts) are not helpful, IMO, in sending a clear, informative message to the community.

Sent from my iPad

> On May 7, 2020, at 11:32 AM, Bill McMurray <bmcmurray@stjoemo.org> wrote:
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> Steve – I'm sure you've read the many restrictions in the city's most recent order – as the Gov has said, we are not flipping a switch – we're just moving the dial. And, quoting the Federal Guidelines, "all vulnerable individuals should continue to shelter in

place."

We have a weekly conference call on Mondays at 3PM – that includes metrics and medical opinions from Laney, Turner, and Kammerer.

The spike in cases due to Triumph's numbers is a concern – but I'm encouraged by a decrease in the daily rise of cases – after a spike of 112 on May 4 – we experienced 28 on May 5 – and 17 on May 6.

Hospitalizations have remained low – 3-4-5-9 so far this week. If there's a precipitous spike in those numbers – we will have to add restrictions.

And the death of the Triumph employee (our community's 2nd death) is a great concern, and my heart goes out to his family.

Thanks, Bill

PS The Health Department is doing contact tracing.
PPS By involving the council (and others) I am striving for collaboration – not diffusion – I would appreciate your collaboration, which does not always mean your agreement (and that's ok)!

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On April 21st, Dr. Birx made the following statement at the Coronavirus Task Force briefing.

"I think what I've been trying to communicate over the last several days, is it's really important that the governors and mayors communicate critical information to their communities and show very clearly the data."

At your meeting last week, we heard a lot of opinions and speculation...but not much data...and no explanation of what data the decision to reopen was based on. Obviously, with the initial batch of Triumph testing having been released just before your meeting, the decision to proceed with "reopening" the City seems not to have

been based on any data available to the public. I hope that, today, you will make a point of clearly explaining the data you are relying on to make your decisions AND ensure that the City is making that data readily available to residents...not relying on press releases from Mosaic or periodic news stories.

I also continue to believe that a Council worksession to discuss what to do is unnecessary and unwise. With some of the uninformed comments made last week, it certainly did not send a clear message to the public. I'd rather see the Mayor (although I disagreed with his position) simply make the decision and communicate it, complete with valid and pertinent data, in an address to the City. The attempt to diffuse the blame to other councilmembers doesn't change the fact that the Mayor...and the Mayor alone...has the authority to declare an emergency and issue the orders to address that emergency.

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