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We want to thank you for all you have done and weathered during Pandemic COVID-19. These unprecedented times have created unparalleled challenges our country and state have not seen in decades. So much about our day to day routines have been altered. This can be frustrating as well as disappointing. We acknowledge these challenges and share similar feelings as we experience them too.

As the weather warms, graduations occur, and holidays appear on the calendar it is important to note several things:

- COVID-19 is still circulating in our community.
- Gatherings over 10 people are discouraged. Large groups increase the risk of spread.
- The need to be cautious and follow common sense guidance still persists.

Please make sure your Spring and Summer plans include:

- Frequent hand hygiene
- Stay home if you are unwell
- Maintain a 6-foot distance from others when out of your home
- Wear a mask if you can, as it is also for the protection of others
- Do not hold gatherings of more than 10 people until further notice

Although we are relieved new cases have stabilized so Governor DeWine and Dr. Acton can initiate a phased re-opening for the State of Ohio, the pandemic is not over yet. In other countries that have re-opened ahead of us, they have seen an increase in cases. In order to keep our case count low and protect each other, we ask you to be mindful of those who are most at risk for getting COVID-19 and having severe outcomes. Do the things you can to protect those people as well as yourself. Through these challenging times we are provided an opportunity to take the right actions and help each other. We want to see our economy comeback, not the virus.

By following these guidelines, we can continue to have success in limiting spread of COVID-19 and make sure that as many as possible can enjoy the beautiful months of Spring and Summer in Kent. Thank you again for all your prior and continued support of these important measures. We are stronger working together.

Stay Healthy,

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