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Dear Community,

Just a brief message today. I just spent the last five hours interviewing four candidates for City Administrator, and I am exhausted! I am tempted to ask for a pass today, but instead I will just be brief.

The State has been getting some good news, in that it appears that our efforts to distance ourselves is working. Not enough to stop, just enough to say, “time to double down and continue”. The tricky part is to let people know any positives, but not in a way that causes a let up. It is NOT that we are near the end. It is NOT that cases are not growing. It is just that the cases are growing less quickly, not exponentially. But we are a ways before the line begins to drop. So, hang in there.

Someone asked me how many cases we are at. The Chelan-Douglas Health District releases data daily to inform us of what they are seeing in the two-county region. Today we can learn that there has been one new positive test for the coronavirus in our county since yesterday. There have been none in Douglas. There have been a total to date of 17 positive cases in Chelan County and 5 in Douglas. There have been two deaths in Chelan County. How many in Leavenworth specifically? I can't tell you that. They no longer release their statistics by community. And I get why. They do not want people to either feel a false sense of security, nor do they want to generate panic. And one other reality is this: we are a small community. If someone is listed as a 24 year old male from Leavenworth, there is a good chance that eventually that person would be able to be identified. What is the benefit to that? Does it change anything? If they are positive, they will either quarantine themselves, or be hospitalized, depending on the severity. The rest of us should continue just as we would without that information. Taking care, being cautious, limiting our contacts, and celebrating our community as best we can.

I'm tired. I'm going to go home and put my feet up and have a drink.... (and let you guess what is in that drink). Keep safe, keep caring. We will get through this!



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