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Rantoul Citizens

First of all, I want to acknowledge to the resident of Rantoul how proud I am of your positive response to the Stay at Home order. I have observed the kindness, generosity, and thoughtfulness of our residents to others throughout this community. This past week I personally witnessed someone delivering grocery items to a shut-in resident. Social distancing was observed.

Your church organization are reaching out and volunteering to assist our residents, schools are continuing to provided meals for grade school and RTHS students.

The Rantoul community service center is still providing food on a curbside pickup basis. We truly are coming together to defend against the COVID-19 virus.

Needless to say, the information about the virus keeps changing each day.

Here are the latest updates that we have.

Yesterday at the close of business Illinois has 330 new cases of coronavirus bringing the total to 1,865 in 35 counties in Illinois. Illinois has a total of 101 counties.

The filing date for your Illinois State Taxes and payment dates have been extended to July 15, 2020.

Also announced yesterday is the creation of a new Emergency Small Business Assistance program. This program is designed to provide \$90 million in loans and grants to small businesses throughout the state. Information about this program can be found at the iml.org/COVID website.

Here are a few questions that have been ask.

1. **Is this Stay at Home order mandatory?** The order is mandatory. The order will help to prevent further spreading of the COVID-19 VIRUS. However, the order is voluntary compliance.
2. **Can I take my child to daycare?** If you are considered an essential worker under the order, you can take your child to a day care that is licensed on an emergency basis for the purpose of childcare for essential workers.
3. **Can I pick up meals being provided by my child's school?** Yes. Schools that provide free food services to students will continue on a pick-up and take-home basis.
4. **Can I visit friends and family?** For your safety, as well as the safety of those in your community, you should remain at home to help fight the spread of COVID-19. You may visit family members or friends who need medical or other essential assistance, such as ensuring adequate supply of food or medicine. We encourage you to practice social distancing during these interactions.
5. **What about funeral services?** Funeral, mortuary, and related services are designated as essential business and operations. All funeral services, including those with more than 10 attendees, must ensure adequate social distancing.

We plan to continue to keep you informed as this situation moves forward. Remember, our job is to protect each other. If you are sick or not feeling well please do not socialize. Take all precautionary measure to reduce the spread of this disease.