To the citizens of Stayton,

During these challenging times, we wanted our community to know we’re here and working hard to ensure necessary services and support continue for the city. We know many of you are concerned about the impact COVID-19 is having, and continues to have, on our daily lives. These are unprecedented times, but we’ve witnessed so much compassion and consideration of our neighbors-in-need as these events have unfolded. We’re confident in our community, this city’s employees and leadership, and the people of Stayton.

We know information changes frequently and we’re aware there’s a lot of misinformation out there. That’s why it’s incredibly important that we remain calm and make fact-based decisions using credible sources like the Santiam Hospital website, the Oregon Health Authority, World Health Organization, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Finally, we know that social distancing works. We ask that you all continue to use social distancing as a means of preventing and slowing the spread of the virus. Please continue to find ways to increase the distance between people where they commonly come into close contact (within 6 feet) with one another and, as much as possible, avoid any/all gatherings of people.

Other ways we can do our part to prevent further spread:

- Wash your hands often for 20 seconds. Soap does kill the virus.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with elbow or tissue.
- Frequently clean and disinfect common areas, surfaces, and objects.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and practice social distancing.
- Check in on those at-risk, but do so from an appropriate distance.
- If you’re sick, stay home and avoid close contact with others.
- Frequently clean and disinfect common areas, surfaces, and objects.

To keep yourselves informed, links to these and other websites can be found on the City of Stayton’s Facebook page (www.facebook.com/CityofStayton) and public website (www.staytonoregon.gov/page/stayton_public_health_info).

If you have personal protective equipment in its original packaging, please consider donating it to our Hospital by contacting them via email at: giving@santiamhospital.org.

If you think you have the symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19), please get a hold of Santiam Hospital’s COVID-19 Help Line at (503) 769-1999. Do not wait until you are severely ill to seek medical care as this virus progresses quickly.

Thank you for all that you do for each other and for this city. Take care of yourselves and your families and stay healthy. We will get through this. We will prevail.

Sincerely,

Mayor Porter and City Council