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Good morning all...

As the days go by, the availability of accurate, timely virus-related information will ebb and flow since this pandemic situation is so fluid. It's quite possible, for example, that what's stated by a responsible authority is overtaken by events and no longer accurate hours later.

Or, discussions are had, proposals considered, etc., but no immediate action is taken... perhaps no action is taken at all!

For example: [Twenty-four curfew...](#) Rumor of fact? [Read Mayor Gilich's take on the topic](#) after rumors became rampant on social media in the last day or so.

However, bear in mind that what may have been unthinkable weeks or days ago could become the new norm. Either way, I firmly believe that the city administration and council strive to act in the interest of all Biloxians. And while you may agree or disagree, we act on the best information available at the time. As philosopher Friedrich Von Schlegel observed, *The historian is a prophet looking backwards.*

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**CORONAVIRUS [COVID-19]**

The risk of getting COVID-19 in the U.S. is low.

The Coronavirus is spread mainly from person-to-person through close contact (within 6 feet), and droplets that may be inhaled when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It can also be spread by touching a surface that has the virus on it and then touching your mouth, nose or eyes.

**Symptoms:** Symptoms may appear between 2 & 14 days after exposure.

- FEVER
- COUGH
- SHORTNESS OF BREATH

Seek medical advice if you have traveled abroad in the past 14 days and feel sick. Call ahead before you go to alert them of your recent travel and symptoms.

**What you can do:**

- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects.

**Facemasks:**

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask.
- Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others.
- Facemasks are helpful for healthcare workers and people caring for an infected person in a close setting.

Visit [cdc.gov/COVID19](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19) for the most current information.

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Be safe,  
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