Dear Friends, Neighbors, and Fellow Layton City Residents,

Here is today’s update:

EARTHQUAKE

Following up from yesterday’s report, we are very pleased to say that after completing our inspections there was no noteworthy damage to any of the City’s facilities and its infrastructure. However, if you notice something out of the ordinary, please call.

Our top earthquake related emergency calls were for natural gas leaks associated with water heaters. If a water heater is not strapped or secured, it could tip over, causing a leak in the gas supply line. Please take the time to make the simple fix of strapping or otherwise securing your water heater. Kits are available at hardware stores, are inexpensive, and easy to install.

If you had items that fell during the quake, come up with a way to secure them to prevent future damage or injuries – a big screen falling from a stand is a real danger. And how are those 72-hour kits coming? Again, there are plenty of resources for these and other important preparation projects.

COVID-19

It appears compliance with the National, State and Davis County Health Department’s Public Health Order is occurring and we thank you for your cooperation. There have been no COVID-19 cases in Davis County, as our count of infected persons remains at six. That is great news and it is because of your cooperation and the precautions we are taking. So keep washing those hands, keep that distance, and keep staying home when ill. Everyone is successful when we all do our part!

As we have reached a more stabilized stage with this virus, and the necessary and important information has been disseminated, we will begin providing these updates on an “as needed” basis only. But please, do not ease up on your vigilance!

If you would like to monitor the most current information, please go to the Utah Department of Health’s website, https://health.utah.gov. This site contains a link to the Center for Disease Control for those that would like to view the national information.
Again, we thank you for your cooperation with the guidelines and regulations. It is working!

Respectfully yours,

Mayor Joy Petro
Councilmember Zach Bloxham
Councilmember Tom Day
Councilmember Dawn Fitzpatrick
Councilmember Clint Morris
Councilmember Dave Thomas
Dear Friends, Neighbors, and Fellow Layton City Residents,

Here is an update for today:

EARTHQUAKE

Mother Nature decided to give variety to our updates! This is an opportunity for us to tell you that the City has an extensive emergency operation plan in place. As soon as the earthquake struck, City staff activated their respective protocols. We knew within minutes the condition of the City’s structures, and then inspections of our critical infrastructure were conducted. That includes hospitals, water tanks, reservoirs, utility delivery systems, etc. Those were all found to be in good conditions and no interruptions were experienced. Continued aftershocks are expected, but should not be worrisome.

On a related note, how is your emergency operation plan? If you want a “check-up”, please go to Utah.gov/beready for some great information on being prepared.

An area of disappointment was in the misinformation and rumors that were spread, particularly over social media. This is a great reminder to ensure you are receiving information from reliable sources and that you don’t pass on speculative, alarmist, or other unfounded messages.

COVID-19

The Davis County Health Department issued a Public Health Order and declared an emergency as a part of its enforcement mechanisms. Both of those documents can be reviewed on the Davis County Health Department’s website, daviscountyutah.gov. The main issues addressed were the prohibition of “dine-in” options at restaurants (but please support these businesses with drive-through or pick-up patronage); gatherings of over ten (10) people are prohibited (with an exemption for businesses, but their employees should still comply with the social distancing – the six foot rule); and individuals should practice social distancing and limit discretionary travel.

Your cooperation with these regulations has been important in assisting the professionals in preventing the spread of the virus. Please keep it up!

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Dear Friends, Neighbors, and Fellow Layton City Residents,

Here is what is new for today:

GOVERNORS CONFERENCE WITH LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS TODAY:

First and foremost, Layton City is open for business, our emergency services, essential services are all here. City Council meeting will be Thursday (please join us by video on Channel 17 and Live-Streaming) and Planning Commission meeting will be next Tuesday as usual. Large meetings, along with sports and recreation events, have been cancelled until notified otherwise.

Today Governor Herbert met via tele-conference with almost 400 locally elected officials to update the Cities and Counties. Here is the focus of the State on the current situation:

SOCIAL AND PEOPLE NEWS

Testing Kits – Our hospitals are testing for the virus. A Utah company has successfully developed a testing kit and has started to mass produce them. The problem is a lack of the chemical that is needed to read the results. The State is working to increase the supply so that a large number of tests can be performed daily with prompt results. Testing are fast results are key to containing the virus as well as preventing the overwhelming of our hospitals and health facilities.

Normal Lives – 80% of those infected will have very mild symptoms. 20% will have more serious symptoms. Grocery stores will remain open and have plenty to supply our needs. Water is abundant and Layton’s water is fantastic. It is springtime and there are plenty of outdoor activities to do that are consistent with the separation, cleaning, and staying healthy guidelines.

Keep up the good work - Spray touched surfaces, wash hands, keep the proper distance from others, and stay at home when sick.

Travel – Restrict discretionary travel as much as possible.

Assisted Living facilities and Facilities for the Elderly – Please visit by phone or other means. These are our most vulnerable folks.

ECONOMIC NEWS

Small Businesses – Those small businesses adversely effected by the economic impact of the virus – All Counties in the State of Utah have been approved for SBA assistance. For more information get on line at: https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19

Individuals out of work – Those individuals out of work because of the economic impact of the virus, please look at your eligibility for assistance at: See https://jobs.utah.gov/covid19/index.html
**Banks and Stimulus packages** – these issues will be discussed Thursday, as the Governor and Lt. Governor plan to brief City and County officials twice a week on key issues surrounding the virus.

**Restaurants and Bars** - No restaurant closures in Layton City. Our restaurants are taking great measures to ensure the recommended guidelines are being met. The Davis County Health Department will give an order if additional restrictions are required.

**Support our local businesses** – Our businesses are not closed and they can accommodate our needs. Some have offered pickup and curb side delivery. By supporting our businesses, we help each other through this crisis.

Thank you again for remaining attentive.

Respectfully yours,

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Councilmember Zach Bloxham  
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Dear Friends, Neighbors, and Fellow Layton City Residents,

First, we want to thank you for your understanding and cooperation with the measures that have been taken and recommended. While we are striving to maintain life as normal as possible, adjustments will continue as we seek for that balance between protective and regular activities. After reviewing the latest information from the health and medical professionals, we have determined to suspend our current recreation programs until further notice. Please note that we have also determined to close Surf-n-Swim and the Heritage Museum for the time being. These are simply precautionary measures, as no illnesses have been reported.

To see whether functions, activities, or gatherings have been cancelled, postponed, or are proceeding as scheduled, please check our social media sites and our community calendar.

Again, all essential services will continue. And to limit exposures, which would have the potential of having to reduce services, we are requesting that you conduct your business with the City over the telephone or on-line. But please know, we are open for business and ready to serve.

As a reminder, there is a drive-through testing facility at the Davis Hospital and Medical Center. Please be aware, that is only for those with a physician referral.

Your City is committed to the community and will continue emergency and daily operations during the COVID-19 outbreak. We express our gratitude for your cooperation as we face this challenge as a community.

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March 13, 2020

Dear Friends, Neighbors, and Fellow Layton City Residents,

As you are aware the State of Utah has now been impacted directly by the coronavirus. There has been valuable information provided as to the steps taken by a variety of agencies who have the responsibility to take the lead on these issues. We wanted to share with you the importance of applying that information for your personal health, the health of your family, friends and the community.

Please know that Layton City has emergency management policies and procedures in place to address the coronavirus or COVID-19 virus, or other similar situations. The Mayor, Council Members, Administration, and City Personnel are prepared, and are taking the necessary actions to ensure the maintenance of daily operations, with the priority being public health and safety.

Please be assured that we do not anticipate any interruption of essential city services, and we will provide notice if any needed changes arise. Our Police and Fire Departments will continue to put public safety as the top priority. As you would expect, we will be taking precautionary measures to ensure the health and safety of the community and our employees.

If you have symptoms, have a history of possible exposure, or are part of a vulnerable population, we request that you be considerate of others, and take additional protective measures. As with our employees, we ask each of our citizens and visitors to respect our efforts and follow the hygiene efforts listed below to combat this and many other viral threats.

It is of paramount importance that citizens be educated and proactive in measures that can slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Key public prevention measures include:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water (the 20-second rule) or alcohol-based hand rub
- Avoid close contact with anyone who is experiencing flu-like symptoms
- Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing, preferably with a tissue, then dispose of it
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose, and eyes
- If you are experiencing symptoms, stay home
- We recommend and encourage residents to practice social distancing to reduce the potential spreading of the virus
- We recommend and encourage residents to opt out of attending large mass gatherings of over 100 people

It is critically important that residents use 911 for emergencies only. If you develop a cough, fever, or difficulty breathing and have traveled recently to an area with a widespread outbreak of COVID-19, you should consult the CDC’s guidance for travelers, which is regularly updated as the situation changes. Likewise, you are
encouraged to reach out to your primary care provider or local clinic directly, as these symptoms do not warrant a response by 911 emergency services.

To avoid the potential of having to limit services, we are requesting that if you can conduct your business with the City over the telephone or on-line, that you do so. But please know, we are open for business and ready to serve.

To see whether functions, activities, or gatherings have been cancelled, postponed, or are proceeding as scheduled, please check our social media sites and our community calendar.

If you have questions about COVID-19 the Utah Department of Health has established a hotline at 1-800-456-7707 and has information on its website, coronavirus.utah.gov.

Additionally, the experts at the Davis County Health Department have asked that community members reference www.cdc.gov for information. Layton City has a link to the CDC and Davis County Health Department for updates, which you can find here.

We can assure you that we will continue to respond to your emergencies and continue daily operations for our residents and businesses. Your City is committed to the community and will continue operations during the COVID-19 outbreak. We express our gratitude for your cooperation as we face this challenge as a community.

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