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!

Respectfully yours,

Mayor Joy Petro  
Councilmember Zach Bloxham  
Councilmember Tom Day  
Councilmember Dawn Fitzpatrick  
Councilmember Clint Morris  
Councilmember Dave Thomas