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PRESS RELEASE

Today is April 3, 2020 and this is a 1:00 update. I appreciate your efforts in social distancing and abiding by the Executive Order 22; however, as many of you know, that has not been enough.

Yesterday evening, Governor Bill Lee issued Executive Order 23.

Executive Order 23 amended Order 22 and now requires that non-essential businesses close or not operate and non-essential employees stay at home.

Executive Order 23 did not change any essential services.

As one can see, each Executive Order that has been put in place comes with more restrictions which reflects the seriousness of this pandemic.

Let's hope and pray this pandemic is over soon, but just as important, let's do our part to reduce the exposure to Covid-19.

Here is what has happened since last Friday:

1. The National Guard service has set their medics at Health Departments across the state.
2. The Army Corp of Engineers have begun evaluations of potential alternative medical sites, potentially 7,000 beds in the four (4) major cities.
3. Roane County Emergency Management Office, along with the Harriman City Mayor, have shown Tennessee Emergency Management the old Harriman Hospital as a potential site.
4. Planning is taking place to do more, if the current operational infrastructure fails, but no one wants our medical system to be overwhelmed because we did not do our part.

Stay Calm, Stay safe and Stay home. Do only what is essential.

Information about Covid-19 can be found on the county website at www.roanecountytn.gov

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