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## PRESS RELEASE

Today is Friday, April 24 and this is a 12:00 update. Throughout these past weeks and months, we have all been flooded with tons of data and information from changes and adoptions of new laws and guidelines from the CDC and from many medical experts. From the President, Governors, and local leaders we sort through publications and hear recommendations as Executive Orders are put into place and laws are adopted. I have intentionally said “laws” a number of times for a particular reason.

A good friend of mine, Lee Cates, sent me this quote this very morning. Anthony Trollope said this. “The law is a great thing, because men are poor, weak, and bad. And it is great because where it exists in strength; no tryout can be above it. However, between you and me, there should be no mention of law as the guide of conduct. Speak to me of honor, duty, and of nobility and tell me what they require of you.”

We are given a new opportunity as we phase in our operations and openings.

Your business and organization should develop plans that protect your customers and employees. Guidance is given by the CDC, Governor, and your local associations. Do more than the guidance.

Let’s be respectful of each other, but more important, let’s be responsible.

Take extra precautions as necessary:

- Masks/Face Coverings
- Gloves
- Hand Sanitizer

We do not want to have another shutdown or quarantine.

At 10:00am, the Governor gave a media briefing regarding services to be open, but will continue to have close contact services closed, such as salons and barbershops.

This briefing is available on the Governor’s website.

Tests are available at the RSCC Oak Ridge Campus from 9:00-4:00 pm or at the Roane County Health Department Monday through Friday.

Over the last several days, Roane County has remained at one (1) active case, but anticipates a few more, due to the 900 test administered this past Sunday at Roane State Community College in Harriman and 600 test administered this past Saturday in Oak Ridge.

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