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PRESS RELEASE

Today is Thursday, July 23rd and this is a 3:30 update. Before I talk about Covid-19, I will briefly talk about the current voting opportunities and the U.S. Census.

First, early voting is currently available until Saturday, August 1st, so we have eight (8) days left for early voting. Early voting runs Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm and Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm.

Voting locations for early voting are as follows:

- Rockwood Community Center
- Harriman Community Center
- Kingston Community Center
- First Christian Church in Oak Ridge

Election day is August 6th from 8 am to 8 pm at various locations.

Second, if you have not completed the U.S. Census, please do so. Completing the Census online or via mail can help reduce the cost of hiring employees to knock on doors. I know from experience, as I worked the 1980 Census. The last group of Census workers knocked on doors and drew maps of the houses which had not completed the Census. Let's reduce the cost of the Census by completing our forms online or by U.S. mail.

Now, on to the Covid-19 update. I think it's safe to say the majority of people who have tested positive have no symptoms. The majority of those that have symptoms are mild and short duration. However, some who are positive suffer dearly and for a longer duration. I do not want you to be in this category. Some individuals will die from the disease and I don't want that to happen to you either.

I hope and pray you don't want anyone in these last two categories either so;

- Cover your face.
- Social distance
- If you have symptoms, call your primary care physician
- Self-isolate
- Protect your family and others.

I am going to give our numbers a little different today. As of July 21st, we had 75 active cases. As of today, July 23rd, we have 111 active cases. We need to continue to practice good hygiene and wear our face coverings/masks.

Keep in touch. We anticipate our numbers to continue to rise for a number of reasons, but let's continue to do what we can to protect each other. God bless Roane County, our State, and our Nation.

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