Community is our business. That is our recently adopted city motto. The word community has much to do about what is in common. The interest of all who share common space and the desire to make it the best that it can be is what we all strive toward. The challenges of this time highlight how we should be helping each other in our community.

We know that you have all made great sacrifices over the past several months to protect ourselves, our loved ones and neighbors. We wish that it were behind us, but it has become all too obvious that it is not. We collectively need to look outside of our immediate area and realize that we are not that far removed from trends that are happening all around us. The CDC has made simple, science based recommendations that may or may not have been widely observed. As responsible citizens of Fort Thomas please do these simple things to help avoid the consequences of unintended spread.

- Social distance. Keep at least six feet of space between yourself and others while outside of your home. Get out there and take walks, but please do so safely.
- Wear a mask anytime you are out in public and interacting with others.
- Wash hands and sanitize frequently. You have heard this before, but it's proven to be effective.
- Consider testing. It has become more widely available and asymptomatic spreading may be avoided.

Please, let's all work together with a common goal of getting through these challenging times while looking out for one and other. The end goal is to stay healthy and come out the other side with the least possible amount of damage to our physical and economic health.

Thank you all for your consideration and cooperation. Together, we can do this for our community.