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Citizens of Wilson County;

Nothing has changed with the coronavirus, except the numbers are getting higher. And if this was not expected, then we are only fooling ourselves. You can lockdown, shutdown, closedown, hide in the closet, or stick your head in the sand, whatever it takes to shield yourself from COVID-19. But remember, until there is a vaccine, it will be there when you come back out. You can always get one expert to contradict another expert and keep this up until you get the answer you want. Facts are, we are going to have to practice the CDC social distancing guidelines to protect ourselves and our vulnerable friends and relatives until a vaccine is available.

Schools are in the process of starting back up and there is as much disagreement with how this should be done as there is with people wearing masks. Should classroom instruction be provided, should instructions be done virtually, or should there be hybrid classes? Even though, two things are needed, children need a good education in a structured environment with interaction of other children and they need to be kept as safely as possible both in health and against violence and brutality. I guarantee there is no easy answer for this.

The world did not stop turning when the coronavirus hit. We are going to have to learn to adjust our lifestyles to cope with this major inconvenience. Another shutdown will not stop the virus, but it will have a negative effect on many people and the economy. We should hope for the FDA to accelerate approval of a vaccine and a quick distribution nationwide. Until then we are going to have to rely on each other to get through this.

The suggestion or imposition of wearing face covering is not intended as a violation of your personal rights, it is for the protection of the most vulnerable people who have to be in the public for everyday essentials. If you know someone that is self-isolated and is uncomfortable going into the public, reach out to them and offer your assistance. This will lessen their exposure keeping them safer and more content not having to get out in the public. Be kind, caring, compassionate, and accommodating. It is who we are as Americans. Remember we are all in this together.

If you are uncomfortable being in the public, stay home, remember take care of yourself. Stay home, stay safe, and if you get out remember the CDC social distancing guidelines.

God Bless America!

Wilson County Judge .

Richard L. Jackson