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Greetings from your Executive Director:

Just a few quick notes for you today. I will start with this story and in all of the COVID stories and impacts dominating everything right now- it is worth a read. Dr. Fauci has been consistent, informative, and transparent. He has been consistent with his transparent and balanced messages. He notes that the aggressive actions, like those taken this week in our area, are necessary, and also says that things need to be proportionate based on regions. This is important stuff.

As leaders, in this disruptive and rapidly changing crisis we need to communicate very strongly.

- This is a big deal, but we will get through it
- The incredibly disruptive changes are all aimed at slowing down the spread, and that can make a huge difference for how we can handle this. This has already been shown by the experience of other countries
- The emergency declaration today is a good thing- it means we can "kick in" more resources for handling this

The last week has seen so much change and rapid disruption it knocks us all off balance. Focusing on these messages can be helpful, for all of us.

Also- I am attaching the updates "Suggestions for Jails" from Dr. Stern, and also the media release of the national law enforcement organizations that are supporting the declaration of the emergency.

Thanks for all you do-

Work Hard- Have Fun- Stay Safe

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