



To: Oelwein Community Members

From: Mayor Brett DeVore

Subject: Mask Up Oelwein

Date: 11/23/2020

The pandemic is now in Iowa and is spreading in the community of Oelwein. I am writing to our community members to encourage them to wear mask. This selfless act can help our community limit the spread of COVID-19. We should all want to help those that are most vulnerable to this disease. The Governor of Iowa has set out new restrictions on November 18 and I encourage all Oelwein community members to follow those restrictions.

We must also listen to our local board of health for Fayette County

The COVID-19 pandemic has breached emergency levels in Fayette County. Cases are surging, hospital capacity and staffing levels are stressed, and patients are losing their battle against the virus.

The crisis is here and will worsen if we all do not act to control the spread.

What is at risk if we do not act now?

Preventable deaths

Depleted beds and staff to care for people who need immediate care

Postponed or canceled important surgeries and appointments

Continued economic impact on locally owned businesses

Continued school closures

How can you help?

Do not gather with anyone who does not live in your household, including over the holidays

Wear a face mask whenever you are outside of your household, especially indoors

Socially distance, remaining 6 feet or more from others, when you are out in public

Encourage extended family members, friends, and neighbors to follow these safety measures

We are counting on you and our community during this critical time

If we all do our part during this pandemic, we can help save lives. I encourage all community members to mask up.

Thank you.