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KLPD community,

What a difference a week makes. I'd say that's an understatement. There are several functions of my position that fall into the 'other duties as assigned' category. Crisis management has been one of those asterisks for over a decade. Each one is a challenge and a learning experience rolled into one. Communication with the community that I am charged to serve is very important, and yes I do it a little differently. Former crises (floods, blizzards) have stopped at the boundary of the Towns that I have served. Ice storms and power outages stop with our direct and indirect customers. In four York County communities. That's the challenge with this event. The spread of a virus knows no borders. It's only challenge is to spread. *"Growth for the sake of growth!"* as author Edward Abbey would say.

I can implement measures in an effort to keep myself, my family and KLPD's employees and families healthy. I can advise the Board and all of you. I must keep up on the latest from several different sectors to stay current on those measures. And those measures have already changed a few times this week. I'm sure my kids have posted on their social media platforms what they think of my tactic. (You folks get an occasional newsletter, they live with me.)

I cannot stop this virus from spreading in our community. We, collectively as a community, can effectively shorten the duration of this disruption in our lives. The better we do, the poorer the virus does. Simple as that.

Please do what you can. Maintain distances, stay up to date. Spread the facts, not the virus. (Eye roll I'm sure.) Validate what you hear from so and so. Don't pass along hearsay if you cannot verify it. If you can verify the information, pass it on if it is helpful.

Coronavirus.gov is a good start.

To me there is the feeling of the day after Labor Day out there. I'm sure that means so many different things to each and every one of you in the KLPD community. The sun is out and it is spring. I'd recommend keeping your distances and going out to enjoy it.

Have a healthy weekend and keep your circles tight.

Todd