CodeRED Message from Mayor Jay Donecker Regarding COVID-19 – August 23, 2020

Hello Reidsville citizens, this is Mayor Jay Donecker calling you with our twice-monthly COVID-19 update. Rockingham County has had 685 positive test results for COVID-19, including 12 deaths, 18 hospitalized patients, 3 who were asymptomatic, 228 at home/recovering, and the remaining 425 were classified as recovered. This represents a 50% increase in those hospitalized and those who have died. Since our last call, schools are now open. We can all agree about the important need to balance our public safety and education of our children so please continue using the 3 Ws and utilize public Wi-Fi locations in Reidsville as needed.

Please continue the 3 Ws if you leave home as these actions are key to limit infections and returning to in person teaching for Rockingham County schools:

- Wear a cloth mask over your nose and mouth.
- Wait 6 feet apart and avoid close contact
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use a hand sanitizer.

If we all would follow this advice when in public, less people would become infected and more people would feel safe doing their shopping and daily errands. This would help tremendously in getting our local economy back on track.

Also, I have 2 public service announcements. First, now is the time to be vaccinated for seasonal flu. Second, the Moderna COVID vaccine trial is enrolling volunteers.   A diverse group of older volunteers is needed to accurately represent our community. Non-white and those older than 65 years of age are especially needed. If you are interested, please call 336-713-7888 to see if you qualify to be enrolled.

Finally, please remember to complete your 2020 Census form by mailing, internet, telephone, or calling City Hall for general assistance.

Our next call will be on Sunday, September 6th over Labor Day Weekend. And always remember, we are Team Reidsville, wear a mask when in public and together we will get safely through this pandemic.