



## COUNTY OF WILSON

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Citizens of Wilson County;

I'm bored, are we there yet, or how much longer 'til we get there, has anyone ever heard any of these sayings. If you have ever taken a trip with small children, then you more than likely have heard one of these sayings or all of them. Dealing with COVID-19 is something like traveling with a child, you know you are going to get there but it won't be soon enough. I would love to know the date there will be a vaccine available and when after that we could relax our use of the CDC social distancing guidelines. This has gotten to be very political, in a year of politics. For some reason I feel that November 4<sup>th</sup> will be the beginning of prevention and cure of COVID-19.

Through all of the aggravation and concern about having to wear facial covering and social distance, something is working because our numbers are down. Let's remember before Memorial Day our numbers were starting down and the Governor started opening the state back up and the number of cases went up drastically. I don't want this to happen again. Possibly this decline could be the remission of the disease similar to the containment of SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome). SARS Started in **China** (imagine that) in 2002 spread to 29 other countries and was ultimately contained by using traditional public health measures, such as testing, isolating patients and screening people traveling or that were in places where the disease might have spread, and yes masks were worn. No cases of SARS-Co-V have been reported since 2004\* this scenario might be what you call wishful thinking, but if it comes true it would be a blessing.

The Spanish Flu was prevalent from 1917 thru 1919, SARS from 2002 thru 2004, MERS (Camel Flu) 2012 thru 2013, and COVID-19 2019 thru present. Let's pray this is the beginning of the end for COVID-19. We should be patient, take measures to help stop the spread of the disease, and for now abide by the CDC social distancing guidelines. The strategy is simple, if sick people can be stopped from infecting healthy people, the disease will eventually die off.

If everyone does their part by infected people staying away from healthy people, and healthy people avoiding exposure to infected people, we can stop the spread. In today's society it is almost impossible not to have contact with other people, so it is back to wearing masks and social distancing to avoid being infected. The sooner we kill off this virus the sooner we can get back to normal. Stay home, stay safe and may God Bless Wilson County.

Wilson County Judge

Richard L. Jackson

\*source Wikipedia