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Dear Residents,

Today I participated in what was the first of a weekly conference call from County Officials and other Local Municipal Leaders. The conference call was informative and reassuring. Our local leaders are working tirelessly around the clock to ensure the most proactive measures are being taken. Future conference calls will be facilitated by Mr. Matt Denner, SLC Emergency Services Director and Ms. Dana McGuire, SLC Public Health Director. Our goal is to provide any new or changing information regarding COVID-19 and the necessary protocols and responses our communities should adhere to. On these conference calls, Mayors, Supervisors, County Legislators & County Department Heads will be given updates and changes in the situation at hand.

The Village of Rensselaer Falls is actively involved in the ongoing concerns of the COVID-19 Virus. We are aware that the public is concerned and rightly so. We must remain virulent and positive at this time. As of right now we will be closely monitoring the situation, as it is changing daily, with guidance from the CDC, NYS DOH, St.Lawrence DOH and County Government. We are also working with our local emergency services in the event that there is a larger response needed. At this time we ask that our residents continue to practice good hygiene when it comes to hand washing and face touching. If you are sick and have reason to believe you may have been exposed to the COVID-19 Virus, please contact your health care provider and follow their instructions. We will update and provide information as it becomes available. Specific guidelines and protocols will be located on the Villages website (www.rensselaerfallsny.com) for our community to better understand and digest.

This helpful information needs be used to help mitigate the spread of this rapidly evolving Virus. You can also find updated information about COVID-19 at the following sites:

* New York State Department of Health:

www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/ or call 1-888-364-3065

* Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
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Respectfully,

Michael P. Hammond

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Village of Rensselaer Falls