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TO: Residents of Bellevue and Dayton

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RE: COVID19

With everything that is going on with Covid19 and the uncertainty of it, I wanted to take a moment to reassure you that the men and women of FDBD are still on duty 24/7 to protect the citizens of our two cities.

The fire department has changed how we are responding to certain emergencies in order to protect ourselves and our citizens. If we are dispatched for someone that could potentially be ill, we will attempt to gain as much information as possible using the “front door” approach. This means we will attempt, if possible, to use a “6 ft. social distance” to assess a scene or situation before committing our personnel to come into your residence or business. We will ask you to put on a surgical mask, and we could potentially be wearing a mask, protective eyewear and a gown. We will not delay treatment if someone is in distress. If you call 911, you will be asked some questions by the dispatcher who will then relay that information to us. This procedure WILL NOT delay our treatment to you.

There are certain things that you can do to protect yourself and limit the possibility of Covid19 exposure. First and foremost, WASH YOUR HANDS frequently. This simple act can greatly reduce any exposure risk. Also, utilize the 6 ft. social distancing rule. Covid19 is droplet-based and maintaining that distance will assist in the prevention of exposure. There are several other things that you can do on your own to potentially avoid being exposed to this illness. More information can be found on the following websites that our own department uses for guidance:

WWW.KYCOVID19.KY.GOV

WWW.CDC.GOV/CORONAVIRUS/2019-NCOV/INDEX.HTML

Or call the KY COVID19 HOTLINE: 1-800-722-5725.

The above resources are easily obtainable online or by telephone and will provide you with the most up-to-date information on this virus. This is a fluid event that is changing frequently. Do your due diligence and be informed with accurate information, and know that FDBD will be responding to all emergencies in our cities as we always have.

Respectfully,

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