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Dear Knox County residents:

I am writing to ask you to strongly consider taking the Covid-19 vaccine as soon as it is available for residents to take. I took it the first day it was available to First Responders. Not only did I take it for my own safety but also I took it to help deter the spread of Covid-19 to my loved ones, coworkers, friends and fellow citizens. I researched the facts and I consider it safe. There are studies that indicate the long-term damage to one's lungs from the Covid-19 virus may be lifelong. Many of our saddest moments are transporting loved ones to the hospital and seeing the desperation on their families faces knowing they are unable to be with them as they battle this virus. Most will recover but many do not. We all seem to know someone who has had it or died from it.

The impact of the Covid-19 virus to our community, state and country have crippled us in many ways. It has financially devastated thousands of business's and their workers. In our local community, it has also affected us. We long for a time that we can get back to normal.

I sincerely hope that you will decide to join me in taking the vaccine and hopefully we can soon get back on track and enjoy our lives again in this new year. A couple of excellent resource websites for your possible questions are the cdc.gov and coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Thank you for your time and consideration as you decide whether to take the vaccine. It is my sincerest hope that you will.

Chief Chad Christopher