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Dear Warrenville Residents:

The COVID-19 crisis we are facing is very frightening, and honestly, nothing like I have seen in my 44-year law enforcement career. At this time I'm turning to you, asking for your help to please abide by the Governor's stay-at-home Executive Order.

While it may seem harsh, please don't let your children congregate (even for what seems to be an innocent game of basketball or tag), or get together with your friends or neighbors. I know it's difficult. Warrenville is a big-hearted community, one that I have been very fortunate to be welcomed into. It's that big-hearted, small town feel that makes it difficult not to get together, visit, talk one-on-one, and be socially connected to. Unfortunately, we are dealing with a contagion that can affect all age groups, is highly contagious, potentially deadly, and is especially dangerous to our senior citizens and those that have underlying medical conditions. It is with that in mind that I'm asking each of you to please stay at home, abide by the social distancing restrictions, and be excellent neighbors - the kind of people that exemplifies all the good things that Warrenville is.

Our resources are vital, yet stretched, and this applies even more so to the medical community - the hospitals, doctors, nurses, and paramedics who treat and care for us, if unfortunately, we contract this virus. At the Warrenville Police Department, we are taking our own precautionary measures to help keep our personnel, their families, and our facility as safe as possible. Our lobby is closed to the public, officers are taking non-emergency reports over the phone, and some of our non-essential programs have been temporarily suspended. You may even see an officer wearing a respirator mask, or you may be asked to step outside of your home to communicate instead of an officer going inside. These are precautionary measures to help reduce the risk for everyone.

By abiding by and adhering to the Governor's Executive Order, we can be less of a burden on those precious resources. As I said before, I know it's very difficult. After all, we are human and we need interaction. So please, make use of FaceTime, Skype, or Zoom to communicate with your friends and loved ones. There are so many alternate forms of communication available to use within our current social distancing constraints to fulfill that need. Please don't gather together or use the parks, and don't go out *unless it's absolutely necessary*.

I know as a community and a Country we can get through this well. I want to personally thank you on behalf of my officers who are out there 24 hours per day, every day, to provide service and protection to our community.

Stay Well, Be Safe - We'll be here if you need us!

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