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Dear Branson Community,

While all Missouri statewide COVID-19 health orders are now lifted, the health recommendations that we all have been following remain in place. Please don't stop following the recommendations from the Taney County Health Department (TCHD). This applies to businesses, residents, and visitors. You can find those recommendations here: <https://www.taneycohealth.org/covid19/>.

We have seen why we still need to do this as Taney County has seen a recent jump in cases. As of Thursday, June 18, 2020, there have been 27 confirmed cases, 12 of whom have recovered, two deaths and 2,071 people tested. By continuing to follow all social distancing and health precautions, we can help stop the spread of this virus and help keep our entire community safe.

I want to thank everyone who is staying vigilant and following all health recommendations. Our City has to do this so we can safely reopen while keeping everyone safe. If we see a big spike in COVID-19 cases, it would be detrimental to both the health of our community as well as economically.

As we slowly get back to normal as safely as possible, I am excited to see the 113th Missouri Amateur Championship at Ozarks National Golf Club next week. This means 172 of the best amateur golfers from all over the state of Missouri will be in Branson. Later in July, the American Junior Golf will conduct the Bass Pro Shops/Payne Stewart Junior Championship at Buffalo Ridge Course. Both are great outdoor events that will bring new visitors to our area.

Your aldermen and city hall staff have planned well to financially weather this current situation. Your city is on solid financial ground right now, because of responsible planning and budgeting. If there is anything you wish to see done differently, I would urge you to reach out to your local aldermen. They have the difficult job of making hard decisions when it comes to finances and how to best serve our citizens.

I know that many of you are and have been praying for us. Thank You! I believe that is my job to serve you and to do what is best for the citizens of Branson.

Thank you for letting me serve you,

Mayor Edd Akers