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To All of Our St. Francois County Citizens;

As Presiding Commissioner of our County I am now asking each of us to wear face masks or cloth facial covering whenever in public places. I am issuing this as a **STRONG RECOMMENDATION**. While many of our stores and other establishments already require the wearing of facial covering inside their buildings, we need to voluntarily expand this to all public areas.

Our hospital is now nearing capacity and this will affect not only COVID patients but all other persons needing their special care. People with heart, stroke, accidents or other medical issues may find it difficult to receive the attention they need if our hospital is overcrowded or understaffed.

Our current County growth in positive COVID cases is growing rapidly and we must take action to slow that growth. This action is the most non-invasive and offers the easiest compliance that we can do. It is something we can do to help avoid another "shut down" of our County.

Please, take the extra time and effort to take a mask with you and wear it whenever in public places. It will help protect both you and those around you. I **strongly recommend** each of us to do so.

Respectfully yours,

Harold Gallaher,
Presiding Commissioner
St. Francois County