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Dear Lincoln County Community:

It hasn't been easy for our community here in Lincoln County this year with all of the many hardships brought on by the pandemic. The corona virus put so many challenges before us. It has taxed the health and wellbeing for many and led to the loss of loved ones. The effects of the virus dealt so many heartfelt blows to our community that went beyond those we lost. It struck hard against our businesses, our essential social functions, and our way of life. The core of our children's educational opportunity has been interrupted despite herculean efforts to give them the best in a bad situation. Even further, continual positioning of science and opinion has torn into the fabric of our beliefs and left a wound of skepticism and caution amongst the most steadfast and unwavering. All in all, it has indeed been a difficult time for everyone.

How we move forward in the next few months will be important. There are many moving parts needed to alleviate our community losses so we can once again see our community gains. One critical part of this fight, the fight to reclaim our community, rests in the percentage of vaccinated people. If we are going to outpace the COVID virus's determination to keep us at its mercy, we have to recognize the value of the COVID vaccine and put that at the forefront of our effort to win this fight. With greater than 90% of new cases being unvaccinated people, it should be clear and with little debate that the vaccine is effective in controlling the spread of COVID-19. This is our best strategy to do our part, even if there is some hesitancy or some doubt, this is what everyone can do to actively end this threat. We can't wish it away. We can't hesitate past the hour of action. We can't simply watch from the sideline in quiet resistance. Nor can we let the freedom we have be the excuse that unintentionally allows this virus a safe path to continue to hurt our community. The time is now. The choice is everyone's personal choice, but to choose to be vaccinated against this virus will be a win for everyone. So, here's your one chance, one opportunity, and one moment. To take back our normal, to reclaim our community, to protect our friends and families, and to put an end to this blight on our lives. Let's make COVID lose this fight.

The choice is yours, but we can only do this together. Get the stick.

Yours Truly,

A blue ink signature of Davin Madden, MHSA, REHS.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Lincoln County Health Department provides quality health services to promote a healthy community.



VISION STATEMENT

Lincoln County Health Department services will promote healthy lifestyles through prevention, preparedness, and education.