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Kathy U. Mulcahy  
Office of the Mayor

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

There is no getting around it – the COVID-19 situation is ominous. Hospitals are filling up at an alarming rate, all while the number of healthy caregivers decreases daily. On Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Ohio reported nearly 12,000 new cases. (The number of new cases is disproportionate to increased testing, so our spiraling numbers are due primarily to community spread, not testing.)

During this holiday season, we are thankful for so many things, but mostly for the family and friends with whom we share our lives. Those who we hold dear increase our joys and lessen our burdens.

So, as your elected officials, we are asking for all of us to make a sacrifice which shows just how much we value our loved ones. In addition to wearing masks in public, practicing social distancing and washing and sanitizing regularly, we ask that you limit your in-person holiday gatherings to those who live in your own households. So that next year when we gather, no one will be missing from our holiday table due to COVID.

If you do choose in-person gatherings, we ask that you wear masks except while eating and drinking, keep the festivities outside or maintain social distancing within your homes, and keep your gatherings to a short time period.

A vaccine is on the way, but until it gets here, we want our communities to stay strong and healthy. That means making sacrifices. And let's face it, these sacrifices are small in comparison to the reward of keeping our families, our neighbors, ourselves and our health care providers safe and healthy.

Hopefully next year the bells will be ringing, not just to usher in the joy of the holidays, but to signal a new era when we have gotten COVID under control, and when our celebrations are all the more meaningful because of what we have learned, the sacrifices we have made and the people we can share them with.

Sincerely,

*Kathy U. Mulcahy*  
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