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MESSAGE FROM HIGH POINT MAYOR JAY WAGNER
COVID-19 Omicron Variant Transmission

HIGH POINT, N.C. (Jan. 3, 2022) – The City of High Point and Guilford County have seen a dramatic increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations due to the new Omicron variant. Although evidence shows that infections from Omicron are generally less severe than the Delta variant, the greatly increased numbers of Omicron cases are putting unsustainable stress on our health care systems. Increased infection rates are also putting added stress on our first responders and public safety officers. If local cases follow the trajectory seen in other areas, local health officials predict that the current wave of Omicron cases will likely peak in our area sometime between Jan. 9 and 14. As we begin our third year fighting COVID, I recognize that many of you are weary of the fight, but now is the time to redouble our efforts in protecting ourselves, our loved ones and our community.

I am calling on all High Pointers (but especially those at heightened risk) to:

1. Get vaccinated or boosted.
2. Limit large indoor gatherings.
3. Work from home if possible.
4. Wear a surgical, KN-95 or N-95 mask when necessary to protect yourself and others.
5. Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer often.
6. Physically distance from others whenever possible.

Many in Guilford County are calling for renewed mandates to combat the current surge. I do not believe in limiting your freedom with mandates, but responsibility is the price of freedom. We are (still) all in this together!

The City of High Point aims to serve as the catalyst for bringing together the community's human, economic and civic resources for the purpose of creating the single most livable, safe and prosperous community in America. For more information on the City, visit www.highpointnc.gov.

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