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It's very disheartening to see what is happening in our community. As noted at the Health Board meeting last night, everyone knows what to do to control the spread of Covid-19. It is on the news, papers, and social media constantly. Yet in this county, there is an unfortunate group of people who have decided their own personal comfort and choices are more important than protecting the health of others. They refuse to make even minor changes in their activities to help this community weather the storm of this virus and the damage it causes.

Even though this group is quite vocal, I believe the majority of people disagree with this view. I believe the large majority of people in this county are willing to make some changes in their lives until a vaccine becomes available in order to protect vulnerable family and friends. I believe the overwhelming majority are not satisfied with hospitals that are stressed to bursting, schools fearful of having to close, and a community of people who can't be sure when they enter a business if it will be safe for them.

I encourage all persons living in Elkhart County to stand up and let businesses know you want safety. Let the schools know you appreciate their work with students in these extraordinary times. Let the hospitals know you support good dependable care by following the guidelines to control the spread of Covid-19. It is only together that we can achieve the security and wellbeing so needed at this time.

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