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COVID-19 is still around; it has not left us. Our experience with COVID has changed – everything. Now is the new *normal* for living with COVID-19.

We are adaptable. And we must be smart, realistic, and work through this.

Wearing a COVID mask is not for you – you are wearing it for everyone else. Your family, your friends, your co-workers. The person you pass by at Vinny's, Lou's, or along the sidewalk isn't wearing the mask for themselves; they're wearing it for you, and everyone you connect with.

Many we know, family & friends, have health concerns. Living with illness, medical treatments, the elderly, the very young. Or more likely they are fortunate not to have any health worries. But you, and they, know someone who knows someone that worries about *their* own health or a family member's. You get the idea. That's why you wear a mask.

In this time of stress and strain of our social fabric, return to basics - Respect. Empathy. Kindness. Personal responsibility. Put yourself in someone else's shoes. Walk in them. Feel a stone in that shoe? How did it get there – why is it there? Stop and toss the stone. That's the first step.

Doing the right thing when no one is looking.

And do the right thing when everyone is looking.

Mike Templeton Mayor