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Greetings:

Since I last spoke with you, the EC and I have been in constant contact, discussing a wide range of issues that affect the short and long-term goals of the Library District. I can assure you that our number one priority is the health and safety of our valued customers, staff, volunteers, and community partners. Again, thanks to the expert financial stewardship of CFO Fred James, we are able to continue to pay all of you through this extended closure period. All benefits remain, as posted, in the HR FAQs dated 3.20.20.

Because of our concern for your safety and that of our customers, we have decided to extend our closure **through April 30, with our tentative reopening date set for May 1, if we get the go ahead from Governor Sisolak and the Health District.** This is also why our General Services team is working with our janitorial vendor to conduct a deep cleaning of all 25 of our branches as well as the Service Center. There will be other measures to undertake before we can reopen our doors. We will keep you informed.

I hope that you and your families are staying safe at home during this difficult and challenging time. Remember that people of any age can be carriers--and shedders--of this dangerous virus.

In the meantime, we continue to serve the public as a trusted source of information through our website, LVCCLD.org. Branding and Marketing (BAM) has created a series of blogs on our home page that spotlight community resources, the Library District's eResources, employment services, and encouragement for residents to complete the Census 2020 online. Our BAM team has been working nearly 24/7 to ensure resources like those below are available to those who need us now. Give them a try, and, if you have feedback, please feel free to share your comments with the BAM team:

For Your Information:

<https://lvccld.org/blogs/post/library-districts-response-to-the-coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://lvccld.org/blogs/post/respuesta-del-distrito-bibliotecario-ante-el-coronavirus-covid-19/> (Spanish)

Stay at Home For Nevada:

<https://lvccld.org/blogs/post/stayathomerresources/>

Wash Your Hands Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVX05uZYY2k> (Spanish – Created by NY Dept. of Health, compliments of our Spanish-language voice over talent Andrea Balsa)

Keep Your School Skills Sharp At Home:

<https://lvccd.org/blogs/post/keep-your-school-skills-sharp-at-home/>

Get Job Ready with These Free Employment Resources:

<https://lvccd.org/blogs/post/get-job-ready-with-these-free-employment-resources/>

The 2020 Census:

<https://lvccd.org/census>

<https://lvccd.org/censo> (Spanish)

Another goal that we have had for some time is to provide the public with easier access to our online catalogue. Thanks to Chief Information Officer/IT Director Al Prendergast and Access Services Manager Sufa Anderson, we have achieved this milestone. I am pleased to share with you that our new digital eCard launched on 3/23/20. Since then, 7,020 residents have filled out the eCard application in English. The Spanish language version launched on 4/1.

We play a critical role in the communities that we serve ... now more than ever. Thank you for your continued patience and professionalism as we forge this new path together.

You will always be the greatest library staff ever!

Sincerely,

Dr. Ron Heezen
Executive Director