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Attn: All Lincoln County Business owners

Many of you have seen or heard the Governor's press conference last night, during which he asked that all "non-essential" businesses close for the next 30 days. I truly understand the reason for this due to the on-going pandemic. This, I am sure, was a very tough decision made to try to assist in slowing the virus' spread. Let me be clear on a few things;

I am NOT here to determine who is and is not essential.

Law Enforcement was not given any penalties for non-compliance.

The Sheriff's Office does not have the time nor manpower to go from business to business to determine compliance, nor whether the business is essential.

As a Lincoln County business owner I would do everything possible to heed to the warnings from State and local officials. Please follow the guidelines issued by both the state and federal government. Also please make sure to check any restrictions to county buildings as there are restrictions in place and hours of operation may have changed.

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