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PRESS RELEASE

Mayor Gere Hosts COVID-19: Community Briefing April 8, 2020 at 4 p.m. on Channel 10.

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Mayor Gere will be hosting a Community Briefing April 8th at 4 p.m. on Channel 10. Governor Inslee has extended his “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order until May 4th and new guidelines from the CDC recommend that people wear cloth face coverings when they are in public settings where they cannot maintain 6 feet of distance from others.

Research has identified a percentage of our population may not have symptoms and may still be carriers of the COVID-19 virus. These individuals could unknowingly transmit the virus to other people. Wearing facial protection at all times while in public is another tool to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Based on the best available information and the predictive models we can anticipate that we will start to see a significant increase in confirmed cases in our community. There are tough times ahead and now more than ever we must stay home and limit interactions with others.

Our community, like many communities in Washington and across the world, has changed the way we go to work, do business, and live our lives. Mayor Gere wants to hear from you. The Mayor’s community briefing will address questions from local businesses, non-profit organizations, families, neighbors and residents of Anacortes.

Mayor Gere will brief the public with the most up to date information on this COVID-19 crisis and discuss the impact this has had on the Anacortes community. The Mayor will update residents on what the City is doing to assure that critical City functions continue, as well as innovative ways City employees are supporting the City and getting work one, even in this time of crisis.

If you would like to submit a question please call 360-299-1950 and leave your question in a voicemail, email them to coa.mayor@cityofanacortes.org, you can submit questions electronically through the new [eComment feature](#) before 9 a.m. Wednesday.

This Briefing will be a part of an ongoing dialogue between Mayor Gere and the residents of Anacortes during this time of crisis. This meeting will be accessible the same way City Council meetings are: live on Channel 10, via the web live on the [City of Anacortes website](#), and available to stream on the website the day after. Future dates and times of Mayor Gere’s Community Briefings will be announced on the City’s COVID-19 Information page on the City’s website.