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Dear Community:

The current and former Presidents of the NAACP Memphis Branch are requesting that all citizens of the Memphis and Shelby County Metropolitan Area adhere to the Safer-at-Home and other safety measures now in full force and effect. As we prepare for the arc of the surge for Covid-19 infections in Memphis and Shelby County, we emphasize the fact that the forthcoming spread will disproportionately affect the African-American community. It is with the following information that we in particular implore African-Americans within this Metropolitan Area to take this pandemic seriously and to adhere to all safety guidelines, to get tested if symptomatic, and to follow all directives closely as some businesses slowly begin to re-open. Local testing sites can be found here: [www.shelbytnhealth.com/coronavirus](http://www.shelbytnhealth.com/coronavirus) or call 901-222-9010; food assistance may be obtained here: [www.midsouthfoodbank.org](http://www.midsouthfoodbank.org) or call 901-527-0841; guidance for the Shelby County Schools can be found here: [www.scsk12.org/coronavirusfacts/](http://www.scsk12.org/coronavirusfacts/) or call 901-416-5300; and financial assistance information can be found here: [www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments](http://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments) or call 1-800-829-1040. Since Governor Lee has closed schools for the school year, we again encourage parents reach out to the Shelby County Schools for directives and guidance for concluding the school year, summer camps and food assistance over the summer months. For 111 years, the NAACP has been on the frontlines of the fight for all issues that adversely affect the most vulnerable members of our community, and we intend on being there for you now.

Sincerely,

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Van Turner, President  
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s/ Deidre Malone  
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