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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR ESCAPULE

Silent killer COVID-19 is now among us

Late Wednesday night, the White House pandemic task force estimated that we will have 93,765 COVID-19 dead. Think about that. Almost twice the number we lost in Vietnam. Think about that, because many of us still don't seem to understand this real and present danger.

My message today is simple: please, please try to follow the social distancing guidelines. Above all else, do not gather in groups of any size. Look, we are all the same. We want to be with our friends. But if we get together, our friends will die. Many of them. And many people from their families as well as ours. It doesn't matter if you are a young guy or a middle-aged man or an older veteran. COVID-19 doesn't care.

You can say, "Hey, Dusty – I'm older. Had a good life. Don't really care if this virus knocks me off." But that's about you. What about your family? Your children and grandchildren? Their families? And your friends and neighbors, all of us here in Tombstone, trying to get through this by working together to defeat it. Think of them the next time you want to get together with your buddies for a backyard party. You don't want that six-pack of Corona to be the last.

Stay safe, Dusty