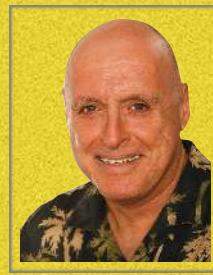


THE EXTRA POINT

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534 COVID-19 – Some Straight Talk

We're now six days into Guam's statistical entry into the COVID-19 arena. I'm Jerry Roberts and today, a few general observations, taking personal responsibility, and then an opportunity you can take advantage of. That's next on The Extra Point.

One thing you notice is that in a crisis situation, things move rapidly and things often change rapidly. Sunday night we had three confirmed cases of COVID-19, and five days later we sit at 12. We're nervous, yet hopeful.

We hope the governor's move yesterday to order the closure of most Guam businesses, as well as social and religious activities, will help slow the virus down and not overburden our healthcare resources.

So far people seem to be holding up pretty well. The usual Guam friendliness is there. We need to keep that up, especially as we have some tough days ahead.

We need to be responsible. Lou Leon Guerrero and Donald Trump aren't to blame if we still hang out in a group, ignoring their pleas for us to practice personal separation from others.

If we don't bother to read the information on how this virus lives, the most common ways people pick it up, how to protect ourselves — and then take proper action — we can't blame anyone else. We no longer have that convenience.

If we don't tell our kids what to do so they don't get infected, that's also not anyone else's fault. Kids are out of school and school is likely done for the year, unless the education authorities can figure how to make it happen online. They're going to be antsy sitting around the house day after day, and week after week. They'll want to see their friends. Are we going to let them do that, not knowing who those friends have been in contact with?

The plain and simple fact is this: every time any member of our family leaves the house, there is greater risk of infection. So, unless you have to go out for food, medicine, gas for the car, or go to the ATM, stay home. What about banking? If you're not yet set up for online banking, call your bank and figure out how to do that. It's one less reason to go out.

If you're a manager and your business is one that is closing today, make sure you have contact information for every member on your team. During the next 10 days you'll want to check in to make sure they're okay. Hearing from our boss is reassuring at a time like this.

Okay, now for the opportunity I referred to. Through Guam Training I would like to invite you to a special free training program that is being produced by Live2Lead speaker and author John Maxwell.

This coming Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, John is presenting a unique series for one hour each day. It's entitled "Leading Through Crisis." Every manager, supervisor, and team leader should take advantage of this program. And if you're not in a supervisory position right now and you'd like to participate, you're also welcome.

You can see this John Maxwell program at facebook.com/johncmaxwell. facebook.com/johncmaxwell. Great information and inspiration at no charge. I know you'll get a lot from it.

That's The Extra Point. Get out there and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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