Dear Carbondale,

February is off to a great start as restaurants and bars in our region have been given the clearance to open for indoor seating! The City is grateful for the residents who have made special efforts to support our bars and restaurants through this challenging time by ordering delivery, takeout, or purchasing gift cards during the holiday season. Your efforts made, and continue to make, a difference.

I am pleased to report that nearly 4,000 Jackson County residents have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine! The Health Department has been hard at work scheduling and vaccinating our neighbors, friends, and loved ones. We encourage those in group 1b (65 and older and essential workers) to get vaccinated when it is your turn.

According to the Health Department, next month, group 1c, which is people aged 16-64 with high-risk medical conditions and "other" essential workers, will be allowed to get the vaccine if supply can keep up with demand.

Thank you to those who have already been vaccinated and those who plan to get the vaccine. We are one step closer to life as we knew it. I look forward to gathering in-person again soon. Keep up the great work, Carbondale!

Sincerely,
John “Mike” Henry
Mayor of Carbondale