

**LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY
COVID-19 CRISIS –11/20/2020**

Dear Leon Valley Citizens and Businesses:

CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING IN TIME OF COVID

The following are some recommended guidelines to follow during the pandemic from San Antonio Metro Health Department:

1. **Lowest Risk:** Limit travel and stay at home with only those who live in your household;
2. **Moderate Risk:** Hosting a small dinner (outside preferable) for 10 or less at home, but keep it to your immediate/extended family or those within your social bubble;
3. **Highest Risk:** Attending a large family gathering with multiple people from outside your household or outside your social bubble in an indoor location;
4. Arrange tables and chairs to encourage physical distancing while allowing people from the same household to sit together;
5. If gathering outdoors is not feasible, sit in a room that is well-ventilated or near an open window;
6. Avoid hugs and kisses with those who do not live in your household;

7. Wear a mask when not eating or drinking, wash your hands often, stay six feet apart from others and stay home if sick.

According to Judge Wolff, it is estimated that 1% of the county population or 20,000 people are moving around with COVID and spreading it, some people not even knowing they have COVID (asymptomatic). We have the power to control the pandemic through our individual actions Mask up Leon Valley! Thanks to everyone for what you do to stop the spread of this awful virus.

COVID-19 UPDATE OF CASES

- As of November 19, 2020, the total number of cases reported in Bexar County is 71,377, a 3.4% increase in 8 days. There were 1,309 total deaths reported on November 19th, a 1.7% increase in 8 days. There were 440 hospitalizations reported yesterday (61 from El Paso), with 153 patients in ICU and 65 patients on ventilators.
- The positivity rate, the percentage of tested cases which are positive, rose from 8.4% to 9.4% for the week ending November 15th. The highest positivity rate during the pandemic was 24.5% during June/July.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- The **South Texas Blood and Tissue Center** estimates only a two day supply of blood on hand. Please consider donating your blood to help this critical need by calling (210) 731-5555. You can also call University Hospital at (210) 358-2812 to donate blood. Thank you.
- **15 free COVID-19 testing sites** are available throughout the city. A record number of tests are performed daily and the wait time is manageable. Please call (210) 207-5779, 311 or visit www.covid19@sanantonio.gov for testing locations and hours.
- **The City of Leon Valley City Hall continues to be closed to the public; appointments can be made for conducting city business (210) 684-1391.** Rimkus Park basketball courts and soccer fields (organized sports only) will continue to be closed. The Library will continue with curbside service and online adult and children activities only. All city offices will be closed on November 26th and 27th. There is a 10 person limit on family gatherings at Rimkus Park as per the state and county emergency declaration.
- **Annual Christmas tree lighting** will take place as a drive-through event on Monday, December 7th at 6 pm in the Community, Conference & Library complex. More details will be forthcoming.

Wishing you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving! We truly have
a lot to be thankful for.

Sincerely, Chris
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P.S. Next COVID letter will be December 4, 2020.