

## **LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY - COVID-19 CRISIS –10/23/2020**

Dear Leon Valley Citizens and Businesses:

### **UPDATE TO LOCAL COVID EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**

The Leon Valley City Council voted this week to re-open the basketball courts and allow organized sports on the soccer field in Raymond Rimkus park. The playgrounds and tennis courts were opened several weeks ago.

The Leon Valley Library will move to Phase 4, beginning on November 17<sup>th</sup>, to add appointments to use the library computer for a total of 45 minutes. There will only be 4 computer stations available per hour due to the need to socially distance and clean the computers (closed for 15 minutes to clean after use). All patrons will be required to follow all Leon Valley health safety measures (wear mask, temperature taken, complete questionnaire, sanitizing hands) before entering the facility. Curbside services will continue and library programming will continue virtually. There will be no in-person or meetings in the library. Please call (210) 684-0720 or go online ([www.leonvalley.lib.tx.us](http://www.leonvalley.lib.tx.us)) to make an appointment to use the computer or to order a book or video for curbside pickup.

Municipal Court hearings will continue online. The Northwest Senior Citizen Center will also remain closed. The council voted to call an

emergency meeting if the positivity rate exceeds 7% to discuss if any changes need to be made for the safety of our citizens. Currently the positivity rate is at 5.8%. With the exceptions of municipal court, senior citizen center, and library listed above, all Leon Valley facilities are now open.

### **HALLOWEEN DURING THE PANDEMIC**

The City of Leon Valley has provided an option for citizens concerned about the spread of the COVID-19 virus instead of trick or treating door to door in the neighborhoods. **On October 31<sup>st</sup>, a Drive-Through Halloween event at the Community and Conference Centers from 5:30 pm to dark or until treats are gone.** Participants will not have to get out of their cars and families can drive through several stations and get goodies. The event is sponsored by the City of Leon Valley and area businesses and safety protocols will be followed when giving out the goodie bags.

For anyone who still plans on going door to door for Halloween treats, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District has developed the following guidelines for a safer Halloween:

- Stay home if you are sick
- Wear appropriate face coverings (children & adults). Halloween masks are not adequate protection
- Limit the size of your group (no more than 10) and keep to your own household

- Maintain 6 feet of distance from others
- Bring hand sanitizer with you
- Do not go inside homes
- Pre-packaged foods should be given out – place on a sanitized table for pickup
- Avoid shared foods
- Wash hands for 20 seconds once you get home

Happy Halloween! Stay safe and please follow the suggested guidelines.

### **COVID FATIGUE?**

It has now been 7 months since our lives have dramatically changed due to the arrival of the COVID-19 virus. San Antonio and Bexar County report a steady control of the virus as documented by the positivity rate (the percentage of tested cases which are positive), primarily due to the behavior exhibited of citizens. The weekly positivity rate since August 30<sup>th</sup> has been 7%, 6%, 6.4%, 5.9%, 4.9% and for the last two weeks 5.8%. Please continue taking this virus seriously, even though we may all be a little tired of following the mantra: wear masks, social distance, wash hands, avoid large crowds and stay home if you are sick – it is imperative that we continue. Although the county and city have not seen a dramatic rise in COVID-19 cases, there are increases in other parts of Texas and the nation.

As of October 22, 2020, the total number of cases reported

in Bexar County is 64,026, a 6.2% increase in 8 days. There were 1,385 total deaths reported on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, a 14.5% increase in 8 days. These numbers include backlogged cases reported by the State, raising the percentage. There were 209 hospitalizations reported yesterday, with 89 patients in ICU and 42 patients on ventilators.

As of October 4, 2020, the total aggregate number of COVID-19 cases in Leon Valley reported by Metropolitan Health District is 285, up from 249 on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **LEON VALLEY COVID-19 TESTING SITE**

If you are looking for a testing site that is close to Leon Valley, look no further. **CareNow Urgent Care** is located at 5755 Northwest Loop 410, Suite 102, San Antonio, TX. 78238. Phone Number: (210) 963-8445. No appointment or referral is required and testing is for all patients. Hours of operation: Monday thru Friday – 8 AM – 8PM; Saturday – 8AM to 6PM and Sunday 8AM to 5 PM. Patients can check in online at [CareNow.com](https://www.carenow.com).

Thanks to everyone for all you are doing to keep our community safe!  
Let's continue to work together to get control of this virus!

Sincerely, Chris  
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