

**LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY
COVID-19 CRISIS –12/11/2020**

Dear Leon Valley Citizens and Businesses:

COVID CASES SKYROCKETING

The positivity rate, the percentage of tested COVID cases which are positive, dramatically rose from 9.2% to 15.7% for the week ending December 6th. This was over a 50% increase in one week! The explanation given for the increase was related to Thanksgiving holiday travel and gatherings, college students coming home for the holidays, and colder weather causing more people to stay indoors where the virus spreads more easily. Other Texas cities' positivity rates were higher than San Antonio's (Ft. Worth – 18%; Dallas – 22.3%), but Houston was at 14.4%. It could be a lot worse. My sister lives in Wisconsin and the positivity rate in her community was 50%!

Please continue to stay vigilant, wear your mask, socially distance, wash your hands, stay home if you are sick, and gather outside rather than inside, weather permitting. The COVID case numbers are expected to rise with the Christmas and New Year holidays right around the corner. Please don't let your guard down – the vaccine will be here soon. It will probably

be distributed first to health care workers, first responders, teachers, senior citizens, and other essential workers.

COVID-19 UPDATE OF CASES-BEXAR COUNTY

As of December 10, there were 91,394 total cases reported, a 9% increase in 7 days. There were 1,412 total deaths reported on December 10th, a 4.8% increase in 7 days. There were 658 hospitalizations reported yesterday (up from 593 last week).

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- **Weekend testing offered for FREE** – No symptoms, but still want to get tested? A partnership between the City of San Antonio and nonprofit Community Labs is providing testing for the coronavirus on Saturdays for the rest of the month at the Cuellar and Ramirez Community Centers (5626 San Fernando St & 1011 Gillette Blvd). Saturday times: 9 am – 4 pm. No appointment necessary and no proof of insurance is required.
- The **South Texas Blood and Tissue Center** has only a one day supply of O negative blood on hand, which is **critically low**. Additionally, there is only a 3 day supply of other blood types on hand, but a 7 day supply is needed to meet the needs of our

community. Please consider donating blood to help this dire situation by calling (210) 731-5555, or calling University Hospital at (210) 358-2812 to set up an appointment to give blood. Thank you.

- **Need Health Insurance? Deadline is December 15, 2020.** To enroll, call (210) 977-7997 for a free consultation or go online to EnrollSA.gov.
- **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 fields for organized sports will continue to be closed. The Library will continue with curbside service and online adult and children activities only. There is a 10 person limit on family gatherings at Rimkus Park as per the state and county emergency declaration.

Working together we will get control of this pandemic! Stay safe & healthy!

Sincerely, Chris
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