



LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY ON COVID-19 CRISIS – 4/10/20

Dear Leon Valley Citizens and Businesses:

The weekly conference call with County Judge Nelson Wolff representative and the Suburban Mayors was held on April 7, 2020.

- Bexar County extended its Executive Order to April 30th, as did the City of San Antonio.
- All county and City of San Antonio parks and Leon Valley parks will be closed Easter weekend. The closure is for all activities other than using walking trails.
- Golf courses remain closed.
- The Declaration includes an exemption process whereby businesses can appeal to the Texas Emergency Management office to determine if they qualify as an essential business. Go to <https://tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices> for more information.
- An update on the outbreak of COVID 19 in nursing homes in San Antonio was addressed. There are 142 centers in the county/city, with 74 centers in suburban cities and unincorporated areas. San Antonio Metro Health department will begin visiting nursing homes to investigate what can be done to help contain the spread of the virus (proper protocols, personal protective equipment, interaction with patients etc.). I will follow up with our nursing home/assisted living centers in Leon Valley.

- **Good News:** The City of San Antonio has opened up its testing process to allow people to be tested without first being referred by a physician. The tests are provided at no additional charge to the person receiving the test. A person seeking to be tested must first complete an online prescreening process, the person is identified as eligible to be screened (fever, cough, shortness of breath), the person then must make an appointment. For more information call (210) 207-5779 or email COVID-19@sanantonio.gov
- Ruth E. Berggren, MD, MACP, Professor of Medicine and Infectious Diseases at UT Health, and Director of the Center for Medical Humanities and Ethics has recommended that Bexar County employees cover their face (mask or bandana) to prevent the spread of the virus from asymptomatic individuals.
- As of April 9, 2020, the total number of cases reported in Bexar County is 615 (up from 254 as of April 2nd) with 22 deaths (9 deaths were reported last week).
- Regarding where COVID-19 cases are occurring: the highest number of cases (21+ cases) are in the 78222 & 78245 zip codes; 17-20 cases in zip codes 78209, 78212, 78240, 78251 & 78254. 13-16 cases in zip codes 78109, 78223, 78229, 78249 & 78250. 17 zip codes have 9-12 cases. 20 zip codes in Bexar County have reported 5-8 cases, including 78238 in Leon Valley and City of San Antonio, and 16 zip codes have reported 1-4 cases.
- The City of Leon Valley Fire and Police Departments have secured adequate PPE (personal protection equipment) for our area's needs to combat this virus, as well as receiving mask and glove donations from an area business.

- As Easter/Passover weekend is upon us, the message is to remind residents that they should still practice social distancing and not gather with groups outside of their immediate household. Maybe a zoom or skype call to family members who are unable to join you this holiday weekend. Thank you for staying vigilant!

Another **HUGE THANK YOU** to all the health care workers and first responders who continue to put their lives on the line to treat and save other lives during this emergency. Also, thanks to all the grocery workers who are at risk to allow us to obtain essentials. Take care. Stay healthy, safe and remain positive!

Sincerely, Chris

(210) 618-2092 – Please call with any questions or concerns.