

## **LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY ON COVID-19 CRISIS – 4/3/20**

Dear Leon Valley Citizens and Businesses:

County Judge Nelson Wolff and the Suburban Mayors have been sharing information through weekly conference calls and emails on any changes to the statewide emergency declaration signed by Governor Abbott, as well as any local updates on the COVID 19 pandemic.

- On April 1<sup>st</sup> Governor Abbott declared a statewide Stay at Home Order exempting entities that provide essential services. This has now been extended to May 2 and includes school closures;
- Governor Abbott issued an order regarding Houses of Worship who lack the capability of conducting services remotely, but are now able to conduct church activities in house by following the White House and CDC guidelines (physical distancing) and good hygiene. No sick attendees are allowed;
- Mayor Nirenberg and Judge Wolff sent a letter after Governor Abbott issued the House of Worship Order to area faith leaders and urged them to continue the “not in person” services, but to rely on video, phone to phone, live streaming services, etc. to help contain the spread of the virus;

- As of April 2, 2020, the total number of cases reported in Bexar County is 254 (up from 113 as of March 26<sup>th</sup>) with 9 deaths (none in Leon Valley);
- Regarding where COVID 19 cases are occurring: the highest number of cases (13-16 cases) are in the 78209 and 78245 zip codes; 9-12 cases in zip codes 78251 and 78254. 16 zip codes have 5-8 cases, including 78240 ( Leon Valley, which includes San Antonio). 38 zip codes in Bexar County have reported 1-4 cases, including 78238 in Leon Valley and City of San Antonio. When asked if we could get the number of cases related specifically to suburban cities, the short answer was no, due to the HIPPA act. We will be notified if there is a death in our cities;
- Dr. Woo from the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District urged everyone to behave as if you have the virus – limit your contact (30 minutes or less) and honor the social or physical distancing requirements of 6 feet and continue washing your hands. At 7 pm daily, visit [sanAntonio.gov/COVID19](http://sanAntonio.gov/COVID19) for a daily update from the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District;
- When asked the status of PPE (personal protection equipment) for our area's needs to combat this virus, the County reports supplies are

coming in and are being distributed and at this time are meeting the immediate needs;

- The Bexar County \$5 million Lift Fund, announced for small business relief last week, stopped taking applications after 24 hours! Over \$40 million in revenue requests were received. 60 businesses applied from the Leon Valley zip codes. Awards will be made as soon as possible;
- The FBI sent a public service announcement to inform citizens of an increase in cyber criminals exploiting the increased use of the internet. If you have evidence that your data has been compromised or want to report suspicious activity, visit the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov) or call the San Antonio office at (210) 225-6741;
- The Food Bank (210) 431-8388 and Meals on Wheels (210) 599-7405 Ext. 309 are in need of volunteers if you are able to help;
- In celebrating our City's 68<sup>th</sup> birthday, it was suggested to hang a balloon on the mailbox as a celebration sign. It was brought to my attention that some people in the community are allergic to latex. As a sign of solidarity and support for our healthcare workers and first responders, let's put ribbons on our mailbox!

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. Take care. Stay healthy, safe and remain positive!

Sincerely, Chris

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