

LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY ON COVID-19 CRISIS –6/12/20

Dear Leon Valley Community:

SECOND WAVE OF COVID-19

Dr. Dawn Emerick, Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health Department, warned on Thursday that a second wave of COVID-19 may be hitting earlier than expected. This is based on an alarming increase in the number of people testing positive for COVID (192 new cases), as well as increases in hospital admissions. This is very serious. Dr. Emerick urged all citizens to follow these health guidelines: 1) **Wear face coverings, especially indoors** – it is the best way to stopping the spread of the disease. 2) **Social Distancing** of 6 feet. 3) **Wash your hands** and/or use sanitizer frequently. 4. **Stay home** if you are over 65 or feeling sick (except for essential trips).

Dr. Emerick is attributing this second wave of the disease since Memorial Day to the relaxation in preventive practices when people started to attend large gatherings without the benefit of masks and social distancing. Through our voluntary actions of following these guidelines strictly, we can avoid another stay- at-home measure, which Governor Abbott said he would issue in a second wave. Let's do our part Leon Valleyites to contain the spread of COVID-19!

RISKS OF EXPOSURE – COVID-19

Lowest Risk: Home Alone or with Housemates – try to allow only people you live with into your home & wash your hands.

Moderate Risk: Outdoor Activities – Stay 6 feet away, wear a mask, avoid shared surfaces like swings or benches, wash your hands and don't touch face.

Higher Risk: Outdoor Gatherings – same guidelines as outdoor activities, but participate infrequently, and don't share food, toys or other items.

Highest Risk: Indoor Gatherings – follow same guidelines as higher risk. Open windows for better ventilation. Try to avoid indoor gatherings as much as possible.

UPDATED NUMBERS

As of June 11, 2020, the total number of cases reported in Bexar County is 3,840 (up from 3,018 as of June 4th) with 82 deaths (up from 78 deaths on June 4th). There are 81+ cases in zip code 78240 and 41-80 cases in zip code 78238 in Leon Valley.

JUNE 16, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING

At the June 16th council meeting, the city council will make a final decision on the opening of the **Forest Oaks pool** for the summer with the guidelines established by the Center for Disease Control and Governor Abbott's Executive Order. The specifics will be outlined in next week's letter.

Additionally, the next phased opening of the **Leon Valley Library** will be discussed and voted on. Remember that you can now drop off your overdue library books and DVD's at the book drop in front of the library. More information will be updated in next week's weekly letter.

CARES ACT funding of \$631,675 to the City of Leon Valley through Bexar County is also on the June 16, 2020 agenda for discussion and possible action. Reimbursement of what the City of Leon Valley has already spent on COVID-19 related expenses from March to the present (some examples: Personal Protection Equipment, overtime of employees, signage, small business assistance, etc.) that have been documented and paid are eligible for reimbursement from this fund. What are other needs in our community? Rent or mortgage assistance, food assistance, small business assistance may be eligible expenditures, if related to the pandemic and loss of jobs, etc. Please let me know if you know of local needs that could be addressed with this money. Any monies not identified for Leon Valley's use by September 30, 2020 must be returned to Bexar County.

FYI: As of June 12, 2020 under Governor Abbott's Executive order, restaurants may increase their occupancy to 75% of total permitted.

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

Sincerely, Chris

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