



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

Dear Leon Valley Community:

JUDGE WOLFF’S EXECUTIVE ORDER

On June 17, 2020 Judge Wolff issued Executive Order NW-10 mandating that all *businesses* require customers and employees to wear masks. This was in response to the sharp rise in the number of COVID cases this past week. Prior to this Order, residents were encouraged to wear masks, but could not be required to do so, per Governor Abbott. Governor Abbott has now agreed to Judge Wolff’s latest Order. So, Bexar County and every other county in the state can impose mask requirements on business operations. Businesses have until June 22 to adopt “health and safety” policies that require masks for workers and customers or risk a \$1,000 fine. Judge Wolff emphasized that the goal is not to fine businesses, but for residents to wear masks as the most effective way to control the resurgence of COVID -19. Thank you to all our residents/businesses for doing your part in helping to stop the spread of COVID -19!

SWIMMING IN LEON VALLEY DURING COVID-19

The Leon Valley City Council voted to open the Forest Oaks pool on July 1, 2020 for Leon Valley residents and one guest. The pool will be open until the end of August, and in September on weekends only. Pool schedule and hours are as follows: Closed Mondays. Open Tuesday – Sunday with Senior Swim time from 10 am – 11:30 am and Open Swim from 12-8 pm. Fee schedule is \$5.00 per day or a 10 visit “Splash Pass” (Youth (age 1-12 \$25.00; Adult (age 13-54 \$40.00; Senior (age 55 + \$15.00)). Payments can be made at the facility, on line or at city hall. Maximum capacity is 60 patrons, which is 50% of the facility’s occupancy maximum. There will be no reservations taken; first come first serve. Notices informing each pool member of the rules for entry and that they are entering the pool at their own risk will be given, as well as requiring each resident to sign a waiver releasing the City of Leon Valley from any liability. Additionally, completion of a questionnaire and taking each person’s temperature will be required prior to entry to the pool. *Patrons must bring their own chairs or blanket and pool equipment* and are advised not to share with anyone outside your family and to clean the equipment after visiting the pool. Keeping 6 feet apart (unless in the same family) both in and out of the water is required. There will be physical and visual cues as well as signs indicating the 6 foot distances. Parents are encouraged to

educate their children about the importance of staying 6 feet away from the next swimmer. Face coverings will not be allowed while swimming, but are encouraged to wear while out of the water.

The San Antonio Pool Management staff will clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces each day and at the 11:30 am interval. There will be a concession available for purchase of pre-packaged foods and drinks. Private and semi-private swim lessons (3 hours of class) can be scheduled for a fee of \$150 and \$100 respectively. Pool parties are available to reserve and rent in three areas of Forest Oaks pool: The Community Room, Facility (the outside deck area) and the Hill (picnic area behind the baby pool). Pool parties must end by 10 pm. Council approved a fee schedule for a 2 hour maximum for these pool party rental areas: Community Room \$250, Facility \$100 and Hill \$150. Additionally a lifeguard will need to be hired (\$25 per hour).

LEON VALLEY LIBRARY COVID -19 RE-OPENING PLAN

1) **TURN IN LIBRARY BOOKS AND TAPES!** Please drop in the book drop outside the library. Late fees will be assessed beginning July 1, 2020. Once the library receives these items, they must be quarantined for 7 days, according to the CDC guidelines.

2) **CURBSIDE SERVICE!** Beginning on June 23, 2020, the library will re-open for curbside services. Call the library at (210) 684-0720 to reserve books/tapes or place hold on line. Visit the Leon Valley Public Library catalog at <https://leonvalley.biblionix.com/catalog/> . Once you order your books, the library staff will coordinate a date and time for pickup outside the library door (library building remains closed).

3) **WI-FI** available outside the library during library hours.

4) **New library hours starting Tuesday, June 23, 2020:** Tuesday 12 -7 pm; Wednesday – Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm; Closed Sunday and Monday.

5) **Adult and Children programs** will continue to be offered only online.

6) **Re-Opening the library for limited essential services** - where patrons are allowed into the library with strict guidelines will be discussed at a future council meeting.

CARES ACT FUNDING of \$631,675

At the June 16th council meeting, the City Manager presented a list of reimbursable COVID -19 related expenses from March 1 – May 14, 2020

totaling \$110,670. Additionally, proposed expenditures of \$674,352 were submitted by the city department directors. Some of the items included personal protection equipment, a new ambulance (\$320,000), decontamination system, mobile integrated health resource vehicle (\$80,000), and \$150,000 for economic support for Leon Valley businesses. This list (totaling \$785,023.23) will be submitted to Bexar County for review. Some requests may not be approved. If there is additional money available for our citizens, are there any other needs in our community? Mortgage assistance may be an eligible expenditure, if related to the pandemic and loss of jobs, etc. *Please let me 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.

UPDATED NUMBERS

As of June 18, 2020, the total number of cases reported in Bexar County is 5,550 (up from 3,840 as of June 11th), with more than 1,000 new cases reported over the last three days. There were 92 deaths (up from 82 deaths on June 11th). There are 81+ cases in zip code 78240 and 41-80 cases in zip code 78238 in Leon Valley. Call the City of San Antonio COVID-19 hot line at (210) 207-5779 for popup locations for testing availability and for any other questions.

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

Sincerely, Chris

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