

**LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY  
COVID-19 CRISIS –7/02/20 - Update**

Dear Leon Valley Community:

Because of the exponential rise in the number of local COVID cases (over 52% rise in one week) and the increase of positive cases from 5% to over 20% of those tested in the last month, the following locations shall be closed until future notice:

**City Owned Parks** – shall be closed July 3 – 6, 2020, 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

Walking/Running and Hiking trails will remain open.

**Swimming Pool** – scheduled to open on July 1<sup>st</sup> will not open as originally planned; City Council will discuss status at the July 7<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

**WEEKLY CALL WITH JUDGE NELSON WOLFF**

On Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, Judge Wolff communicated the dangerous situation with the huge increase in COVID-19 cases. On June 30<sup>th</sup>, there were 1,268 cases, a single-day record. Judge Wolff repeated the message from his executive order that requires all businesses' employees and patrons to wear masks to help contain the spread of COVID-19. Unless we arrest the spread, the metropolitan area will run out of hospital beds.

Testing people for COVID has skyrocketed, creating long lines. People

who have symptoms as well as those who have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive patient will be tested first. He asked all Suburban Mayors to get this WARNING out!

### **UPDATED NUMBERS**

As of June 30, 2020, the total number of cases reported in Bexar County is 12,065 (up from 5,550 as of June 18<sup>th</sup>), a 117% increase in 13 days! There were 110 deaths (up from 92 deaths on June 18<sup>th</sup>). There are 81+ cases in zip codes 78240 and 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.

**CARES ACT** funding from the county was discussed and updated by Judge Wolff. Leon Valley's share is allocated at \$631,675 (\$55 X 11,485 citizens). Each suburban city needed to sign a resolution as well as an interlocal agreement (ILA) with a proposed budget. The Bexar County auditor will advise within 5 days as to whether our proposed budget was approved. Items approved must be purchased by 9/30/20 and delivered no later than 12/31/20. This is a reimbursement program, so cities pay upfront. The County said it would expedite reimbursement within 14-30 days.

I cannot stress enough to please take this spread of the virus seriously. It is a highly contagious and possible deadly disease. Let's work together in flattening the virus curve by following the protocols of mask wearing, social distancing, hand sanitizing, staying home if feeling sick, and going out only if necessary. We can do it!!

Wishing everyone a healthy, safe, stay-at-home, and Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July – like no other one we have had!

Sincerely, Chris

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