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City Parks and other Facilities Remain Closed

Harlingen, Texas– The City of Harlingen continues to take pro-active measures to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the community. With 46 confirmed cases in Cameron County of which nine are in Harlingen, we must continue to follow the Centers for Disease Control guidelines as ordered by local, state, and federal officials.

We continue to follow the orders of Governor Greg Abbott and Cameron County Judge Eddie Trevino Jr. to shelter in place for the safety of the community. This means that people should stay at home unless traveling for essential services such as going to work, the doctor, or buying groceries. The orders also prohibit gatherings of 10 people or more in one location.

Currently, many facilities and businesses deemed non-essential remain closed as do all of the City parks, the Tony Butler Golf Course, the library, and the museum. All of the City of Harlingen facilities have limited or no access.

Residents can still use the walking/running trails but only while practicing social distancing. The Harlingen Police Department is monitoring the trails to ensure this order is being followed. The parks will remain closed through the Easter Holiday and residents are reminded that the Shelter in Place Order does carry a fine and possible jail time. These closures/cancellations will remain in effect at least until April 5, 2020, and could be extended if needed.

For a complete list of all City offices that are closed visit www.myharlingen.us. Meantime, all essential City services like police, fire, water, and trash pickup remain operational. We strongly encourage everyone to continue washing their hands and practice social distancing.

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