

News From The City of Harlingen



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Harlingen Taking Precautionary Measures to Prevent Coronavirus Disease

Harlingen, Texas– The City of Harlingen continues to monitor the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) situation along with Cameron County, state, and federal health officials. As always, the safety and well-being of the community are of utmost importance to Harlingen City leaders. We have taken proactive measures to help prevent the disease.

Although no cases have been reported in the Rio Grande Valley, all City facilities including our parks equipment and library resources are being disinfected several times a day. Employees are wiping down open surfaces with Clorox wipes and Lysol disinfecting spray. Staff also has sanitizer bottles at their work stations for themselves and the public.

The staff has also been encouraged to forgo on handshakes for the time being.

5 STEPS FOR DISEASE PREVENTION

- 1 AVOID TOUCHING YOUR FACE**
Avoid touching your face if you are sick or near someone who is sick.
- 2 WASH YOUR HANDS**
Thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- 3 DISINFECT AREAS**
Frequently clean and disinfect common surfaces.
- 4 COVER YOUR COUGH**
Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or your elbow.
- 5 STAY HOME WHEN YOU ARE SICK**
If you require medical attention, call ahead before going to a doctor's office or emergency room.

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5 PASOS PARA PREVENIR ENFERMEDADES

- 1 EVITE TOCAR SU ROSTRO**
Evite tocar su rostro si está enfermo o si alguien cerca de usted está enfermo.
- 2 LAVE SUS MANOS**
Lave bien sus manos con agua y jabón por al menos 20 segundos.
- 3 DESINFECTE AREAS**
Desinfecte con frecuencia áreas y superficies de uso común.
- 4 CUBRA SU BOCA AL TOSER**
Cubra su boca y nariz al toser y/o estornudar con un pañuelo o con su brazo.
- 5 PERMANEZCA EN CASA SI ESTÁ ENFERMO**
Si requiere atención médica llame antes de acudir a la oficina del médico o a la sala de emergencias.

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Residents are asked to continue practicing preventive measures as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control such as washing hands, avoid touching their faces, disinfecting their areas, covering their mouths when coughing, and staying home when sick.

Earlier today, Governor Greg Abbott declared a State of Disaster for all Texas Counties and asked all Texans to practice

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proactive measures while reassuring there is no need to stockpile supplies. “The State has been working closely with grocers and retailers to ensure shelves are replenished and that Texans have access to the goods and supplies they need.”

Mayor Chris Boswell asks residents to stay abreast of the situation but not to panic. “It’s very important to keep up with what is happening in our community and the country but it’s also important to practice common sense hygiene measures like washing your hands and protecting the most vulnerable.”

Meantime, as a precautionary measure, the Census Concert scheduled for April 4, 2020, featuring Solido has been rescheduled for May 16.

City services will remain as normal and we will continue to monitor this situation. For more information regarding how Harlingen is responding to the Coronavirus, residents are encouraged to www.myharlingen.us

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