

**LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY
COVID-19 CRISIS –12/04/2020**

Dear Leon Valley Citizens and Businesses:

METRO HEALTH DIRECTIVE

On Monday, November 30th, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District issued a directive strongly recommending and informing the public that you should **AVOID** indoor gatherings with people other than your immediate family. With the colder weather it is expected more people will stay inside rather than outside, which may increase COVID-19 case numbers. We are not out of the woods yet especially with the Christmas and New Year's holidays fast approaching. Please continue to stay vigilant, wear your mask, socially distance, wash your hands, stay home if you are sick and gather outside rather than inside, weather permitting.

COVID-19 UPDATE OF CASES – LAST TWO WEEKS

As of December 3, 2020, the total number of cases reported in Bexar County is 83,885, a 17.5% increase in 16 days. There were 1,372 total deaths reported on December 3rd, a 4.8% increase in 16 days. There were 593 hospitalizations reported yesterday (70 from El Paso), with 198 patients in ICU and 104 patients on ventilators.

The positivity rate, the percentage of tested cases which are positive, rose from 9.4% to 10.0% for the week ending November 22nd . For the week ending on November 29th , the positivity rate dropped from 10% to 9.2%. The explanation given for this drop, in spite of increasing cases, was there were a large number of people who were tested that were asymptomatic. The effect of any spread of the virus during the Thanksgiving holiday will not show up for another week.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- **Annual Christmas tree lighting drive-through** event (adapted for COVID) will take place on **Monday, December 7th from 6-8 pm** in the Community, Conference & Library complex. There will be a count down to turning on the lights at 6:15 pm, a live band playing, complimentary candy canes (thanks to Senator Menendez and Rep. Ray Lopez's offices) and other treats. Enter at Veteran's Way street and exit Kinman Alley. See more details on the city's ENEWS and website.
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution** will begin statewide on December 14 with 1.4 million doses allocated to Texas. The priority is to distribute the first vaccines to 10 area hospitals for all health care workers.

- The **South Texas Blood and Tissue Center** estimates a one day supply of O negative blood on hand, which is **critically low**. Please consider donating blood to help this dire situation by calling (210) 731-5555, or calling University Hospital at (210) 358-2812 to set up an appointment to give blood. Thank you.
- **15 free COVID-19 testing sites** are available throughout the city. A record number of tests are performed daily and the wait time is manageable. Please call (210) 207-5779, 311 or visit www.covid19@sanantonio.gov for testing locations and hours.
- **The City of Leon Valley City Hall continues to be closed to the public; appointments can be made for conducting city business (210) 684-1391.** Rimkus Park basketball courts and fields for organized sports only will continue to be closed. The Library will continue with curbside service and online adult and children activities only. There is a 10 person limit on family gatherings at Rimkus Park as per the state and county emergency declaration.

Working together we will get control of this pandemic! So proud of what the citizens in Leon Valley are doing to keep safe and healthy.

Sincerely, Chris
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