

**LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY
COVID-19 CRISIS –7/10/20**

Dear Leon Valley Citizens and Businesses:

LEON VALLEY CLOSURES

Due to the continued rise in the number of local COVID cases (Bexar County reported a 55% rise in the number of COVID cases last week, the highest in the state) the Leon Valley City Council amended the Emergency Declaration as follows:

- City Hall will be closed from July 13 – 21, 2020. All business with the city must be conducted online;
- All City parks will close beginning on Saturday, July 11th through July 21st, with the **exception** of the park restrooms, community garden and walking and hiking trails;
- The Forest Oaks Swimming Pool remains closed until July 21st;
- The Leon Valley Library will remain closed. Our librarians will continue to serve our community with Curbside Service (calling the library or going online to reserve a book/DVD) and online programs for adults and children. If you have an outstanding library book or DVD, please drop it off

at the book bin in front of the library. There are still 600 books outstanding that need to be cleaned first before they can be checked out again.

- Leon Valley adopted the revised Executive Orders of Governor Abbott and County Judge Wolff. Both orders now require masks in public, (age 10 and older with exceptions) with a \$250 fine for individuals if found in violation after one warning, and up to \$1,000 fine for non-compliant businesses. The order also prohibit outdoor gatherings in excess of 100, unless the county judge or mayor approves with restrictions. Family and social gatherings are limited to no more than 10 people. Bars were closed, river rafting prohibited, and restaurant occupancy was reduced from 75% to 50%.

The city council will consider re-opening City Hall and City Parks, as well as the opening of the Forest Oaks swimming pool, at the July 21st city council meeting. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

UPDATED NUMBERS

As of July 8, 2020, the total number of cases reported in Bexar County is 17,679 (up from 12,065 as of June 30th), a 44% increase in 8 days. There were 165 deaths reported on July 8th (up from 110 deaths on June 30th), a 50% increase in 8 days. This increase included 13 residents

who died in their homes and were later found by the county medical examiner, to have died from COVID-19.

In the Leon Valley zip codes there are now 311+ cases in zip code 78240 and between 151-310 cases in 78238.

COVID-19 DRIVE UP TEST SITE will be conducted Saturday, July 11, 2020 at Mission City Church, 2220 NW Military Highway from 9AM – 5 PM. Free of Charge. You must register at <https://texas.curativeinc.com>.

Call the City of San Antonio COVID-19 hot line at (210) 207-5779 for other popup locations for testing and for any other questions.

Mental Health Crisis Line for Bexar County – Call (210) 223-7233 or the State Mental Health Support Line (Texas Health and Human Services Department) at (833) 986-1919 if you need help with a mental health crisis.

CARES ACT

Bexar County shared \$9 million of their CARES funding with the suburban cities. Leon Valley's share is allocated at \$631,675. At the July 7, 2020 council meeting, staff recommended spending of this money in the following categories, totally \$630,990.98: *Public Health* \$232,483; *Medical Supplies* \$6,052; *PSA* \$6,998.; *Economic Support* \$197,524; *Personal Protection Equipment* \$59,224; *Teleworking* \$31,972 and *Payroll* \$96,734.

An itemization of these expenditures can be found under the agenda packet for July 7, 2020 council meeting at www.leonvalleytexas.gov. This list of expenditures, which includes some money for “business support” and face masks, will be finalized at the July 21st council meeting. If you have any specific needs, please email or call so it can be brought up. The council did discuss adding money towards improving our video conferencing at council meetings, which was not included in this list.

We are still in a very serious situation regarding the spread of COVID 19. a highly contagious and sometimes deadly disease. Hospital space is becoming short. Please follow the protocols of mask wearing, social distancing, hand sanitizing, staying home if feeling sick, and going out only if necessary. Thank you!

Be safe, stay healthy, and stay cool!

Sincerely, Chris

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