

**LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY
COVID-19 PANDEMIC –04/09/2021**

Dear Leon Valley Citizens and Businesses:

THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

Judge Nelson Wolff met with the suburban mayors this week to provide a summary of the COVID relief and stimulus package signed by the President on March 11, 2021. The County's allocation, based on population, will be \$288 million. The suburban cities' allocations are based on Community Development Block funding formulas and amounts range from \$122,973 (Grey Forest) to \$9.169 million (Schertz). The City of Leon Valley's allocation is \$2.68 million. One-half of the total dollars will be sent to the cities/counties within 60 days of March 11th and the remaining balance will be sent one year later. The deadline to allocate and spend all the funds is 2024.

What are the guidelines for spending this money? *Generally*, any department or budget allocation that was impacted by COVID and shows a loss of revenue can be reimbursed (i.e., sales tax revenues). This money can also be used to fund any COVID related expense, or investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure. Additional pay for essential workers who worked during the pandemic are eligible. The County is seeking more specific guidelines. As soon as we get final guidelines, your

city council will seek input from citizens and businesses on how best to allocate this money to meet the needs of our community.

LEON VALLEY POOLS TO OPEN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Public Works staff and our pool management company are preparing for both the Forest Oaks and Leon Valley Community swimming pools to open this summer, beginning Memorial Day weekend. COVID-19 protocols will be followed. Find out more at LeonValleyPools.com regarding costs, swim teams, swim lessons, parties and rentals, water aerobics, day care visits and more.

VACCINATION UPDATES

To date in Bexar County, 558,995 individuals have received their 1st dose of the vaccine, an increase of 34,353 from last week and 341,895 of those individuals have been fully vaccinated, an increase of approximately 47,737 from last week. 25% of our entire community have been fully vaccinated! University Health System is anticipating an increase in the number of vaccine doses which will increase the number of slots available. Call University Health System at 210-644-1960 or go online at www.WeCanDoltSA.com to register.

Any individual over the age of 75 can go to the Alamodome any afternoon without an appointment to be vaccinated. Metro Health has also

set aside some appointments for any person who does not have access to the internet. Please call 311, Option 8 to book your appointment anytime between 8A-5P Monday-Friday or 8A –12P Saturday-Sunday. You can text VACCINE” to 55000 or VACUNA to 5500 to receive text messages.

Carvajal Pharmacy has been vaccinating homebound individuals in the community, including Leon Valley. They have the vaccines available and provide a drive through vaccination clinic Monday-Friday 9am to 6 pm and Saturday, 9 am – Noon. Call (210) 922-2176 and get on a wait list. You will get an appointment a week later. The drive through is located at 3410 Roosevelt Ave.. This is another option to the Metro Health, University Health System, Well-Med and other vaccination sites in the area.

CURRENT CASE NUMBERS

As of April 8th there were 208,606 total cases reported in Bexar County, a 1.3% increase from April 1st. There were 3,222 total deaths reported on April 8th, a 2.2% increase in 7 days. The positivity rate rose slightly to **2.1%** from **2.05%** the week before. Our positivity rate is the *lowest* among the major metropolitan cities in the state.

As of April 8th, there were 199 patients in area hospitals, 84 patients in ICU and 26 patients on ventilators.

HELP IS NEEDED

- The **South Texas Blood and Tissue Center** has less than a one day supply of O negative blood on hand and only a 2 day supply of all other blood types. Due to the Easter holiday, there were fewer donors. Please consider donating blood to help this dire situation by calling (210) 731-5555, or call University Hospital at (210) 358-2812 to set up an appointment to give blood.

Just a reminder to please continue to follow all COVID-19 protocols – we are not out of the woods yet. Thanks to everyone for doing your part!

Sincerely, Chris

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