

**LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY
COVID-19 REPORT –05/07/2021**

HAPPY NURSES & TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

For the last 15 months nurses and teachers have been on the front line caring for the sick and teaching our students via ZOOM and in person during COVID-19. On behalf of the Leon Valley City Council, citizens and staff, we send our deepest thanks to the nurses and teachers for your commitment in keeping all of us safe, healthy, and educated.

We also thank the parents and grandparents who have assisted their children on ZOOM (not an easy task) and the parents who have chosen to home school their children during the time of COVID-19. A very challenging time for all! The important goal of opening up schools in the fall can be achieved if we get enough people vaccinated.

FIESTA 2021 RESCHEDULED

Last year Fiesta was cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus. The Fiesta Commission, in coordination with Metro Health, has reset Fiesta 2021 to June 17 – 27th with the goal of setting proper protocols in place in order to conduct safe events. Fiesta was rescheduled due to the number of vaccines administered and the reduction in the number of new cases. COVID-19 is still circulating in our community as evidenced by the positivity rate increasing last week to 2.6% from 1.9% the week before. Additionally,

the Bexar County jail is reporting an uptick in cases. With this in mind, **the Fiesta Commission is requiring anyone who attends a Fiesta event to wear a mask.** The enforcement will fall on the sponsor of the event, with ejection from the venue if you do not follow the rule. The number of Fiesta events have been reduced. The *only parade* still planned to go forward is the night River Parade. Mayor Nirenberg and Judge Wolff are asking people to become vaccinated, if you are planning to attend Fiesta events.

BEXAR COUNTY NUMBERS OF VACCINATIONS

To date in Bexar County, 61.1% or 928,327 of the eligible population has received one dose of the vaccine and 43% or 647,489 are fully vaccinated with two doses. Bexar County is still leading the state in the highest percentage of fully vaccinated individuals.

There is an appeal for individuals 18-49 years of age to get vaccinated. This age group has the lowest number of vaccinated individuals with 43% receiving 1 dose and 28% fully vaccinated. It is now easier than ever to get vaccinated without an appointment (and no charge). University Health System is beginning to provide vaccinations at three local pharmacies within their system, which are closer to neighborhoods: Texas Diabetes Clinic on Zarzamora, 36th Street Clinic, and Robert B. Green

Clinic, open Monday – Friday from 8 am – 5 pm, with Robert B. Green

Clinic opened on Saturdays from 8am – 5 pm.

Additionally, anyone 16 years or older can receive the vaccine at the Alamodome drive-through clinic from 9 am – 6:30 pm, Tuesdays through Saturday at no charge and no appointment is necessary.

Good News for Leon Valley residents! We are working with Well-Med to provide a vaccination clinic at our Community Center soon. More information will be forthcoming.

CURRENT CASE NUMBERS

As of May 6th there were 219,008 total cases reported in Bexar County, a .8% increase from April 29th. There were 3,379 total deaths reported on May 6th, a .7% increase in 7 days.

As of May 6th, there were 219 patients in area hospitals, 71 patients in ICU and 41 patients on ventilators.

We are heading in the right direction, but are not out of the woods yet. Please wear your mask and practice social distancing, especially in large crowds with little ventilation, and please get vaccinated.

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers and grandmothers!

Sincerely, Chris
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