

**LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS RILEY  
COVID-19 REPORT –04/23/2021**

**CITY TO EXPAND LIBRARY SERVICES/ HOST 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE**

At this week's city council meeting the council addressed expanding the City of Leon Valley's library program and hosting a 4th of July event, after cancelling last year's event due to the high coronavirus cases.

**Library** – beginning next week the Leon Valley library will move into Phase 4+, adding limited appointments for individuals who want to browse in the library. Regina Reed, library director, reported to council that she is unsure of how many people the library will be able to accommodate for browsing, in addition to the (4) computer appointments set every hour, which opened up approximately five weeks ago. Children's toys, interactive exhibits, and all in-person events and meetings in the library remain closed. *Appointments for browsing and computer use can be made by calling (210) 684-0720.* All appointments start at the top of the hour and COVID 19 protocols will be followed when visiting the library.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Fireworks** - The City Council was presented two options for a night parade along Evers Road to Rimkus Park from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> followed by a fireworks show to begin at 9:15 pm. **Option One:** Light attendance expected with people coming into park with their own coolers, chairs and blankets to watch the fireworks.

There would be no fencing, no music or food trucks. The estimated cost to the city is \$20,700. **Option Two:** Anticipated a larger crowd in the park with fencing, food trucks, portable restrooms, sanitizing stations, light towers, generators and ATM machines. This option's estimated cost to the city is \$49,500.

After council and citizen input, staff was directed to come back with a revised option that planned for a larger crowd, with no fencing, food trucks, and a DJ to provide music. Discussion included allowing families to bring in their own coolers. This is another example of *slowly* opening up to pre-pandemic activities, especially if we can keep the COVID-19 cases flat. A final decision by council will be made at the May 4<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

### **VACCINATION SUPPLY WIDELY AVAILABLE**

Beginning today, April 23<sup>rd</sup> , anyone 16 years and older may drive-through at the Alamodome any afternoon from Noon – 5 pm to receive a vaccination. There are 300 vaccines available every day. There is no cost and no appointment needed. Photo ID required and those who are 16 or 17 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

If an individual would still like to make an appointment they can call 311 - **Metro Health** or visit [www.wecandoit-sa.com](http://www.wecandoit-sa.com) to book an appointment through **University Health**. There are many more pharmacies

and health care systems in our county who are offering the vaccine. Check out the San Antonio Express News page 2A daily for a complete listing. There are now more places than ever before offering the vaccine at no cost.

### **HOW MANY BEXAR COUNTY CITIZENS ARE VACCINATED?**

To date in Bexar County, 54.3% of the eligible population has received one dose of the vaccine and 34% is fully vaccinated. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are able to be stored in a deep freeze for up to six months. Today a decision will be made on whether to restart using the Johnson and Johnson vaccine (one shot, no need for deep freeze) after a pause was implemented due to health concerns several weeks ago.

### **CURRENT CASE NUMBERS**

As of April 22<sup>nd</sup> there were 214,631 total cases reported in Bexar County, a 1.5% increase from April 15<sup>th</sup>, which was slightly up from a 1.3% increase last week. There were 3,330 total deaths reported on April 15<sup>th</sup>, a 1.1% increase in 7 days. The positivity rate dropped slightly to **2.2%** from **2.4%** the week before. Our positivity rate is still the *lowest* among the major metropolitan cities in the state.

As of April 22<sup>nd</sup>, there were 238 patients in area hospitals, 83 patients in ICU and 38 patients on ventilators.

**THANKS TO St. John's Baptist Church,** 23 individuals were vaccinated yesterday at the church's one-day clinic held in partnership with the City of Leon Valley.

San Jacinto holiday is being celebrated today by closing area schools and businesses. Fiesta activities are rescheduled from April to June 17, 2021 due to the declining COVID-19 cases.

Sincerely, Chris  
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