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A Letter from Selma Mayor, Tom Daly

Citizens of Selma:

I am writing to you today to provide an update at the City level as it pertains to COVID-19. By now, I imagine most of you have kept up-to-date through a multitude of communication avenues from information provided by Federal and State leaders. Here locally, I have issued a Declaration of Local State of Disaster and Public Health Emergency on March 20, 2020 and an amended Declaration of Local State of Disaster and Public Health Emergency on March 26, 2020. These declarations do not issue a city-wide stay-at-home / shelter-in-place like the declaration issued in Bexar County on March 23, 2020. The City of Selma is located in three counties, Bexar, Comal, and Guadalupe with City Hall, Police Station, and Fire Station being located in Guadalupe County. The City of Selma is collaborating closely with all three counties and neighboring cities as we look to combat COVID-19. Currently, Guadalupe County and Comal County have not issued stay-at-home / shelter in place like declarations. Currently, the cities of Schertz and Cibolo have not issued stay-at-home / shelter-in-place like declarations, because like Governor Abbott has mentioned during multiple press conferences, each county/city in Texas faces a different set of circumstances. However, we will continue to work closely with the leadership in these counties and cities to determine if a city-wide declaration like the ones issued by the City of San Antonio and Bexar County become warranted. The point is though, if you are a Selma resident or business located in Bexar County, any executive order issued by the County Judge is applicable. Currently, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Selma.

Some things we have done in response to COVID-19, are operational changes on how we implement City services. Our Monday through Friday office hours have been changed to 10am to 4pm for city employees that cannot work remotely. Many city employees though, are working remotely from their residence. We are continually evaluating when the right time to close office hours completely for public face-to-face interaction. But rest assured, our hard-working Police Officers, Firefighters, and Public Works staff are working business as usual to keep our community safe. These employees have adopted safety measures on how to approach calls for service to ensure safety for all. This is a reminder of the perpetual debt of gratitude that we owe to these brave men and women. We are constantly monitoring how we implement City services while also ensuring safety for all.



Finally, as a reminder, please continue to do your part by following recommendations by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Texas Department of State and Health Services. Such include:

- If you feel sick, stay home and contact your medical provider;
- If you children are sick, keep them at home. Do not send them to school and contact your medical provider.
- If you are an older person, stay home and away from other people.
- If you are a person with a serious underlying health condition that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
- Avoid discretionary travel and do not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
- Practice good hygiene by washing your hands frequently, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface;
- Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.

As a community, please be smart and safe as we combat the spread of COVID-19.

Proudly serving,

Mayor Tom Daly