

City of Harker Heights COVID-19 Update #1 – Operational Changes Wednesday 3/18/2020 10:30am

The City of Harker Heights continues to monitor and receive updates from the Bell County Public Health District, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Texas Department of Health and Human Services. In collaboration with local and state entities, the City of Harker Heights has adjusted its protocols to assist with employee and public safety.

The current actions are taking place at each municipal facility/park.

- Increased cleaning of public facilities.
- City sponsored events are canceled until further notice.
- Social distancing is being accommodated within waiting areas of public facilities.
- Public/Private events over 50 in attendance utilizing City properties are canceled.

Operational Changes:

- Public Meetings
 - City Council Workshops and Meetings will continue as planned. Updates will be posted on City's webpage if the meeting dates and methods are changed.
 - All citizen board meetings are canceled until otherwise posted.
- Municipal Court
 - Court Date Cancellations
 - The following court dates have been CANCELED and will be rescheduled:
 - Monday, March 16, 2020: Open Docket at 1 PM
 - Thursday, March 19: Teen Attorney Training at 6 PM
 - Thursday, March 26, 2020: Pre-Trials and Docket Call at 8:30 AM
 - Monday March 30, 2020: Open Docket at 1 PM
 - Thursday, April 2, 2020: Teen Court Competition at 6 PM
 - Court Administration is available to receive payments at City Hall. The Kiosk, located in the drive through lane at City Hall, can also receive Court payments.
- Activities Center
 - Closed until further notice.
 - All Senior programs and events are canceled until further notice.
- Library
 - Closed until further notice for walk in service.
 - Drop off Harker Heights Public Library materials in the drop box anytime 24/7.
 - Library Catalog accessible on the Virtual Library at www.harkerheights.gov/virtuallibrary
 - Order books, DVD's, audiobooks and other materials by calling 254-953-5497 or emailing reference@harkerheights.gov Mon – Thurs 9am – 7pm or Fri and Sat 9am – 6pm. The City will continue to operate the drive through for book pickup/drop off during these hours.
- Recreation Center
 - Open with reduced hours and programs
 - New hours Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm

- Open gym canceled until further notice.
- All gym programming and activities canceled until further notice.
- All Recreation Center room reservations have been canceled.

- Parks & Outdoor Facilities
 - Parks, Playgrounds, and Open Spaces will remain open during normal park hours.
 - Social distancing is encouraged.
 - All outdoor facility rentals are canceled until further notice.

- Sports Leagues & Events
 - All adult and youth sports are suspended until further notice.
 - This includes league scheduled practices, meetings, and assessments.

- Utility Collections
 - Lobby remains open for establishing new accounts or scheduling payments.
 - We encourage all payments to be made by utilizing the drive thru window or online at www.harkerheights.gov/index.php/online-water-bill-payment or by the telephone 254-953-5630.

Closures, amended hours and cancelations are in collaboration with Bell County, State, and Federal recommendations. The revised hours will allow for additional cleaning and maintenance of the facilities to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

The City will continue to monitor County, State, and Federal guidance as the situation continues to change rapidly. Please continue to share this information with family and friends and to monitor our webpage at www.harkerheights.gov/covid19 for the latest updates regarding COVID-19.