



Mayor's Statement

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Friends and neighbors of Harker Heights,

Please be assured that the well-being and safety of our citizens and employees are my number one concern and priority. Our city is taking proactive steps to ensure the welfare of our community. Our main objective is to reduce the transmission of this virus.

The city's leadership team meets daily to plan and direct the city's response to COVID-19. These meetings involve our County, State, and Federal entities as well as conversations with our neighboring and community partners. The Bell County Public Health District will continue to provide guidance and recommendations to all community partners as this situation unfolds.

We are asking all civic, volunteer, nonprofit, and faith based organizations to reduce the gathering opportunities of their groups. Our health professionals are emphasizing the need to practice personal preventative measures, which include:

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Utilize hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available with 60% minimum alcohol content.
- Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth. These are the primary entrance points for COVID-19 infection.
- Do not share water bottles or similar containers.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue then throw the tissue in the trash or cough/sneeze into your folded elbow to reduce the spread of respiratory droplets.
- Routinely clean surfaces and objects with a cleaning solution that contains bleach.
- Call a doctor if you have a fever, cough, body aches and/or fatigue.
- Social distancing is a concept where one attempts to remain six feet away from others. This is one way to reduce the possibility of transmission of the virus by a sick person.
- If you or a family member is sick, stay home and limit contact with others.
- Eliminate handshakes.

Remain calm and use good judgement during this time as we all play a part in combating the Coronavirus. This situation is evolving rapidly and is changing daily, so please continue to monitor our website at www.harkerheights.gov/covid19

Sincerely,
Mayor – Spencer H. Smith

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