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## **COVID-19 and the City of Dripping Springs**

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**DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS** – March 13, 2020 – As the news of the impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues, the City of Dripping Springs wants our community to know that we are actively monitoring the situation and will report updates to our community as information becomes available.

Currently, no cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the City or in Hays County. Our Emergency Management Department is in daily contact with the Hays County Local Health Department (LHD), the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and will continue to actively monitor the situation daily.

At this time, the City is not cancelling City events or closing City facilities. Additionally, City services will continue. The City is discussing operational changes to help protect our community, staff, and volunteers from the spread of COVID-19. The City Council will discuss some of these issues at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. The City will continue to communicate with health officials and will notify our community of what we learn and changes that are made as the information develops.

At this time, we encourage our citizens to follow the guidelines generally recommended for cold and flu season:

- Wash hands often and for 20 seconds and encourage others to do the same.
- If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and then throw the tissue away.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Disinfect surfaces, buttons, handles, knobs and other places touched often.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- When out in public, maintain a social distance of a few feet if you can. This virus spreads by person-to-person transmission just like the flu, so safe distance can help prevent COVID-19 from spreading.

The City will post updates related to COVID-19 on our website and Facebook pages.

- [cityofdrippingsprings.com](http://cityofdrippingsprings.com)
- [facebook.com/cityofdrippingsprings](https://facebook.com/cityofdrippingsprings)
- [Facebook.com/cityofdsemergencymanagement](https://Facebook.com/cityofdsemergencymanagement)

Here are some other links to more general information you may find useful:

- [CDC \(Centers for Disease Control\)](#)
- [Texas Department of Health Services](#)
- [Hays County Local Health Department](#)

The health and well-being of our community is our highest priority. Precautions to avoid the spread of the virus should be taken, but this is not a time to panic. You can and should live a relatively normal, daily life. We understand the uncertainty of the situation and encourage our citizens to remain informed on these issues. We also encourage our residents and businesses to work together in meaningful ways to provide for those who are affected by the various closures and cancellations being reported in our area.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at 512-858-4725.