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COVID19 – Harker Heights

Bell County has moved to a Stage 3 in the COVID-19 containment and prevention measures. As a result of the five confirmed cases in the County, Bell County Judge David Blackburn has issued a Local Disaster Declaration for Public Health Emergency.

Out of an abundance of caution and recommendations from local health officials, the City of Harker Heights has made the decision to close all Municipal facilities to walk in traffic beginning Thursday March 19, 2020 until further notice. All City services will remain available to our residents online or by phone (254-953-5600).

In addition to Stage 3, The County Directive identifies the closing of the following, which begins at midnight tonight (3/18/2020).

- All indoor and outdoor gatherings of more than 50 people are prohibited.
- Restaurants may engage in drive up, drive through, pick up, and delivery services only.
- Closure of bars, indoor recreation facilities, movie theaters, and gyms.
- NOT included in this order: schools, office space, childcare facilities, residential buildings, grocery and convenience stores, hospital and medical facilities, retail establishments. At these locations, proper social distancing should still be the goal, and decisions will be made independently by those businesses and organizations.

This disaster declaration is in place for seven days and can be extended by the Bell County Commissioner's Court if necessary.

“The City will continue to offer quality city services; such as, water, sewer, police and fire protection to our residents.” states Jerry Bark, Public Relations Director.

The City has dedicated a webpage <http://www.harkerheights.gov/covid19> for all information regarding COVID-19. We ask that all citizens monitor the site for the latest updates.

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