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City of Mission statement on Coronavirus

Health and safety of citizens is top priority

Mission, TX (3:30pm) – Today, Governor Greg Abbott declared a State Disaster for all Texas counties to coordinate a response and launch preventative measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. The declaration triggers a coordination of state resources and support for local governmental agencies to protect the health of Texans.

The City of Mission is actively monitoring the COVID-19 situation in close coordination with the state and the Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department. We will send periodic updates and keep our community informed of any changes via the city's website and all our social media platforms. Rest assured, every precaution is being taken to ensure the health and safety of all the citizens of Mission.

City of Mission staff has been meeting regularly with county and state health officials and monitoring the Coronavirus and the possible spread of COVID-19. The City has planning in place for continuity of services in such instances. As of now, the City of Mission does not have any plans for canceling programs, events, or meetings.

The City is taking recommended precautions and is following the guidelines outlined by the state, the Hidalgo County Health Department and the CDC. Additionally, we are taking proactive measures to promote the safety of patrons and staff by increasing the frequency of cleaning and sanitizing of common areas, restrooms, and gathering areas. There will be an increase in the number of hand-sanitizing stations throughout many of the City's facilities, as well as extra hand washing signs that remind employees and visitors to wash their hands frequently.

In the meantime, there are simple steps everyone can take to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses like COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.