



City of Hondo

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Message from the Mayor James W. Danner, Sr. and City Manager Kim Davis

In our continued effort to monitor the impacts of the novel coronavirus (COVID 19) pandemic. Hondo ISD has made the decision to remain closed until at least Friday, April 24th. We encourage you to reach out to Hondo ISD to stay up to date on their action plan during this unique situation. This is a friendly reminder that just because school is not in session, school aged children should not be out and about. To address some of the concerns regarding school aged children being out in large groups and without a parent or guardian, the City of Hondo Council held an emergency meeting on March 27th to amend our emergency decree to include curfew limits for school aged children and guidelines for retail establishments regarding social distancing. Those guidelines contain the following information:

- 1) As a result of school closures, no one under seventeen (17) years of age will be allowed to stand, drive, or ride about in or upon any public place in the City of Hondo during school days without the supervision of a parent, guardian or adult 18 or over approved by the parent or guardian during the hours of 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday unless minor was engaged in lawful employment or volunteer work at a recognized charity institution or other organization or is going to or coming directly from such activity without detour or stop or any other defense recognized in Section 8.02.33 of the Hondo City Code.
- 2) As a result of the pandemic, no one under seventeen (17) years of age will be allowed to stand, drive, or ride about in or upon any public place in the City of Hondo during days without the supervision of a parent, guardian or adult 18 or over approved by the parent or guardian during the hours of 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM, any day of the week unless minor was engaged in lawful employment or volunteer work at a recognized charity institution or other organization or is going to or coming directly from such activity without detour or stop or any other defense recognized in Section 8.02.33 of the Hondo City Code.
- 3) All retailers, including grocery stores and discount stores are instructed to: Sanitize all carts prior to customers' usage, continuously sanitize all checkout areas including credit/debit card machines, maintain a six (6) foot separation between customers in lines both inside and outside (at the store's entrance) and are requested to limit the number of individual items sold to each customer or family. All fuel service providers are mandated to post signage warning against risks posed by lack of sanitization of fuel pumps.

We will be actively monitoring violations of the declaration and enforcement could be a fine up to \$1000 or 180 days in jail.

We continue to be in contact with the Medina Regional Hospital Team. Please make sure that you contact the clinic prior to any procedures to make sure they are still scheduled as most elective procedures have been canceled. Additionally, they are seeing well appointments in the morning and sick appointments in the afternoon. Please be sure to adhere to their scheduling to prevent any further spreading of illness (not just COVID-19) in our community. There is hope that in the coming days, telemedicine will be approved by the federal legislature and implemented as another form of staying in touch with your provider and receiving needed medical services.

Please keep in mind that there is still no shelter in place order for Hondo or Medina County at this time. You are asked to keep social distancing and stay at home when possible. Restaurants are still limited to drive-thru or curbside pick-up. Dining rooms are to remain closed. If you have a concern that someone is in violation of this decree, please contact the Hondo Police Department at 426-5353.

Our team continues to remain in close communication with Medina County health officials, the Texas Department of State Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We are getting frequent updates and will continue to share information as it becomes available.

As of this notice, there are 3 cases in Medina County. We want to remind you to continue to practice social distancing, good hygiene and other guidelines issued by the Center for Disease Control.

We will continue to strive to avoid or minimize any disruptions of City services. Our foremost concern is to protect the health and welfare of our community. All residents are urged to do their part in helping prevent the spread of COVID 19 by complying with the guidelines to interrupt the spread of this virus.

Sincerely,



James W. Danner, Sr.
Mayor



Kim Davis
City Manager