



*City of Hondo*

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On Thursday, April 16, the City of Hondo City Council issued the 5<sup>th</sup> Emergency Decree. The purpose of this decree was to add what they felt was another key component to battling the Novel Coronavirus COVID 19 – wearing of masks. The Decree mandates that both staff and patients at hospitals, clinics and vet offices wear masks in the facilities. This is something that the staff has already been doing at these locations, but it is now mandatory for those visiting the sites to do so as well. Additionally, the Decree went on to mandate that restaurant staff and essential businesses delivering direct face-to-face customer service also wear masks. It was recommended that everyone when out in public wear a mask. We hope that this clears things up regarding the use of masks in our City. Again, this is as much to protect the people around you as it is for you. Unfortunately, some people are silent carriers of this virus. We need to stay vigilant to keep the impact to our friends, family and community to a minimum so we can continue to flatten the curve and reopen our businesses.

The City of Hondo understands the frustration with not being “business as usual”. We know the negative impact this virus has had to many of our community members and businesses. The Hondo Economic Development Corporation as well as the City of Hondo have put together a Keeping God’s County Working COVID 19 Stimulus relief program for our small business who employ between 1-25 people. We will be launching the program on our website next Monday. The program will allow businesses to apply for assistance with salaries, rent, utilities, advertising for virtual activities, purchase of COVID 19 supplies. We are also working to promote the Small Business Administration relief efforts. These will all be shared on our website and we encourage you to take advantage of them if you are eligible. The Payroll Protection Program (PPP) will assist you with keeping your staff paid during this economic slow-down.

Again, our first priority is to find a balance between public safety and economic viability. Please continue to social distance, not gather in groups larger than 10, sanitize your hands often, avoid touching your face and we encourage you to wear a mask when in public.

If you have questions about the Decree, please contact us at City Hall 426-3378. If you have questions about the Keeping God’s Country Working COVID 19 Stimulus relief program, please contact our Economic Development Director, Genevieve Flores, at [glores@hondo-tx.org](mailto:glores@hondo-tx.org) or 741-8319.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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