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NEWS RELEASE

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COVID-19

The City of Lake Jackson continues to monitor the COVID-19 Pandemic. President Trump has declared a national emergency. Governor Abbott has declared a statewide declaration of health emergency. County Judge Sebesta has signed a declaration of disaster for public health emergency for Brazoria County. And, Mayor Sipple has issued a declaration of disaster for public health emergency for the City of Lake Jackson as well.

The City of Lake Jackson is following the guidance of the Center for Disease Control, the Texas Department of State Health Services, and the Brazoria County Health Department. The guidance at this time in part is to restrict gathering in groups larger than 10 people. To avoid unnecessary travel; to wash your hands thoroughly for 20 seconds or more regularly; to practice social distancing; to disinfect surfaces; and avoid contact with people who are sick.

We are posting regular updates on our website www.lakejackson-tx.gov and on our Facebook page.

We have closed the Civic Center, Recreation Center, Jasmine Hall and Museum until further notice. The County has closed the library. The Brazoria County Health Department is staffing a call line from 10am-6pm Monday-Friday and 9-2 on Saturday to take calls from the public. The number to call is 979-864-2167.

Action S (for senior citizens) has a call number of 979-849-6132 open from 8am to 2pm to assist seniors needing food or supplies. That is also the number you can call to make a donation of supplies to Action S for the benefit of our senior citizens.

Businesses affected negatively by the crisis should go <https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>. Then, choose the "Economic Injury Worksheet". This is a worksheet from the Small Business Administration. It will allow affected businesses to seek low interest loans from the SBA. Reference COVID-19 and show how you have been negatively affected.

As to restaurants, we are encouraging takeout, pickup, and delivery options. Dine-in should follow safe distancing guidelines – 6 feet from others. This could change as conditions warrant.

We are in uncharted territory with this pandemic. Again, we are doing our best to adhere to the guidance of our health professionals at the CDC, TXDSHS and the Brazoria County Health Department.

We are simply asking people to use common sense. Stay at home if at all possible. Work from home if you can. Limit your trips to going to work or the store. Practice social distancing and all proper hygiene. Do not go out if you are sick.

Unfortunately, we are still at the beginning of all this. The next several weeks will determine if we, as a nation, were able to blunt this outbreak or not.

We will provide updates as we get them.

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