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COVID-19

Since our last COVID-19 update, Lake Jackson has had two more positive cases reported. This brings the total of cases that have been reported in Lake Jackson to 13. Eight of the thirteen have recovered. We now have 5 active cases in Lake Jackson. Also, we are pleased to report that our City employee who had tested positive has now recovered.

The County (as of 5/3/20) has reported 551 COVID-19 cases. Of that total, 274 have recovered and 271 are active. Six people (4 residents and 2 inmates) have passed away from the virus. Of the current active cases in the county, 168 are of inmates in the various prison units in our county. That means there are 103 active cases in the civilian population in our county. This is a jump from about 88 active cases for civilians we reported last Thursday.

We are in the second week of Governor Abbott's phased opening of the Texas economy. His plan is to further open more businesses on May 18th if conditions with the virus warrant it. This is why it is still so important for people to continue to stay at home if they can, especially the vulnerable population. Remember, the Governor's stay at home order was not lifted, it was modified to allow more freedom of movement among those not in a high-risk category. Our understanding is that, if things go well with this next phase, the Governor will lift additional restrictions around June 1st.

Today starts the resumption of full City services. We will be picking up heavy trash, brush, and recycling on their regular schedules. Remember, if you receive your regular garbage pickup on Monday and Thursday, we pick up your heavy trash and brush on the weeks that start with the first and third Mondays of each month. Also, your recycling is collected each Thursday. If you receive your regular garbage on Tuesday and Friday, you will receive your heavy trash and brush pickup on the weeks of the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Your recycling is picked up each Friday. If there happens to be a week in a month that starts with a fifth Monday, there is no heavy trash or brush collection. We use those weeks for special projects and preventive maintenance. This schedule has been in place for almost 40 years.

We have ended the split shifts for City employees, so all employees reported to work today. All employees are to follow all safety protocols in place until further notice. These are the same safety measures we hope all of you are taking. Practicing social distancing where possible, washing your hands and using hand sanitizers, not touching your face unless you have washed your hands, and wearing a mask to help protect others.

As we keep saying, this pandemic is not over. We all need to do our best to follow the safety guidelines that have been put in place to help safeguard ourselves and others.