



Message from the Mayor

Due to increased positive COVID-19 cases throughout the state, Governor Abbott issued an Executive Order requiring all Texans to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in public spaces in counties with 20 or more positive COVID-19 cases, with few exceptions. The Governor also issued a proclamation giving mayors and county judges the ability to impose restrictions on some outdoor gatherings of over 10 people, and making it mandatory that, with certain exceptions, people cannot be in groups larger than ten and must maintain six feet of social distancing from others.

The action does not come as a surprise based on the escalation in positive test results in Palo Pinto County. It is believed that social gatherings during the Memorial Day holiday weekend contributed to the increase in not only our community but the entire state of Texas. This weekend is a concern for fear of an even greater influx of positive cases due to 4th of July celebrations. I certainly understand and support the Governor's actions requiring the face coverings. Compliance with wearing face coverings and doing what is right to prevent the spread of the virus is up to each individual citizen in Mineral Wells and Palo Pinto County. Every citizen is being called to do what is right for the protection of themselves and others.

Please keep in mind that as positive cases increase, so does the number of hospitalizations. Increased capacity in the local hospitals not only creates concerns for COVID care but it also creates a potential for our citizen's with other critical health issues not being able to be hospitalized due to lack of beds. I realize that sounds like a fear tactic or an exaggerated scenario, but trust me it is a fact and a concern with your city and county leaders.

I do not view this as an enforcement issue. I believe this is a heart issue in our community and citizens need to step like we have in the history of our community and do what is right so we can fight this invisible enemy. Together we can set a good example to other communities and stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

God bless you all and please have a COVID safe 4th of July weekend.

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