



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR MARCH 13, 2020

I know many of you are worried and anxious about the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak that is occurring across Texas, the nation, and the world. It is normal to feel concerned. So far there are no positive cases in Hays County. However, Hays County Health officials do expect to eventually see positive cases of COVID-19 in the community. The City of Buda is working with its regional partners and meeting daily to monitor this evolving situation. All reasonable steps are being taken to keep you and your family safe. Most patients will have mild symptoms of a low-grade fever and a cough with chest congestion. People who are over 65 with an underlying medical condition or a weak immune system are the individuals that are most at risk. The virus spreads by person-to-person transmission, much like the flu. Therefore, the Hays County Health Department is encouraging that you avoid large gatherings like concerts, plays, and sporting events. The City has canceled/postponed all City-sponsored events through April 12 and the Buda Public Library has suspended programming through March 27. This is not to create panic, but rather to reduce the risk of anyone spreading the virus.

Buda is a great place to live and we know all of you care deeply about our wonderful community and your neighbors. I ask that you remain vigilant, by washing your hands, disinfecting surfaces that are frequently touched, not shaking hands, etc. Please follow the recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, along with our local health professionals. Most of all, I ask that you remain calm during this time. There is no need to stockpile supplies. For those worried about empty grocery store shelves, these supplies will be replenished by grocers and retailers. By taking the necessary preventative measures and working together, we will get through this challenging time.

Mayor George Haehn

