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City of Waco To Close Certain City Facilities To The Public

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Although we do not have confirmed positive cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) within McLennan County at this time, based on the press conferences that were delivered today by Governor Abbott and President Trump, the City of Waco is being proactive in trying to limit the community spread of the virus.

Beginning at 7:00 AM on Saturday March 14, 2020 and at least through midnight March 29, 2020 the following City facilities will be closed to the public:

**City of Waco Public Libraries
Cameron Park Zoo
City of Waco Community Centers
City of Waco Senior Centers
Waco Convention Center & Visitors' Bureau
Texas Ranger Hall of Fame**

City operations will continue as normal although we encourage everyone to conduct as much City business online as is possible. Increased cleaning schedules will be implemented at the City facilities that remain open.

The Mayor and the Waco McLennan County Public Health District strongly recommend canceling, rescheduling, or not attending events with more than 250 persons; urge organizations that serve high-risk populations to cancel gatherings of more than 10 people; and additionally urge people to not attend non-essential gatherings in order to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. These recommendations are based on the social distancing practices recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

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As we go forward, the City continues to be a part of the weekly meetings with the McLennan County Leadership Committee formed by the Public Health District that brings together leadership of Baylor/Scott & White, Ascension Providence, Family Health Center, Premier ER and other medical professionals to collaborate and maximize the community's response, diagnosis, and treatment of any suspected cases of COVID-19.

The best way to avoid contracting COVID-19 is to follow CDC guidelines:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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