



March 17, 2020

From the Office of the Mayor, Sam Fugate, City of Kingsville, Texas

Dear Citizens of the City of Kingsville,

I am sending this letter to all the citizens of the City of Kingsville to assure you that the city is engaged at the local, state and federal level during the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus 2019) pandemic. With this said, I have declared a State of Emergency for the City of Kingsville, which activates the city's Emergency Management Plan and opens the city up for federal and state funding as we deal with this situation.

City of Kingsville services are not impacted at this time, except for minor modifications in accordance with city preference, federal guidance, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

What is impacted in Kingsville by COVID-19?

- a. The city will limit all public gatherings for city business to 50 people maximum (Mayor/Board Director, Commissioners and designated city staff only). We are working on options to provide public comment and video/audio streaming of public meetings as authorized by Texas Governor Greg Abbott, and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.
- b. City sponsored Parks and Recreation sporting events are postponed until further notice.
- c. Rental of the Park's Recreation Hall at Dick Kleberg Park is suspended until further notice.

What is available?

- a. All city services are running normal. All garbage service, water and wastewater service, the city landfill, city parks and city buildings are open and operating under normal conditions.
- b. Police, Fire and Ambulatory Care is up and operational with no restrictions.
- c. The city's water system is fully capable of providing all our water needs; we have the capacity to produce 2.5 times the water that the city uses on a normal daily average, so availability is not an issue. In addition, the water system is chlorinated and meets all state requirements-the water is safe to use and drink.
- d. Information on COVID-19 is updated on the City of Kingsville's website main page at <http://www.cityofkingsville.com>. There is plenty of information available and updates to city services will be placed on this main page for ease of access to the latest information.
- e. The City/County Health Department is monitoring state and federal agencies for updates to COVID-19. If you have any questions or concerns, you may certainly call the staff at the Health Department at (361) 592-3324.

What can you do to reduce your risk of acquiring and spreading the COVID-19 virus?

- a. Wash you hands with soap and warm water regularly for at least 20 seconds.
- b. Avoid touching your face and mouth with unwashed hands.
- c. Use hand sanitizers if washing is unavailable.
- d. Avoid close contact with people who are sick or appear sick.
- e. If you are sick, think you are sick, not feeling well, or believe you may have been exposed to COVID-19, please stay at home and call your medical provider for guidance.
- f. Cover your mouth/nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing.

The city staff is standing by to assist you should you have comments, questions or concerns. Please feel free to reach out to them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam R. Fugate". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Sam R. Fugate,
Mayor
City of Kingsville, Texas