

# **City of San Marcos**

## **City Council Special Meeting**

May 14, 2020

# Status Report

## Item 1

Receive status reports and updates on response to COVID-19 pandemic; hold Council discussion, and provide direction to Staff.

# Known Cases – as of today

- **1,342,594 U.S. cases with at least 80,820 fatalities in 55 states or territories including D.C. (More than 18,000 new cases since yesterday)**

*\*source: Center for Disease Control and Prevention*

- **41,048 cases in 220 Texas counties with 1,133 fatalities**

*\*source: Texas Department of State Health Services*

- **214 in Hays County with 3 fatalities (69 active and 142 recovered)**
  - 2,026 tests returned negative
  - 19 active and 41 recovered in San Marcos (1 fatality)
  - 20 cases have required hospitalization, 3 current

*\*source: Hays County Health Department*

# **SAN MARCOS Updates to Governor Abbott's Actions**

- **May 7: Executive Order eliminating confinement as a punishment for violating orders**
- **May 11: Federal funding for local jurisdictions**
  - Letter and call to city and county leaders announcing \$5.06 billion in funding available to local governments in Texas through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act; \$1.85 of this available to cities and counties under 500k population
  - Cities under population of 500,000 eligible for \$55 per capita allocation from the \$1.85 billion – San Marcos potentially eligible for \$3.5 to \$3.7 million in reimbursement funds
  - US Treasury: “funds may not be used to fill shortfalls in government revenue to cover expenditures that would not otherwise qualify as an eligible expenditure.”
- **May 11: All nursing home residents, staff to be tested**

## **Efforts to date (updated)**

- **Recovery Task Force continues to meet**
- **Processed Late Fee Exemptions for 117 commercial utility accounts, 80 residential utility accounts since implementation on March 26**
  - Set up payment arrangements totaling over \$237,000 for 895 utility customer accounts over that same time period
- **Transitioned to Council review of COVID-19 dashboard**

# Upcoming considerations

- Evaluate duration of parks closures
- Requirements for safety practices at re-opened businesses
- Phased approach of re-opening City services and facilities
- Business Assistance Program – partnership with County
- CDBG-CV applications due May 20  
<http://sanmarcostx.gov/3065/CDBG-Action-Plans>
- Future Council meeting updates

## Helpful community links

- <http://www.sanmarcostx.gov/covid19info>
- <http://haysinformed.com/health-update/>
- <https://hayscountytexas.com/covid-19-information-for-hays-county-residents/>
- <https://www.txstate.edu/coronavirus>
- <https://www.smcisd.net/>
- <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>
- <https://sanmarcostexas.com/>