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Media Release

The City of Lamar has been vigilantly watching the widespread effects of the Covid-19 virus and communicating regularly with both local and State stakeholders. After much consideration City leadership has chosen several actions to help do our part to lessen the exposure risk, to both our employees and the citizens we serve. Please understand none of these decisions were taken lightly and it is highly possible they will be amended as the situation develops. Please check back to the City of Lamar's website for update.

<https://cityoflamar.org/>

Parks Department

The following City of Lamar facilities will be closed until at least Monday, April 6. The situation will be reviewed on Friday, April 3 to determine if further closure is necessary. All events scheduled in these facilities during the closure will be canceled and refunds of deposits will be sent as soon as possible. No new reservations will be taken during the closure.

Thiebaud Auditorium

Lamar City Park Enclosed Shelter

Memorial Hall

The Lamar Aquatic Park: Three-month pass holders will have the time of the closure added to their passes. All bathrooms at the Lamar City park will be closed except the enclosed shelter bathrooms, which are open year-round.

Lamar Youth Athletics tee ball, machine pitch, baseball and softball will postpone the start of practice until at least April 6. The Coaches' Meeting and Draft scheduled for Thursday, March 19 is canceled. Parks and Recreation Director Heidi Johnson will contact coaches to set up meetings for each individual age group within the next two weeks.

KENT M. HARRIS, MAYOR
Russ Worsley, City Administrator
Bev Baker, City Clerk

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Truman Area Transportation

Taxi services will be evaluated throughout this process. For the time being riders are being limited to one round trip per day for essential needs such as, groceries, pharmacy, and preplanned doctor's visits. Along with increasing the sanitary cleaning of the taxi vehicles we will also be limiting the number of riders allowed in the vehicle at any one time. All TATS customers are asked to evaluate their needs and plan trips accordingly.

Police Department

The police department is working to limit face to face interactions. Any call that can be handled by telephone will be handled without a police response. Police officers will stop responding to medical calls unless requested by EMS or a specific need arises. Officers will no longer respond to vehicle lockouts unless a child is in the vehicle, other services are offered around the community to fulfill this need. The police ride along program is being suspended and City Court is being canceled for March 24th. Notices will be sent to those who were supposed to appear. Officers will continue to respond to all violent crimes, those requiring the collection of evidence, and those determined by supervision.

Utility Billing

We want to remind everyone you can pay your utility bill online rather than coming to City Hall. If you have a hard time paying your bill because you have been affected by Covid-19 please contact City Hall at 417.682.5554 extension 1.

For further information on preventing the spread of the coronavirus please see the CDCs website linked below.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

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