



## City of McAllen | COVID-19 Brief

### **Hidalgo County Requires Masks During Stay At Home Order**

Effective at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, Hidalgo County is requiring every resident to wear a nose and mouth covering when out in public, if social distancing cannot be maintained, or in a building accessible to the public. Also, note that the order does NOT mandate the use of N95 or medical grade masks for this purpose. Please be advised a scarf, handkerchief, or other cloth mask can be worn. These types of masks will be required to be used as appropriate until this order expires on April 30.

Hidalgo County officials have determined that extraordinary measures are necessary to mitigate the effects of the Novel COVID-19 and slow the spread. Residents are only allowed to leave their homes for essential businesses such as grocery stores, banks, doctor's visits, outdoor exercise and childcare. For those engaging in outdoor activity, social distancing of 6 feet or more must be practiced.

### **Stay At Home Order Helps Stop The Spread**

The City of McAllen is encouraging everyone to follow the Stay At Home Order. Hidalgo County has 113 confirmed cases of COVID-19. We appreciate your efforts and understand your lives have been greatly impacted. These difficult times have affected the entire country. But, for the safety of your family, friends and fellow citizens across the country, please stay at home to stop the spread. For more important information please reference the City of McAllen COVID-19 web page and Hidalgo County's web page below:

<https://www.mcallen.net/covid19/latest.html>

<https://www.hidalgocounty.us/2630/Coronavirus-Updates>

### **McAllen City Parks Closed For Easter Holiday**

The City of McAllen is temporarily closing McAllen City Parks on Saturday, April 11 and Sunday, April 12. In an effort to support the Governor's Emergency Order, city leaders have decided to close city parks to the public for the Easter holiday. We anticipate you will understand our concern and follow the order. Please enjoy the holiday with your family at home.

In addition, park picnic areas will remain closed until further notice. Parks will re-open on Monday, April 13. Thank you for your cooperation. Park closures will begin on Friday.