



MESSAGE FROM MORGAN'S POINT RESORT FIRE CHIEF

Suffice it to say that by now, everyone in our community has heard something of the first confirmed case of Coronavirus in Bell County. There is a good deal of information out there that ranges from timely, accurate and relevant to outright false and misguided. The single-most important mission of the Morgan's Point Resort Fire and Police Departments is to provide for your safety and welfare. Our departments enjoy the benefit of working together, under one roof, throughout the year. We are uniquely prepared to work as a team, and that is of critical importance when our community faces fear, uncertainty and the prospect life being turned on end. We are fortunate to have partners in other, vital City services that support your daily activities from ensuring clean and safe drinking water to accessible streets and pristine parks. As many of your children look forward to an extended Spring Break, you may find yourself working from home, or unable to attend church or other gatherings...the quality of life each of our City services is able to deliver becomes increasingly important.

Staying abreast of evidence-based information about the Coronavirus (COVID-19), Influenza, related closures and modified activity recommendations is key to calmly avoiding some of the false information and even panic that is unfolding on social media and local store shelves. We will do our absolute best to point you in the right direction for quality information and update you on our social media platforms and City website only when to do so is beneficial and needed.

What steps can you take?

1. Help "flatten the curve." You may have heard this expression already, but practicing "social distancing" has been proven to slow the infection rate and allow our healthcare resources time to prepare for an uptick in patients who present with flu-like symptoms. This is a great time to enjoy family and friends in small groups and unplug from the daily grind.

1. Watch out for those at risk of becoming seriously ill, should they become infected with COVID-19, the flu or even seasonal allergy-related infections. Folks over the age of 60 are often more susceptible, as are those who are being treated for cancer or are immunocompromised.
1. If you find yourself with flu-like symptoms, stay home and minimize contact with others. Should you feel the need to contact 911, please let them know of your symptoms during the call, so that they can prepare first responders with specific instructions concerning infection control.
1. Copy the following link to your browser and have it handy for future reference. You will find information about handwashing, what to do if you become ill and other steps to prepare for our current pandemic:
2. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

Lastly, know that the working relationship your public safety agencies maintain throughout the year with each other, the Maintenance and Utilities Departments and City Staff has been harnessed to prepare for the unexpected. The Chief of Police, Fire Chief and Medical Director have established an Incident Management Team under the National Incident Management System guidelines. This team includes those officials, members of the Fire, Police, Utilities, Maintenance Departments and City Staff. Daily briefings are ongoing and an Incident Action Plan is running quietly in the background. We are closely monitoring the situation and sharing information between departments.

We are always here for you when you need us the most, and these uncertain times do nothing to change that assurance to you.

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay informed.

