



Mayor Contreras Response to COVID-19 and Marion Texas.

We are living in unprecedented times where there aren't any guidelines to go by. There are very few stated protocols that will address the multitude of issues that are befalling our community. The information that is coming down from the Federal and State government is forever being updated even two to three times a day. When I signed and posted the Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency on March 17th, by that afternoon the parameters had changed and now need to be updated. I have changed the following guidelines; we will now have groupings or gatherings no larger than 10. Governor Abbott took this decision out of the hands of the local government when he made his Declaration to include all of the State of Texas. I think this is sound judgment because just look at the facts about Countries like Italy, if we didn't have any protocols in place we might be like them and be in a real troubling situation.

As a Texan and American I don't want to become another case study like Italy where large groups of people are being infected or affected by the Virus. Each one of us as Texans need to do our part to keep the COVID-19 from spreading more than it already has. If we do this, we will be showing the rest of the country and world that here in Marion we take our citizen's health and wellbeing seriously. From the Governor's Declaration I am asking all Marion restaurants to start serving your customer through the drive thru window, possibly offer delivery service or take the food out to your customers in their cars. I realize this is a lot to ask but just remember the alternative is a lockdown like what is happening in California and in other countries around the world.

We are doing our part at this difficult time by not risking the safety of the city hall staff, we are closed to walk in traffic. We will continue to accept your water bill payments but we are asking you to pay them online, pay by phone or use the drop box which we will check several times a day.

I am sure we will all get through this together, please contact me with your concerns as we forge ahead in this unprecedented time. I also want to thank all our citizens for your patience while we all deal with the Coronavirus.

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