



Dear Rollingwood Community Members,

As Mayor, my top priority is the health and safety of our community. As the situation with Coronavirus continues to develop, I want you to feel confident that the City of Rollingwood is taking the proper precautions to keep everyone safe. We're working directly with the City of Austin Department of Public Health and will continue to monitor the situation and keep our residents updated as new information becomes available.

Today, Texas Governor Greg Abbott declared a state disaster, but as Governor Abbott noted during his press conference, this is neither a cause nor justification for panic. This declaration was made to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and protect our health and safety by ensuring our state, counties and cities have access to every tool and are fully capable of responding to the virus.

As we work through this together as a community, I want to encourage everyone to Be Smart, Be Thoughtful and Be Responsive.

Be Smart. Educate yourself on COVID-19 and the best ways to keep yourself, your family and your community safe and healthy. Please visit the following websites to receive the best information and advice:

- Center for Disease Control and Prevention - www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html
- World Health Organization - www.who.int
- Texas Department of State and Health Services - www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus
- Austin Public Health - www.austintexas.gov/COVID19

These resources are vetted for accuracy and updated regularly. Please avoid engaging in rumor, speculation and spreading unverified information, as these can unintentionally put the health and safety of the community at greater risk.

Be Thoughtful. While you may not be considered high risk, please remember there are those in our community who are, and we bear a certain level of responsibility to their safety. Ultimately, individually, we are only as healthy as those around us, so I ask you to please refrain from hoarding supplies - leave soap and cleaning supplies for others when visiting stores and know that shelves will be replenished.

The CDC identifies those with a high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 as older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes and lung disease. If you are at higher risk, please visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html for more information.

For those that are not easily able to go to stores or pharmacies to get supplies, please know that there are many people, including myself, that are here to help. If you or someone you know needs groceries or medication delivered to them, please email me at mdyson@rollingwoodtx.gov.

Be Responsive. Take the information that is being provided by the CDC, WHO, DSHS and APH and put it into action.

- Wash your hands often, using soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds
- Do not touch your face with unwashed hands
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a disposable tissue or at least a bent elbow
- Keep surfaces in your homes and offices clean, especially door handles
- Stay home and call your doctor when sick and avoid close contact with anyone who is sick

With regard to City operations, we are going to rely on the guidance and actions of Travis County and Austin Public Health. We are currently exploring legal options regarding upcoming meetings of the City Council and the City Boards and Commissions and compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. For now, we will continue to have the meetings as planned with streamlined agendas. In addition, we encourage folks to do City business by phone, email, or mail whenever possible.

As always, if you have any questions or feedback regarding City operations, I encourage you to reach out to me at mdyson@rollingwoodtx.gov or to Amber Lewis, our City Administrator, at alewis@rollingwoodtx.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MD', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Dyson
City of Rollingwood Mayor