



City of Dallas

Dear City of Dallas Family:

It's been another week of highs and lows. Three weeks after the Governor's emergency face covering orders took effect, we have seen a decline in new cases for a couple of days...important first steps toward the 14-day decline the CDC recommends before we enter the next phase of our gradual reopening. Meanwhile, Dallas County's ICU occupancy and deaths from COVID-19 have reached record highs.

If there is any doubt as to why it's vital that everyone in your household is safest at home, and why face covering in public and PPE on the job is critical, I urge you to watch [the Dallas Fire-Rescue Training video on YouTube entitled "Voices of COVID."](#) These personal testimonies shared by our City of Dallas Fire-Rescue family make clear why we must protect each other both at work and at home. If you are exhibiting signs of COVID-19 or may have been in close contact with someone who has it, please get tested. The most comprehensive and current testing information is at 214.670.INFO or dallascityhall.com/covid19.

If you or those you care about have felt the health or economic effects of COVID-19, our Office of Equity is here to help with its [Community Resource Hub](#) to help you find existing resources to enhance quality of life, including food, healthcare, and legal assistance. Please share it with those in need: communityresources.dallascityhall.com.

This week, we will also have conversations with employees furloughed since May about what they can expect after July 31. Phases 2 and 3 of our gradual reopening originally scheduled to occur this month have been postponed because of the spike in COVID-19 cases since June. However, some employees originally expected to return during later phases may be called back early to provide ramp up services making spaces ready for everyone's return as soon as safely possible. I look forward to being together again as One Dallas family, and thank you each for doing your best to make that possible.

In the Spirit of Excellence!!

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