

# City of Wharton

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## **City of Wharton Continuing to Monitor “Coronavirus Disease 2019” (COVID-19)**

Wharton, TX, March 18, 2020- The City of Wharton continues to closely monitor the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). At this time, there are still no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our community. Also, there is not a ban on community gatherings of people but the City is asking residents and businesses to follow the Center for Disease Control (CDC)’s guidelines which at this time calls for no social gatherings of more than 10 people. The City would like to thank those businesses that have already taken preventive measures to help slow the spread of the virus by starting drive thru, delivery or pickup options to citizens.

Currently, the City has not been notified by the Department of State Health Services about setting up any testing locations in our community. If and when that does happen, the City will notify residents.

The first priority of the City is to maintain a safe community and protect the health of citizens and employees. As requested previously, we ask all citizens to cooperate in taking steps to reduce the transmission of communicable diseases and to do the following:

- Stay home when you are sick and stay in contact with your doctor.
- Wash your hands frequently with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your mouth with tissues whenever you cough or sneeze, and discard used tissues in the trash.
- Avoid people who are sick with respiratory symptoms.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

The City of Wharton will continue to monitor the situation for the safety of all citizens and wants to remind residents to sign up today for the emergency alert system to keep you better informed of emergency situations, City related issues and notifications. The signup for the system can be found on the City of Wharton website at [www.cityofwharton.com](http://www.cityofwharton.com) by clicking the Sign Up for Smart911 button. Please stay informed by tuning into local radio or local television stations.

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