

## PRESS RELEASE

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To continue to protect the citizens of Cooper, Texas, the City is monitoring for recommendations from state and county officials in regard to COVID-19. Currently, there are no cases of COVID-19 in Cooper, Texas. The City continues to monitor the situation as it evolves daily and will release information regarding positive cases and promptly inform the residents and public if a case of COVID-19 is confirmed in the City of Cooper.

Social distancing, avoiding large gatherings, and working on non-pharmaceutical interventions will help slow the spread of the virus. This, in turn, will ease the burden on hospitals, public health, local healthcare providers, and infrastructure.

We are closely following CDC and Department of State Health Services (DSHS) guidance, as well as information and recommendations from Delta County. The community spread of this virus is imminent. You can help slow the spread by taking the same preventative measures and practicing healthy hygiene:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with your upper sleeve.
- If sick, stay home from work and mass gatherings.
- Keep sick children at home to prevent the spread of illness at schools and daycares.
- Disinfect often-touched items, objects, and surfaces.

Updates on COVID-19 can be found at:

Texas Department of State Health Services [www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/)

Centers for Disease Control [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)