



City of Helotes

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update – March 19, 2020

Limits to mass gatherings and updates regarding City special events

The health and safety of all residents, staff, and visitors is a priority during this unprecedented COVID-19 outbreak. We are closely monitoring the guidance of experts and making diligent decisions regarding City Hall operations and City-sponsored events.

The City of Helotes is following the executive order announced by the Governor on March 19, 2020 regarding public gatherings and other procedures to minimize the spread of germs in our communities. The executive order begins March 20, 2020 and continues until April 3, 2020. The following Helotes events will be affected:

- The Helotes MarketPlace event scheduled for April 4 has been canceled and future events are on hold until further notice. Go to the MarketPlace website at www.helotesmarketplace.com for updates. Vendors should email themarketplace@helotes-tx.gov with any questions.
- The Helotes Area Community Band Spring Concert scheduled for April 19 at Brandeis High School has been canceled. Go to the band's website for updates at www.helotesareacommunityband.com.
- The Helotes Cornyval Parade scheduled for May 2 is canceled.
- The Helotes Movie Night at the Park event scheduled for May 15 is canceled. Go to the City website at www.helotes-tx.gov for updates.

All businesses, nonprofits, and restaurants shall follow the directives in the Governor's executive order. [Click here](#) to read the full document.

Helotes City Hall remains open for business, but we're limiting the number of individuals within our facilities. The following changes have been made to minimize the exposure to germs, including COVID-19:

- It is highly recommended that all business with City Hall be done online at www.helotes-tx.gov or by phone.
- Individuals with flu-like symptoms (including fever, cough, or shortness of breath) are discouraged from entering City Hall.
- City Council meetings will be held by teleconference. For more information about how to participate in the teleconference, review the Council Agenda that will be published on the City website at www.helotes-tx.gov. Watch the meeting on the Government Access Channel 21 on Spectrum or view the recorded meetings on the City's YouTube channel.
- All City Hall buildings are being cleaned regularly, including high-touch areas, such as doorknobs and chairs.
- All non-essential meetings at Helotes City Hall have been canceled.
- The Helotes City Park playground is closed until further notice.
- The equipment located at the Helotes Fitness Park and Disc Golf Course is being cleaned regularly to stop the spread of germs. This park remains open at this time.
- Many high-touch surfaces in Old Town Helotes are being cleaned regularly, including handrails, benches, racks, and more.