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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

June 19, 2020

Council Update

COVID-19 Update



On Tuesday, June 16, Governor Greg Abbott and Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs of the University of Texas (UT) System John Zerwas, M.D., provided an update on Texas' hospital capacity. The Governor noted that despite an uptick in positive COVID-19 cases, there continues to be abundant hospital capacity. He also urged all Texans to continue to do their part to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and look out for the health of themselves and those around them.

Gov. Abbott reminded Texans that the best way to contain the spread of the virus is by staying at home, but if you do get out it is important to follow simple safety precautions including wearing a mask, washing hands, and socially distancing in public. He also encouraged people 65 years and older to remain at home.

Doctor Zerwas presented an in-depth update on hospital capacity in Texas. [Doctor Zerwas' presentation can be viewed here.](#)

On June 19 Dallas County announced that effective June 19, 2020 at 11:59pm, all commercial entities in Dallas County providing goods or services directly to the public must develop and implement a health and safety policy. The Health and Safety Policy must require, at a minimum, *that all employees or visitors to the commercial entity's business premises or other facilities wear face coverings* . Commercial entities must post the Health and Safety Policy required by the [Executive Order](#) , which was approved by Dallas County Commissioners at a Special Meeting today, in a conspicuous location sufficient to provide notice to employees and visitors of all health and safety requirements.

Failure to develop and implement the Health and Safety Policy required by the order within five calendar days following the Effective Date may result in a fine not to exceed \$500 for each violation.

You can find more details at www.AddisonTexas.net/covid19 .

Council Discussed Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year 2021

During a special council meeting on Monday, June 15, the City Council reviewed its [strategic pillars and milestones for Fiscal Year 2020](#) . The Council reaffirmed its strategic pillars and tweaked the language on some of the ten milestones for Fiscal Year 2021. The

pillars and milestones will drive budgetary decisions and set the priorities for staff in the coming year.

Council will adopt the pillars and milestones in an upcoming City Council Meeting. [You can watch the discussion here.](#)

June 23 City Council Meeting to Virtual

The Addison City Council will conduct its meeting on Tuesday, June 23 virtually. No meeting will be conducted at Town Hall. A temporary suspension of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or video conference public meetings has been granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code. Telephonic or videoconferencing capabilities will be utilized to allow individuals to address the Council. Email comments may also be submitted to jparker@addisontx.gov by 3pm the day of the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to participate remotely via

- Toll-Free Dial-in Number: 877.853.5247;
- Meeting ID: 409.327.0683#;
- Participant ID: #.

For more detailed instructions on how to participate in this meeting, visit [the Town's Agenda Page.](#)

Public Safety



Car thieves target cars that are unlocked and have valuables in plain sight. The Addison Police Department encourages residents not to leave valuables in your car. If you have to, hide them away under a seat or in a glove box. Also, always lock your car, even in your driveway. Remember, if you see something, say something!

Around Addison

Virtual Texas Smartscape Classes Available



Texas Smartscape classes will be held virtually on [AgriLife Water University's Facebook page](#). No registration is required. During the live classes, there will be staff and professionals online answering your questions.

Addison Weekend Drive-In



Live music returns to the Addison Circle District with Addison Weekend Drive-In two weekends of outdoor concerts featuring popular DFW bands. Enjoy the shows from the comfort of your vehicle in the field just south of Festival Way or bring lawn chairs to set next to your car for some fresh air. Music will be transmitted via both speaker system and FM radio, providing excellent audio quality no matter where you sit. Admission is free for all ages. Only vehicles will be admitted into the event site.

Dates & Times

- Friday, July 17: 8:30pm-10pm
- Saturday, July 18: 8:30pm-10pm
- Friday, August 14: 8:30pm-10pm
- Saturday, August 15: 8:30pm-10pm

Visit www.visitaddison.com/drivein for more information.

Addison, We Can Do It!



While you are practicing social distancing at home, please take a few minutes to fill out your Census. Once you receive your invitation, you can respond by mail, telephone, or online at my2020census.gov. Addison's current [response rate is 54.8%](#), which is slightly below the Texas average rate of 56.3%, and still lower than our neighboring cities.

Now more than ever, it is important that every person participates. The count is used to allocate important federal funding and congressional representation. For additional information, you can visit our website at www.AddisonTexas.net.

How to Stay Informed

Addison shares information with the community in a number of different ways. Here are some ways you can stay updated on the latest news:

Website:

- www.addisontexas.net: Find alerts and updates on the homepage and department specific updates on department pages
- www.addisontexas.net/covid19: Find specific COVID-19 updates and resources

Social Media:

- [Addison Facebook](#)
- [Visit Addison Facebook](#)
- [Addison Twitter](#)
- [Visit Addison Twitter](#)
- [NextDoor](#)

Addison Weekly Digital Newsletter: Emails are sent weekly, or more frequently as needed.

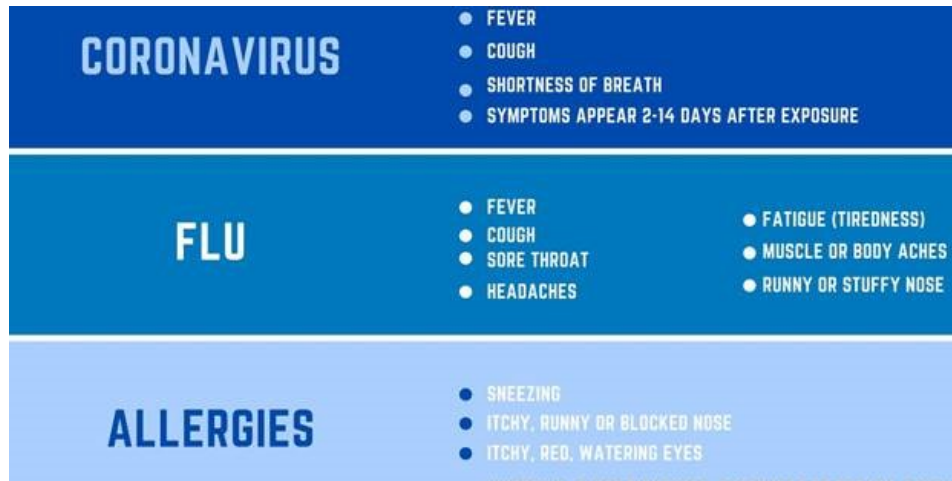
If you have specific questions, please contact Addison's Marketing Department at marketing@addisontx.gov.

Follow CDC Social Distancing Guidelines

The Town of Addison is taking action to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We would like to encourage everyone to join us. The CDC has encouraged the community to practice social distancing, but also to follow these steps to minimize the spread of any disease:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and help young children do the same. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands).

Below are some symptoms to be aware of:



If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact Dallas County directly at 972-692-2780 (Hours: 9am - 3:30pm, Monday - Friday).

For additional resources, visit the [Town's website here](#) .

Important Numbers and Websites

Town Hall:
972-450-7000

Non-emergency Police Dispatch:
972-450-7156

Missed Trash:
972-392-9300 , Option 2

Athletic Club:
972-450-7048

[Addison Website](#)

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[List of Restaurants](#)

[Addison News](#)

[Community Crime Map](#)

[Watch City Council Meetings](#)

[Addison's PEG Channel](#)
(**channel 99 for AT&T subscribers,**
channel 16 for Spectrum subscribers)

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