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Waco Mayor Issues Executive Order

WACO, TX (June 19, 2020)

Earlier this evening, on Friday, June 19, 2020, Waco Mayor Kyle Deaver issued Executive Order Supplementing Resolution No. 2020-345. This Order was necessitated by a recent spike in COVID-19 cases within McLennan County. In a matter of seven days, the active COVID-19 case count has increased from 25 cases on 6/12/2020 to 118 on 6/19/2020. Earlier this week, McLennan County had its fifth fatality attributed to COVID-19, a 46-year-old man who had no known underlying conditions.

Mayor Deaver stated that it is important to issue this order now to have the greatest possible effect on reducing the spread of COVID-19. This measure provides the best opportunity for being able to contain the spread without another shelter-in-place order, which none of us want.

Key Measures of this order include:

- The order will be effective at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2020.
- All Commercial Entities within the City of Waco providing goods or services to the public must develop and implement a health and safety policy on or before 12:01 a.m. on June 24, 2020.
- At a minimum, this policy must require all employees or visitors to the entity's premises or other facilities wear face coverings when in an area or performing an activity which involves close contact or proximity to co-workers or the public where six feet of separation is not feasible.
- Face coverings may include homemade masks, scarfs, bandanas, or a handkerchief.
- Employees, visitors, and all residents of the City of Waco should continue physical distancing of at least six feet while outside your home.
- City employees are also required to wear face coverings under the same circumstances as the public.
- Encourage the public to work to protect our neighbors, friends, and family members by adhering to this order.

In order to reduce the continued increase in persons in McLennan County getting the COVID-19 virus it is critical that ALL residents do their part by following these and other guidelines established by health authorities.

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