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Statement from Mayor Kyle Deaver

WACO, TEXAS (March 31, 2020)

We are deeply saddened to get confirmation today of the first fatality attributed to COVID-19 in McLennan County. The Waco-McLennan County Public Health District was notified during the Special Council meeting held earlier this morning.

The patient was a 49- year old male with underlying health conditions. He died at a local hospital this morning.

As we know, particular sectors of our community are acutely at risk for serious symptoms that may ultimately prove fatal. We continue to take every action to protect and to inform vulnerable populations and we encourage our healthy residents to bear in mind the potential cost of the virus' spread.

This is a tragic development, but not an unforeseen one. I call on all of our community to keep the victim's family in their prayers and respect their privacy. Also, please continue doing everything possible to prevent further spread of COVID-19.

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