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➤ **City of McAllen Closing All City Buildings and Public Lobby Areas**

- Effective today, March 24, 2020, all City of McAllen buildings will be closed to walk-in traffic to protect our community, our residents and our staff.
- All services will continue by phone, e-mail, alternative options and by appointment, which is subject to approval.
- Essential service buildings which will remain open for business like the McAllen International Airport, McAllen Central Station, McAllen Police Department and other essential services will remain open, as will drive-through window services for payment at McAllen City Hall.
- Should you have any questions, please contact the city's 3-1-1 Call Center.

➤ **The City of McAllen is urging residents to be on the lookout for fake coronavirus testing kits.**

- Already there have been reports from local residents as well as from Customs and Border Protection about fraudulent COVID-19 tests. Please be aware that the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has not authorized any home test be available for purchase at this time for COVID-19.
- On Friday, the FDA released a statement that warns consumers about this unauthorized action. The agency says, they will take appropriate action against anyone who takes advantage of this crisis and deceives the public by marketing tests that pose risks to patient health.
- Enforcement is being stepped up at ports of entry to ensure these fraudulent products, that originate outside the country, do not enter through our borders. Reports may be sent via email to: FDA-COVID-19-Fraudulent-Products@fda.hhs.gov



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➤ **HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY ORDER DATED MARCH 22, 2020**

- No gatherings of ten (10) or more persons
- Closure of non-essential retail establishments, including but not limited to:
 - Gyms, spas, massage parlors
 - Hair and nail salons & barber shops
 - Entertainment (such as movie theaters and bowling alleys)
- Restrictions do NOT apply to:
 - Grocery Stores
 - Gas stations
 - Parks
 - Essential retail establishments
 - Hospitals & medical offices
 - Bus, train or airport terminals
- Stay at Home Curfew: Do not leave home between 10 PM and 5 AM unless seeking medical treatment, getting gas, getting essential household goods, going to bus terminal or airport.
- Price Controls: Cannot sell goods or services for more than the price for which they were sold on March 17, 2020.
- No evictions for 30 days
- Violations punishable by a fine up to \$1,000 or up to 180 days in jail.
- Remains in effect until April 5, 2020 unless rescinded.