



## City of McAllen | COVID-19 Brief

### **McAllen Parking Garage Restaurant Closed To The Public**

As of 4/13/20 the restaurant in the McAllen Parking Garage has ceased operations. Only patrons of Vitals and Passports Office with appointments are able to access building and restrooms. You can call Vitals and Passports Office at 956-681-1195 for appointments. We will advise when they re-open. The McAllen Parking Garage remains open for business.

### **Hidalgo County Requires Masks During Stay At Home Order**

Hidalgo County is requiring every resident to wear a nose and mouth covering when out in public, if social distancing cannot be maintained, or in a building accessible to the public. Facial coverings do not have to be worn outdoors if the recommended 6 feet of social distancing is maintained. The order does NOT mandate the use of N95 or medical grade masks, a scarf, handkerchief, or other cloth mask can be worn. The CDC advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. For more information visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

### **For Runners, Is 15 Feet The New 6 Feet For Social Distancing?**

By Gretchen Reynolds, New York Times article:  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/15/well/move/running-social-distancing.html?auth=login-email&login=email>

The article indicates for runners and brisk walkers may create a wake of air behind them that could carry exhaled droplets for 15 feet or more, meaning that the droplets could reach people walking or jogging as well behind them.

There's a study on respiratory droplets before the coronavirus pandemic started that talks about walking and runners and respiratory droplets. Study called "Towards aerodynamically equivalent COVID-19 1.5 m social distancing for walking and running":  
[http://www.urbanphysics.net/COVID19\\_Aero\\_Paper.pdf](http://www.urbanphysics.net/COVID19_Aero_Paper.pdf)