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### **Residents should continue to follow Hidalgo County Judge's Order**

Residents must keep in mind, even-though federal and state officials are currently developing plans for a reopening process, local orders mandated by Hidalgo County Judge Cortez must continue to be adhered to.

The current order mandates that all residents stay at home unless out for essential services such as traveling for work, childcare, grocery stores, banks, outdoor exercise or doctor's visits. Additionally, the Judge's order requires 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. Hidalgo County officials have determined that extraordinary measures are necessary to mitigate the effects of the Novel COVID-19 and slow the spread. For those engaging in outdoor activity, social distancing of 6 feet or more must be practiced.

To view the Hidalgo County Judge's Order:

<https://www.hidalgocounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/36983/04072020-Amended-Emergency-Order-20-003>

### **McAllen Public Utility Waives Surcharges for Local Businesses**

*Wastewater surcharges waived through July 2020*

In an effort to provide support to local restaurants, McAllen Public Utility will be waiving wastewater surcharges through the end of July 2020. Wastewater surcharges are assessed to compensate for the extra treatment that must be conducted due to excess grease or industrial waste collected into the wastewater systems and treated at the wastewater treatment plant. MPU is relaxing the requirement to have grease traps cleaned every 90 days due to less volume of wastewater coming from these businesses.

MPU still recommends that businesses clean their grease trap as grease accumulation can lead to possible clogging issues in their service lines once activity is reestablished and because it may also cause clogging in MPU's wastewater collection systems.



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### **Shopping for Food During the COVID-19 Pandemic Information for Consumers**

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, no evidence of human or animal food or food packaging being associated with transmission of COVID-19.

As a reminder, there are no nationwide shortages of food. Food production and manufacturing are spread throughout the United States.

COVID-19 is spread from person-to-person, unlike food-borne gastrointestinal or GI viruses, such as norovirus and Hepatitis A that often make people ill through contaminated food

For more information on shopping tips and food safety practices, visit:  
<https://bit.ly/2VBU0An>