



**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR  
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020**

I hope everyone enjoyed the sunshine this weekend and had a Happy Easter.

As of this writing, Tarrant County Public Health has reported a total of 876 positive cases for COVID-19 with 25 deaths. This is an increase of 239 cases over the Easter holiday. Hurst has 22 positive cases, Bedford 17, and Euless 40. 68% of the deaths are male. Currently, the deaths are evenly distributed by ethnicity; with 36% White, 28% Hispanic, and 28% African American.

Today and over the weekend, Governor Abbott has indicated that he will be introducing an executive order to announce “safe and healthy strategies” to reopen the Texas economy. Abbott indicated that he will be detailing these strategies later this week. Abbott says, “We have to understand, that we must reopen in a way in which we are able to stimulate the economy, while at the very same time ensuring that we contain the spread of COVID-19.”

If you or someone you know needs help with financial, family, health, or disaster-related needs, the 2-1-1 helpline is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to assist Texans. 2-1-1 Texas is a program of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. It has been created to help you find food, housing, childcare, and crisis counseling in your local community. Simply dial 2-1-1 or call 877 541-7905. This is a free service and is totally anonymous.

One last reminder, the bulk and brush pickup has been suspended until further notice. Bedford residents can still take advantage of the FREE dump days on the 4th Saturday of every month at the Arlington Landfill, located at 800 Mosier Valley Rd in Euless. Again, that is **ONLY the 4th Saturday of every month** from 7:00a.m. – 2:30p.m.

Additional information on this free landfill day can be found at:

<https://bedfordtx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2882/City-of-Bedford-Landfill-Schedule-2020>

During this time, we would like to remind residents to please bag and tie trash before you place it in the can in order to keep crews safe while handling household wastes. Recycle can still go loosely in the recycle cart since it is collected by a mechanical truck and the trash crews do not encounter what is inside the recycle cart. The City of Bedford is in constant communication with Republic Services and we will continue to keep our residents informed of any changes to curbside collection services during this pandemic. Missed collections can be reported to Republic Waste at 817-332-7301 or online at [www.bedfordtx.gov/271/Better-It-Bedford](http://www.bedfordtx.gov/271/Better-It-Bedford)