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**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020**

Tarrant County Public Health reported an additional 293 cases over the weekend with 3 additional deaths. This brings the County-wide totals to 4,559 positive cases, 123 deaths, and approximately 1,478 recoveries. Bedford is reporting 79 positive cases with 25 recoveries and 1 death. According to the Texas Department of State Health Services over 34,000 Tarrant County residents have been tested to date.

Another step of Governor Abbott's plan to "Open Texas" begins today. Gyms and other exercise facilities can open, to the 25% capacity threshold with social distancing. Gym showers and lockers are to remain closed. All gym equipment should be disinfected after each use and everyone is supposed to wear gloves while working out. Office spaces are now permitted to reopen up to five people or 25% capacity, whichever is greater, with maintaining social distancing. Non-essential manufacturing will be allowed to reopen up to 25% capacity with social distancing. Childcare services are also allowed to resume operations.

In a press conference this afternoon, Governor Abbott detailed the next phase for a "safe and strategic" opening of Texas. Beginning Friday, May 22, 2020, bars, breweries, bingo parlors, skating rinks, bowling alleys, rodeos, zoos, and aquariums will be allowed to reopen subject to 25% occupancy. Restaurants will be allowed to expand to 50% capacity. All are subject to certain limitations. The Governor also indicated that on May 31, 2020, day youth camps, overnight youth camps, youth sports, and professional sports will be allowed to resume operation. Professional sports will open without spectators in attendance.

This is a reminder that the Bedford City Council will be meeting tomorrow evening at 5:30 p.m. in Special Session. The topics on the agenda include: an update regarding Public Works activities, update on this year's mosquito control programs, and an update by the architect on Generations Park/CNTR (which is now at 100% design completed).