



April 13, 2020

Dear Community Members,

As I am sure you have heard, the Fresno County Department of Public Health has informed us that their COVID-19 reporting has changed. They will NOT be notifying the City directly regarding COVID-19 positive patients within City limits.

They cited several reasons for this. One is that they are not tracking the cases by City limits but rather by physical address. So, as an example, someone who lives in the canyon would be recorded as a Coalinga case because they have a Coalinga address though they are outside City limits.

Another reason is because many communities are getting too comfortable in the idea that they have no confirmed cases and then not taking the guidelines seriously.

Currently, Coalinga has "four or fewer" confirmed cases which could mean zero, one, two, three or four.

Once a community hits five cases, the number becomes specific.

Therefore, for specific information regarding the number of confirmed cases by community, please refer to the Fresno County Department of Public Health's website at https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-health/covid-19?fbclid=IwAR1RiLy6hbmKqHyqoiNjCw7Mv8DNfbf_BqMI5iQ9P3DsPOm0_vst_wWKvIQ and click Detailed Statistics.

As you will see, several of the communities around us have a specified number of cases confirmed, including our neighbor, the City of Huron, who, at the time of this letter, has five confirmed cases. It is very important that you take the necessary precautionary measures to stay safe and healthy and help reduce the spread of the virus.

This week, the Mayor Pro Tem, City Manager, City Department Heads, and I will be meeting, telephonically, first, with Assemblyman Arambula and then with Congressman Cox, to discuss our proclaimed local emergency and to obtain firsthand information on the state and federal efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19.

City Hall remains closed to the public. We are continuing to provide essential services and City staff remains available to assist the community. Members of the public may contact City staff by calling (559) 935-1533 or by emailing info@coalinga.com.

I encourage all community members to like the official City of Coalinga Facebook page as we continue to post one-way communication informing the community on important matters.

Our next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2020, beginning at 6:00 p.m. This meeting is being held via webinar only. The webinar address for members of the public is https://www.bigmarker.com/griswold_lasalle/4-16-2020-Coalinga-Council-Meeting. Community Members will be able to ask questions and make comments during the meeting, but for those who are unable to participate, you

can email questions or comments ahead of time to info@coalinga.com and ask that your email be read publicly during the City Council meeting.

In closing, please remember to practice social distancing, wash your hands regularly and keep from touching your face, only leave your homes to conduct essential business, and support our local businesses as best as you can during these tough economic times.

Thank you,



Ron Lander, Mayor



Marissa Trejo, City Manager