

CITY MESSAGE: Belton City Buildings Reopen to the Public June 1

Effective Monday, June 1, lobbies in the Belton city hall and annex will reopen to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Special recommendations and some restrictions will apply to accommodate state direction regarding basic infection prevention measures.

For city employees, those measures include temperature checks, maintaining 6 feet of social distance where possible, wearing a face mask when appropriate, hand washing and frequent disinfecting of common surfaces.

For the public:

- All visitors entering the building lobbies are strongly encouraged to wear self-supplied face masks and maintain the recommended 6-foot social distance, per markers placed on the floor.
- Hand sanitizer stations at the front counters are for use upon entry and/or as needed.
- All will be asked to sign in at the front counter.
- Due to space limitations, no more than three people/families, not to exceed 10 people total, may be in the city hall or annex lobbies at any one time. One person/family will be allowed at the utility counter and one person/family at the receptionist counter at a time. An additional one person/family may wait in the lobby for business.

All are encouraged to continue using online and mail applications for conducting business, and may do so by going to www.belton.org/help for more information.

Lobbies for public works, police and fire also will reopen to the public with their normal hours. Parks & Recreation has posted hours for its offices and facilities at www.beltonparks.org. For Eagles Landing Golf Course, specific information may be found at www.eagleslandinggolfcourse.com

During these initial reopening phases, the challenge for all organizations, including city offices, is in making changes unique to their operations that help to ensure a healthy workforce while protecting the people they serve.

"While visiting Belton businesses, I have seen how they are meeting the challenge and it is encouraging," said Belton Mayor Jeff Davis. "They are making an extraordinary effort to do the best they can to get back to work under the most difficult circumstances. Their determination to do right by their employees and customers while preserving their business is a hopeful indication of how Belton will come out on the other side of this."

Belton is looking to the ability of businesses and willingness of citizens to adopt the best practices as the city follows state and county direction to prepare for what is next. It is not easy to navigate often competing interests in public health, commerce and personal freedoms but there is nothing but gratitude for all who are doing the best they can.