



May 4, 2020

Dear Coalinga Community,

As of this morning, based on Saturday's numbers as last reported by Fresno County, Coalinga has maintained its status of "four or fewer" confirmed cases of COVID-19. Four or fewer means that we have one to four cases.

Please remember, these numbers may increase as the day progresses and that these numbers were last updated on Saturday.

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=IwAR1RiIy6hbmKqHyqoiNjCw7Mv8DNfbf_BqMI5iQ9P3DsPOm0_vst_wWKvIQ and click County Epidemiology Program Information Portal.

I have no doubt that our low numbers are a result of our community's commitment to taking safety precautions and looking out for one another. Coalinga has always been a community that takes care of one another.

Many of you have inquired about the City reopening non-essential businesses. I would like to point out that the City did not order any businesses closed nor did the City deem any businesses as non-essential. These actions were done by State order.

The City has been working tirelessly with our lobbyist attempting to seek local control from the State. We know that what works for the larger communities will not necessarily work for our community. We would like the State to allow the cities to develop appropriate safety protocols for reopening.

After all, we know our community much better than any State or County official and we believe we can safely reopen businesses that the State deemed non-essential. These local, small businesses are the lifeblood of our community.

Should you wish to contact State Senator Ana Caballero, you may do so via her website at <https://sd12.senate.ca.gov/contact>.

Should you wish to contact State Assemblyman Joaquin Arambula, you may do so via his website at <https://lcmspubcontact.lc.ca.gov/PublicLCMS/ContactPopup.php?district=AD31>.

City Hall remains closed to the public through the end of the State's stay at home order. 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, May 7, 2020, at 6:00pm. This meeting will be held via webinar. The link for accessing the webinar will be posted on the agenda.

Please continue to follow the State's recommendations for preventing COVID-19 exposure. We would like to keep our numbers low. Not only will this help keep our community safe, it will also help with convincing the State that we are a community capable of acting responsibly to reopen our businesses.

Lastly, I would like to encourage each of you to continue to support our local businesses. Many have applied for State and Federal assistance but were denied. In order to make it through this pandemic and economic crisis, we need to do what we can to help.

As we recently recognized the 37th anniversary of the catastrophic 1983 earthquake, we still, to this day, hear, "the City has not been the same since the earthquake." We need to prevent hearing, "the City has not been the same since the COVID-19 pandemic."

Please get out and support our local businesses. They need us now more than ever.

I would also like to thank the City Manager for her assistance in getting these weekly letters out to the public.

Thank you,

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Ron Lander, Mayor