



May 26, 2020

Dear Coalinga Community,

As you know, on Thursday, May 7, 2020, during a regularly scheduled City Council meeting, the Coalinga City Council adopted Resolution No. 3964 Declaring all Businesses in the City as Essential Businesses.

Businesses within the City of Coalinga that were deemed non-essential by the State began reopening on May 11, 2020, at the business owner's discretion, by following safety guidelines established by the City's Safety Officer.

The City guidelines were established in order to allow these businesses to reopen, though they could still face enforcement and punitive action by the State and County Agencies.

Now that Fresno County's attestation has been approved by the State and businesses in Fresno County can begin reopening under County guidelines, businesses should follow those County guidelines in order to be in compliance with State and County orders.

The City's guidelines were intended to serve during an interim period when County guidelines were not yet available.

If businesses are operating under County guidelines, that is all that is needed. The City is not imposing any additional guidelines upon our businesses.

Currently, within the Coalinga community, there are 12 positive COVID-19 cases and I encourage each of you to stay informed as to the number of confirmed cases in our community.

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.

City Hall generally remains closed, but citizens are permitted into the lobby and conference room by scheduling an appointment with the appropriate staff members. We are continuing to provide essential services and we are now providing pool and solar permits. City staff remains available to assist the community and our no-contact services will also remain in place. 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.

Please continue to avoid large gatherings and help stop the spread of COVID-19 by remaining home if you are sick, washing your hands regularly, avoiding touching your face, and consulting with your doctor if you feel ill.

As we know, the communities around us, particularly Huron and Avenal, have a higher number of positive COVID-19 cases than we have in Coalinga. Please be careful while you are out in public. Take precautions to help keep yourself safe and minimize your risk at coming into contact with someone with the virus. Remember, some people are asymptomatic.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ron Lander', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ron Lander, Mayor