



June 8, 2020

Dear Coalinga Community,

While the COVID-19 pandemic is not over and Coalinga currently has 17 confirmed cases, three of which have recovered and one who unfortunately passed away, I would like to focus my update this week on the Coalinga High School Class of 2020.

I do continue to send my deepest condolences to the family of our COVID-19 victim.

The Coalinga High School Class of 2020 has had a difficult semester. They have missed out on opportunities to make memories with their friends, attend prom, play spring sports, participate in a traditional graduation ceremony, and much more.

However, despite these difficulties, they, along with the Coalinga High School staff, have risen to the occasion and they have turned this bad situation into an opportunity for growth. They have demonstrated what it means to be #coalingastrong. I am extremely proud of these amazing, young students and the educators in our community.

Additionally, Coalinga had many community members who participated in a March Against Racism this past Saturday. This was a peaceful protest organized by a local citizen, Ms. Andrea Rosas. During her speech, Ms. Rosas stated she plans to meet with our City Manager, Marissa Trejo, to share some community concerns and requests. I encourage open dialogue between the City and the public. Afterall, as you know, we work for you, the people.

As stated last week, there are several ways you can reach out to us. You may publicly speak to us during a City Council meeting, you can contact us individually via email or telephone (our contact information is available on the City website), you can contact the City Manager at (559) 935-1533 ext 111 or via email at mtrejo@coalinga.com, you can email info@coalinga.com, or you can call the City Clerk at (559) 935-1533 ext 113 to schedule an appointment with a City Council Member. You may also send letters or documents addressed to us at City Hall or you may leave these items in the utility payment dropbox.

The City of Coalinga has partnered with West Hills Medical Group, the County of Fresno and the Coalinga Area Chamber of Commerce to provide free COVID-19 testing in Coalinga on Thursday, June 11, 2020, from 9:00am to 10:30am. If you are interested in getting tested, call WHMG at (559) 935-5555 to make an appointment.

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 do not think the COVID-19 pandemic is over. We must continue to take necessary precautions to help stop the spread.

Thank you,

Ron Lander, Mayor