



CITY OF VALLEY

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PRESS RELEASE:

RE: City of Valley Coronavirus Update

“When things are bad, we take comfort in the thought that they could always get worse. And when they are, we find hope in the thought that things are so bad they have to get better.”
Malcom S. Forbes

The current Coronavirus Pandemic affecting our world, our nation and our state, is making us make some adjustments to the lifestyle that we have grown accustomed to in this great country we call home. It is testing us in ways that many of us have never experienced before and hopefully, will never experience again. Times like this either break you or strengthen you; I do not believe we will break; we will bend, but we will not break and we will be much stronger when this is over.

The Coronavirus Pandemic is an unprecedented crisis situation that is causing problems not only to our healthcare system, but also, to our economy. People are scared, people are struggling, and people are concerned. However, eminent scientists and doctors agree that in time this will pass if common-sense precautions are taken, such as regularly washing your hands, staying home if you're sick or showing possible symptoms, and avoiding large crowds and individuals who are coughing or sneezing.

How long we will have to endure this inconvenience and imposition due to the nature of this new novel virus affecting the world is unknown. I can tell you that it will depend on each of us coming together and doing our part in trying to slowdown and prevent the further spreading of the virus by practicing these common-sense precautions recommended by our scientists and doctors.

I know some of these things are hard to do because we are a nation of individuals, of liberty and of freedoms. We do not like it when we have to give up some of our freedoms even when it's for the betterment of us all, but this is one of those times we must come together as one. We are all in this together.

I am proud to say that the citizens of Valley are taking these recommendations to heart. We are practicing social distancing, washing our hands regularly, staying home if we're sick or showing possible symptoms, going out only when it's necessary, and not congregating in crowds over 10 people.

As part of Valley's continuing efforts to strengthen and encourage social distancing in the city, I am extending the closings of Valley City Hall and the Valley Community Center to the public from April 3 until April 17. At that time, we will reassess and make an appropriate decision based on the conditions in our area as to whether we will re-open these facilities to the public or not.



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Americans have been through rough times and other crises and we always emerge stronger and wiser. I thank each and every one of you for doing your part in combating this pandemic and for being a part of what has to be a community, a state, a nation, and a world-wide endeavor. It will be hard, but, if you ask me if we are going to get through this unprecedented event, my answer is – yes, we are and yes, we will - together!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Leonard Riley'.

Leonard Riley
Mayor