

# Brady/McCulloch County Local Emergency Planning Committee

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## NEWS & PRESS RELEASE

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On June 24, 2020, Heart of Texas Healthcare System officials met with Mayor Anthony Groves, County Judge Bill Spiller, LEPC officials and representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and Brady Community Involvement Committee in regards to the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. With an uptick in local positives in recent days, health officials expressed their concern for the continued need for social distancing, the wearing of masks and the present need to follow the CDC's guidelines for containing the spread of COVID-19.

Through the discussion, it was decided to proceed with both the parade and the fireworks, with plenty of communication with the public about the risks associated with COVID-19. Masks are encouraged at both the parade and fireworks, and individuals are encouraged to attend only with members of their households and to socially distance from individuals outside of their homes. "We want families to enjoy this holiday and enjoy their time together, but in the safest manner possible," said Judge Spiller.

If you are planning to attend the parade, you are encouraged to wear a mask. Remember that the parade continues off of the square, west on Main street, so there is plenty of additional space to line the traditional parade route while practicing social distancing. The Chamber of Commerce has restricted parade entrants from throwing candy during the parade this year.

Attendees of the fireworks show will find signs while entering Richards Park encouraging social distancing and reminding attendees to wear masks when possible. There is plenty of parking at Richards Park to accommodate distancing between attendees not from the same household.

Please do not attend any of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities if you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 including, but not limited to, fever, cough, unusual fatigue, muscle soreness and shortness of breath. Please do not attend if you have been exposed to COVID-19, are awaiting test results, or have been instructed to quarantine for any reason.

This is a reminder that COVID-19 may not be particularly dangerous to you, but can prove to be deadly to certain vulnerable members of the population. You should be cognizant of who you might potentially expose to COVID-19 when participating in any public events.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Erin Corbell at 325-597-2152, ext. 212 or at [ecorbell@bradytx.us](mailto:ecorbell@bradytx.us).

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