



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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COVID-19 UPDATE – MARCH 21, 2020

During this time of crisis, we need to stay positive, and work together to combat all of the misinformation, the same way we are working to combat the virus.

Right now, there is a prompt community spread of COVID-19 rumors and conspiracy theories, and that's understandable because sharing what we've heard is how we process traumatic events. It's also our way of feeling like we're helping. And it may be that some of the information turns out to be true, but there's just as much of a chance that it is false. Not knowing which is which, and sharing anyway risks sending people into panic mode or shut-down mode or some combination of the two. It has the additional unfortunate effect of undermining official information, increasing the likelihood that people will make decisions that endanger themselves or others.

As Mayor of the City of Ingleside, it is my goal to be totally transparent with our residents, businesses, visitors, and employees, as we have been from the very beginning of this pandemic.

To address a recent rumor spreading on Facebook, I want to assure you, as of this writing, there are **no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the City of Ingleside, or in San Patricio County**, however there have been several tested because of similar symptoms they exhibited.

Recently, Kiewit Offshore did have an employee sent home from the worksite because he wasn't feeling well. After questioning the employee, it was revealed that he had been in contact with a family member, who may have been in contact with someone exhibiting the symptoms of the Coronavirus. Kiewit followed proper protocols and took all necessary precautions to ensure the safety of their employees, and our community.

We are openly communicating with all of our industrial partners, contractors, and subcontractors in and around the area. They are keeping us informed of any and all developments as it relates to this pandemic.

At 4 PM today, the Mayor of Corpus Christi, through a joint news conference, announced the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Nueces County. The subject, a 45-55-year-old male, traveled to the Houston for a one-day business trip, where he likely contracted the virus. He contacted a local physician, where he was tested, and immediately placed in a fourteen-day quarantine.

Please believe me when I tell you, we have your best interest in mind. We will keep you informed. Please do your part by staying home, if you can, and taking good care of your families and yourself.

We've been through hard times before—we are INGLESIDE STRONG and we WILL get through this!

If you have any questions or concerns, please call our Emergency Operations Center from 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday at 361-776-0326. You can also contact the Ingleside Police Department at 361-776-2531 anytime. For the most updated information please visit our City website at <https://inglesidetx.gov/covid-19-coronavirus/>