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**The City of Abilene Implements Steps to Follow
“15 Days to Slow the Spread of COVID-19”**

In an effort to be proactive so the City of Abilene can continue to provide essential services that support life, health and safety, the City will follow recommendations from President Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to slow the spread of COVID-19 by limiting gatherings of 10 or more people for a 15 day period. Starting immediately, the City of Abilene will implement the following changes:

Abilene City Hall

All City of Abilene public meetings through the end of March are cancelled. This includes the Abilene City Commission, Planning Commission, Heritage Commission and Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Board.

Residents are also encouraged to pay utility bills online at <http://abilenecityhall.com/87/Utility-Billing> or via the dropbox outside of City Hall.

Abilene Parks and Recreation

All public programs and events will be cancelled beginning March 17, this includes classes, practices and open gym. The Abilene Parks and Recreation business office will remain open from Monday-Friday from 8 am -5pm to answer phone calls and questions.

Abilene Public Works

All projects will continue as normal and employees will utilize recommended precautionary measures.

Abilene Senior Center

The Abilene Senior Center is closed but will be preparing lunches for Seniors to pick up or have delivered. Please contact site manager, Karla Riekeman for lunch

reservations by 9:30 a.m. at (785) 263-7059. The meals can be picked up at the Abilene Senior Center at Noon, 100 N Elm Street.

Abilene Travel Information Center

The Abilene Convention & Visitors Bureau's Travel Information Center will be closed through March 31. Visit the Abilene CVB's website AbileneKansas.org/Travel-Updates for tourism-related closure information.

All changes are in effect through Tuesday, March 31. The City of Abilene will continue to monitor recommendations and adjust operations as advised.

The City of Abilene encourages all residents to follow CDC recommendations to slow the spread of COVID-19.

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