



City of Dallas

Greetings City of Dallas Family:


Thank you for your dedicated professionalism at a time of heightened anxiety. With all that is going on in our nation and community, I urge you to use free resources which may help you manage tension. Our new health care provider, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, offers an Employee Assistance Program administered by Magellan, which allows all City of Dallas employees free and confidential mental health counseling. To get started please call 800-424-1729 or log on to [MagellanAscend.com](https://www.MagellanAscend.com).

Meanwhile, starting this Friday, the Dallas Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center will launch a full week of all-virtual festivities, and all are free to the public. For more information call 214-670-8418 or visit [DallasMLKcenter.com](https://www.DallasMLKcenter.com). The City will also officially close this Monday, January 18 -- which is a City holiday -- to honor Dr. King's legacy.

As you may have read, in partnership with our contracted health authority Dallas County, this week we launched the first mega-vaccination site at Fair Park. This important first step for our community health is promising, but the demand for vaccine still greatly exceeds available supply, and vaccine availability is not expected to increase for several more months. To avoid overwhelming hospitals, please Stay on Guard against the coronavirus. Visit [dallascityhall.com/covid19](https://www.dallascityhall.com/covid19) for information on how to register in your County of residence and receive updates when more vaccines become available. If you or your loved ones are in the [1A](#) or [1B](#) groups prioritized by the Texas Department of State Health Services, you may be eligible to receive vaccines as they become available in the coming weeks. But until we're all vaccinated, it is best to continue wearing a mask, washing your hands and avoiding large crowds. The City remains in Phase 2 of Return to Work plans to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Finally, this Wednesday, our nation will observe the Inauguration of a new President and celebrate our democracy's peaceful transition of power. Locally, DPD is closely monitoring credible information in partnership with regional, state, and federal partners to prepare for events that may interrupt normal daily activities. While First Amendment rights and peaceful demonstrations will be protected, please know we are taking every reasonable and necessary precaution against lawlessness. And while our area's rates of COVID-19 remain high, you are safest at home. Please avoid unnecessary trips to protect the health and safety of your loved ones, our colleagues, and all residents so we may come out of this pandemic stronger as One Dallas – Together!

In the Spirit of Excellence!!



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