



Dear City of Dallas Family:

Memorial Day weekend is when we honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. This year, in addition to remembering veterans who died for our freedom, many are mourning the loss of first responders, healthcare workers, friends and/or family who have died due to COVID-19, or who have died since we started practicing social distancing while we cannot grieve together.

It's also a time when many graduates – including thousands across the City of Dallas – will celebrate their accomplishment with their families and friends in our community. The Class of 2020 is finding new ways to recognize this educational milestone, and this weekend words of inspiration and commendation will be shared from our Mayor and City Council members on our cable access and social media channels.

COVID-19 has changed the ways we measure our time and accomplishments. But now more than ever, we must continue to exercise our hard-won freedoms responsibly to protect the health and safety of our families, coworkers, and Dallas' residents.

I am so proud of the recognition we continue to receive for your tireless work providing core services during this time of social distance. If you haven't yet seen it, WFAA8 is airing a great video highlighting essential workers, including healthcare heroes and City of Dallas' police officers, fire fighters, and sanitation workers here: bit.ly/dallasheroes.

Some of you will start training today to prepare our facilities to reopen. Libraries, for example, has had 241,000 pieces of media on loan throughout the city for months since the COVID-19 State of Emergency was declared. As Texas' Governor permits more establishments to reopen and we regroup throughout our organization, we will be strategic and mindful of the best ways we may innovate to deliver on our core values of excellence, empathy, ethics and equity – strengthening our city while protecting one another. We will continue to work responsibly and make decisions based on data, while keeping in mind the budget challenges we face now and as we prepare for the new fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020.

I hope you find some time this holiday weekend to honor the memory of our fallen veterans and the freedoms their sacrifice guaranteed, while starting off your summer season safely. We have much work still to accomplish, and your health and well-being will help us get there – as One Dallas, Together.

In the Spirit of Excellence!!

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