



Dear City of Dallas Family:

Since our city is taking the Independence Day holiday Friday, my message is a bit earlier and – like our work week – shorter. The City Council is in recess for July, and departments returning to work in Phase 2 will not begin office hours July 6 as previously proposed. Our gradual reopening will resume July 20 but that date might change as we continue to monitor the COVID-19 trends in Dallas County.

Until then, we can all play our part to slow COVID-19's spread. The CDC advises that until there is 14-day decline in new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, we are safest at home. If celebrating this weekend, here are four ideas for a safer, healthier 4th of July:

1. Keep it small – Gather with 10 people or less
2. Keep your distance – Stay outdoors at least 6 feet from others
3. Keep it clean – Wash your hands and don't share food, drinks, or utensils
4. Keep faces covered – Wear a mask when you aren't eating or drinking

With a little planning, we can celebrate and honor freedom for all while protecting ourselves, our loved ones, and our community for generations to come.

Meanwhile, we continue progress while providing essential services to residents. This week the Office of Business Diversity launched its [B.U.I.L.D. Ecosystem website](#) for minority- and women-owned small businesses and entrepreneurs key to full recovery from COVID-19. Also this week DPD took more action supporting R.E.A.L. Change, beginning monthly reporting of officer contact data on all traffic stops and citations and creating a body-worn camera and dashcam video policy.

Upon the City Council's return from July recess, we will kick off our 2021 budget deliberations and community engagement process, utilizing (for the first time) all-virtual town hall meetings to gather residents' input on our priorities while increasing equity and closing the digital divide. You will be called on then, as you have been in recent months, like never before. In these uncertain times, I am honored by your continued dedication and professionalism as One Dallas. Please enjoy your three-day weekend in good health and stay safe.

In the Spirit of Excellence!!

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City Manager