



Greetings City of Dallas Family:

Last month when we briefed the City Council and COVID-19 Ad Hoc Committees on our Return to Work plans, we thought we would be in the third and final phase of reopening by now. When the City Council left for their July recess, we still didn't have a statewide face-covering order in effect.

With a heavy heart, this week we had to let more than 400 of our City of Dallas Family members furloughed since May 13 know that their furlough status will be extended until the end of the current fiscal year, Sept. 30. They will still receive unemployment benefits and are still eligible to participate in any health benefit plans they enrolled in before they were furloughed.

This was an extremely difficult decision to make since – as previously stated – we wanted to successfully establish a new normal by now. Just as we didn't know a month ago what the past few weeks would bring, we still don't know how long this crisis will last. The only thing we can control is our own face covering, physical distancing, and hand hygiene. Please do your part each and every day and urge everyone in your household to do the same.

Thanks again for all your good hard work to help prepare a balanced budget for the 2021 fiscal year -- which reflects the austerity these times require, while continuing to deliver essential services to our residents. We will release the proposed fiscal year 2021 budget on Friday, August 7.

Next week, our City Council will return from their July recess. Like me, I know they are eager to be together with you again and get to work providing core services at a time we know many residents need it more than ever.

In closing, please also take care of yourselves and the members of your household. Our City needs you! Thanks for your dedication and continued professionalism in these trying times.

We will get through this as One Dallas – together!

In the Spirit of Excellence!!



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