



# The City of West University Place

## Emergency Management

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*A Neighborhood City*

### **COVID-19 Council Update – August 6, 2020**

- Since the record high of new daily cases reported on July 15(10,791), The Texas Department of Health Services has continued to report a declining trend in new cases; however over the last 7 days the statewide positivity rate has increased sharply. On August 6, 7,598 new cases were reported in Texas and the positivity rate had increased to 17.05%. Meanwhile for the Greater Houston Region, the Texas Medical Center reports a 7 day average positivity rate to be 12.5% which is also down from the rate reported last week of 17.1%.
- As of August 5, the Texas Medical Center reports that Phase I ICU capacity is full and they are 9% into Phase II capacity with no expectations of exceeding Phase II capacity within the next 2 weeks. TMC is also reporting a declining trend in new hospitalizations from the previous weeks.
- Harris County Public Health data indicates West U now has 34 “confirmed” cases, 29 of these cases have “recovered” and 5 are still “active”.
- After managing a potential COVID-19 exposure situation last week, all FD personnel have tested negative and will be returning to work.
- The Fire Chief and Financial Analyst met on Tuesday to begin the process of categorizing COVID related expenses and began the process for submitting the first FEMA Public Assistance project.
- On Wednesday, the Finance Analyst Delyce McKeehan submitted the necessary preliminary documentation to Harris County to seek reimbursement through the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) which has allocated up to \$862,180 for West University’s eligible COVID-19 expenses that are not covered by FEMA. Delyce also participated in a Q&A session with Harris County on Wednesday to identify additional potential reimbursable expenses.
- End of Report

