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### **CITY OF TAYLOR ENCOURAGES CONTINUED VIGILANCE AND COMMON COURTESY WITH COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

#### **City Will Continue to Follow Phased-in Plan for Reopening**

**TAYLOR, TEXAS** – Texas Governor Greg Abbott announced on Tuesday, March 2nd, that he will rescind the statewide mask mandate and allow all businesses to operate at full capacity effective Wednesday, March 10th.

“Governor Abbott’s recent order ends his statewide mask mandate and supersedes the local mask order,” said City of Taylor Mayor Brandt Rydell. “However, regardless of whether a mask mandate is in effect, I encourage all Taylorites to continue to exercise the same common sense and common courtesy that has enabled us to have what success we’ve had against COVID-19. Remember, wearing a face covering is less about protecting you than it is about protecting others. The recent winter storm provided countless examples of Taylorites looking out for one another. I’m hopeful that same spirit carries over in our continuing battle with COVID-19.”

City officials say that the City of Taylor will continue to follow the phased-in plan for reopening City facilities and events that was instituted in the fall of 2020, using mitigation guidance from the Williamson County and Cities Health District (WCCHD).

The color-coded plan has four phases, ranging in severity from Uncontrolled Community Spread (Red) to Minimal Community Spread (Green). Each level lessens restrictions with respect to social gatherings, municipal building openings, public meetings, and indoor and outdoor events. The plan went into effect on September 9, 2020 and was revised on November 18, 2020, and again on February 12, 2021.

As of March 5, 2021, the City of Taylor is operating under the RED phase, with uncontrolled community spread. This phase requires that most City facilities be closed or operate on a very limited basis, permits social gatherings of up to five people, and allows for the use of open spaces in City parks with social distancing. In addition, this phase prohibits large gatherings and special events in public facilities and spaces. City Hall is only open for drive-through services, and the Library is only open for curbside pickup. Taylor Little League, Taylor Pony League, and Lonestar Soccer are permitted to operate for league play only, and tennis and pickleball courts are open for practice, lessons, and general use only. Mask wearing and social distancing are still encouraged throughout the City.

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