



City of Dallas

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Greetings City of Dallas Family:

We reported this week that an alarming number of nearly 200 Dallas police officers and fire rescue workers are in quarantine after testing positive for COVID-19. All across the country, COVID cases are mounting because of the highly contagious omicron variant. It is putting a strain on hospitals, corporations, small businesses and we are not exempt.

The City is resolved to care for our residents and employees. We are mindful of the risk the coronavirus continues to present; therefore, we will remain in Phase 3 of our 'Return to Work' Plan until further notice. That means no more than 75 percent of the staff will be on-site at any given time.

Those who qualify will continue to work from home. Departments that meet with the public will continue to do so by appointment only. All in-person meetings are limited to at most eight people. Physical distancing and mask-wearing are strongly encouraged, even for those who have been fully vaccinated. Our priority is your safety as well as ensuring our residents receive needed services.

Due to the recent increase in COVID-19 infection rates, some employees may experience challenges securing appointments for a rapid or PCR COVID-19 test. Should an employee that has potentially been exposed and expresses challenges securing a COVID-19 test, CareATC is available to assist. Employees are directed to call 800.993.8244 or email dallascityhall@careatc.com. Also, for a listing of testing sites, visit our COVID-19 webpage at www.dallascityhall.com.

Should you or a member of your team wish to be vaccinated, visit vaccines.gov. Please, continue to mask indoors, even if you are fully vaccinated, practice social distancing and good hand hygiene.

I implore you to exercise sound judgement and take this virus seriously. After all, we are 'One Dallas' and we've got to take care of each other.

Happy New Year and as I stated last week, it is an exciting time to live in Dallas in spite of the pandemic. We've got a lot of work to do for our residents and I'm confident that we will provide the type of service we all can be proud of.

Be safe and have a great weekend.

In the Spirit of Excellence!!

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