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To: General Public, Employees and News Media

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(Press Release) March 16, 2020 at 8:00 am. RIO HONDO, TX – March 16, 2020, The City of Rio Hondo strongly encourages these Coronavirus Precautions as it is in the best interest of our citizens to stay safe. The City of Rio Hondo has daily briefings and is being notified of any changes or new developments from the State Office of Emergency Management.

The Emergency Management Team recommends the following:

- Wash hands often for 20 seconds and encourage others to do the same.
- If no soap and water available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue away.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Disinfect surfaces, buttons, handles, knobs and other places touched often.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

If you are feeling sick, especially with flu like symptoms, please stay home and avoid going to crowded places.

“We know that the coronavirus is affecting people and communities across the World. Fortunately, more than half of the people diagnosed with the coronavirus have recovered. Unfortunately, a small percentage have died, mostly elderly and others with pre-existing conditions. We encourage our residents to continue to follow proper hygiene procedures. Also, let’s not cause undue panic in our community and use common sense when shopping at local stores. I will also ask commission at our Tuesday, March 24, 2020 City Commission meeting to vote on emergency measures for our Senior Center and to publish any related health information. We will continue to monitor the situation throughout the days to come as Governor Abbott has indicated”, Said Mayor Olivares.

Coronavirus symptoms may show up 2-14 days after exposure and may include fever, cough and shortness of breath. If you are in generally good health and have a mild illness, stay home and take care of yourself like you would for the flu. If symptoms worsen, call your doctor.

For more information please visit: dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus

Gustavo Olivares

Mayor, City of Rio Hondo