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## NEWS

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### *Video Inspections for Various Projects*

## City Continues Offering Inspections While Social Distancing

The City of San Marcos continues to conduct building, fire, code enforcement, health, and public infrastructure inspections while maintaining social distancing practices, utilizing personal protective equipment and offering video inspections for applicable projects.

“The inspection process is vital to maintaining safety in our community and ensuring residential, commercial, and public infrastructure projects continue on schedule,” said City Manager Bert Lumbreras. “The City has adjusted its processes per CDC guidelines to make inspections safer and more convenient for residents, contractors and staff.”



**JOB SITE SAFETY:** Home builders are setting up hand washing stations and contractor check-in areas to keep their jobsites safe.

### **Planning and Development Services**

*Web page:* [www.sanmarcostx.gov/3098/Inspections](http://www.sanmarcostx.gov/3098/Inspections)

The Planning and Development Services department is offering a temporary service to citizens that allows City staff to conduct video inspections, via Skype, for most work completed in occupied homes. Full instructions are posted online at <http://sanmarcostx.gov/3098/Inspections>.

### **Fire Inspections**

*Web page:* <http://www.sanmarcostx.gov/743/Inspections>

The San Marcos Fire Department’s (SMFD) Fire Prevention Division is now

conducting several fire-related inspections via Skype. The full list of inspections being offered through video, as well as instructions for scheduling the inspection, are posted online at <http://sanmarcostx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/17837/COVID-19-Fire-Inspections>.

### **Code Enforcement/Health Inspections**

*Web page:* <http://www.sanmarcostx.gov/483/Environmental-Health>

Currently, the Neighborhood Enhancement Department is only addressing more serious or imminent health and safety violations such as On-Site Sewage Facilities (OSSF) malfunctions, sewer breaks/water contamination/cross contamination, unsafe structures such as fire hazards and threats of imminent collapse, and foodborne illness outbreaks.

For all other nuisance violations, officials are leaving courtesy reminders and not making in-person contact with residents to practice social distancing best practices.

### **Public Infrastructure Inspections**

*Web page:* <http://www.sanmarcostx.gov/323/Engineering-Capital-Improvements>

Public infrastructure inspections are being conducted as normal as the majority of these are completed outdoors, but Engineering and Capital Improvement inspectors are maintaining social distancing and following other CDC recommended safety practices to avoid the transmission of COVID-19.

### **Builder Safety Procedures**

Home builders are taking proactive steps to keep their jobsites safe, including hand washing stations throughout each subdivision and contractor check-in areas complete with temperature checks and colored wristbands that alternate depending on the day.

“We’re glad to see builders and other employers taking innovative measures to keep the COVID-19 disease from spreading on their jobsites,” Lumbreras said.

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