



# ANTHONY TEXAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Message from the Chief of Police and Mayor

RE: Public assistance

Please help stop spreading fear and panic among one another on the need to stockpile items that are not essential because of the pandemic of the COVID-19 (coronavirus).

According to the CDC, if you are self-quarantined you will need a 2-week supply of perishable and non-perishable food items and medications. Recently we have seen a huge influx of people flooding the stores and overstocking on toilet paper, bottled water and disinfectant products. The reason for such wide spread anxiety and panic is explained in an article published by CNN

(<https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/09/health/toilet-paper-shortages-novel-coronavirus-trnd/index.html>). The article explains one of the reasons that society is emptying out shelves of toilet paper, masks, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant sprays. The article states "People, being social creatures, we look to each other for cues for what is safe and what is dangerous," he said. "And when you see someone in the store, panic buying, that can cause a fear contagion effect." "All those photos of empty shelves may lead people to believe that they must rush out and grab toilet paper while they still can and what started as perceived scarcity becomes actual scarcity, Taylor said. "Social media is a huge player in novel coronavirus fear-mongering, Taylor said. Misinformation spreads with ease, and open platforms amplify voices of panic." (CNN).

We respectfully ask, for the sake of reducing panic and anxiety, from all our citizens to be mindful that everyone else needs those essential items as well and please help reduce the panic by following the simple instructions set forth by the Center for Disease Control. As a reminder the virus is spread like a cold or flu. For any further information please contact the Police Department. We can keep you updated with any new information we obtain through the Health Department and the Office of Emergency Management.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Carlos Enriquez  
Chief of Police