



Leadership Edinburg Program: COVID-19 Preparedness Plan

Plan subject to changes & will be communicated accordingly

The Edinburg Chamber of Commerce are *committed* to providing a safe & healthy environment for all participants of our Leadership Edinburg program, planned to take place over the next 9 months!

To ensure this, we have developed this COVID-19 Preparedness Plan following guidance from the current [Hidalgo County COVID-19 Prevention Order](#), the [Texas Economic Development Corporation general business guidelines](#), and the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) and Prevention](#).

The goal of this plan is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 for participants in this program. This requires the full cooperation of participants, volunteers, presenters & chamber staff. Only through a cooperative effort can we maintain the safety and health of those involved. Participants, volunteers, presenters & chamber staff are responsible for implementing and complying with all aspects of this plan.

PLAN COMPONENTS

- Opening Retreat – Current plans (Virtual)
- In person expectations for in person programming
- Dates & program implementation throughout 2020 - 2021

Opening Retreat

- VIRTUAL Via Zoom
 - Elements of our leadership educational sessions will be streamed on Zoom that can be logged into for interaction & engagement

In Person Expectations - We will start January 2021 with our first in person Education Session. The committee will monitor the state of COVID-19 in our area to make safe and appropriate decisions leading up to the session.

- Participants will be **screened for COVID-19 symptoms** upon arrival for in person sessions <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
 - Individuals who are experiencing symptoms should not attend in person
 - Individuals who report symptoms at screening will be asked to leave

- Participants, volunteers, presenters & chamber staff attending in person Leadership Edinburg programming, even for a brief duration, are **required** to wear a mask or face covering to protect each other from potential exposure to COVID-19.
 - Masks / face coverings will be provided by the Chamber or participants can provide their own. [CDC recommendations regarding use of masks / face coverings](#)
 - Even with a mask, participants who are sick or feeling symptoms should stay home.
 - Face coverings should be worn as feasible and are most essential in times when physical distancing is difficult.
- Participants, volunteers, presenters & chamber staff will follow facility guidelines as provided by locations we visit in person – these will be communicated in advance of the in-person sessions.
- Participants, volunteers, presenters & chamber staff will use available hand sanitizer or soap and water to clean hands routinely throughout in person sessions as provided by program host sites or the Edinburg Chamber.
 - Hand sanitizer will be provided for all participants at check in & easily accessible.
- Participants, volunteers, presenters & chamber staff are asked to maintain six feet of distance between one another when possible.
 - Occupancy requirements are managed appropriately to allow for adequate social distancing in host site spaces and on the retreat.
 - Spaces will be reconfigured to support social distancing.

Program Dates throughout 2020-2021

- Dates listed below will remain on the calendar with likely a combination of in person elements and virtual elements dependent on current local COVID-19 data.

September – Leadership Edinburg Retreat – September 19, 2020

October – History Session – October 21, 2020

November – Healthcare Session– November 18, 2020

December – Community Service Session – December 16, 2020

January – Education Session– January 20, 2021

February – Politics and Gov't and Media Session – February 17, 2021

March – Quality of Life Session – March 24, 2021

April – Criminal Justice Session– April 21, 2021

May – Economic Development Session – May 19, 2021

June – Graduation – June 3, 2021

- All program dates will be communicated to attendees on the delivery type as soon as possible – we are currently in the planning stages with our curriculum committee.