



# City of South Padre Island

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## **Spring Break operations continue**

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In consideration to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, South Padre Island (SPI) City Officials have been diligently reviewing and evaluating all information concerning COVID-19 and its risks. When compared to other area events, we believe that Spring Break and our targeted Clientele is different than large events like South by Southwest (SXSW), which has promoters and event goers from over 106 countries from around the world. Data indicates that in 2019 26% the SXSW attendees were international.

SPI Spring Break attracts mostly Texas Residents and students and other college and university students from different States. During Spring Break, locals from the Rio Grande Valley are our daily visitors.

Information available indicates that the majority of the Coronavirus cases are from people that entered in the U.S. internationally (such as the Nile River Cruise) and have been appropriately quarantined. Circumstances like this have little-to-low bearing on local events. There are no confirmed cases of the COVID-19 on South Padre Island, Cameron County or the Rio Grande Valley.

The City of South Padre Island doesn't actually host an event itself, we do assist with planning, safety, security and traffic, in and around these privately promoted events.

On South Padre Island, we are fortunate to have excellent trained staff in all areas, from paramedics to health and code enforcement and law enforcement. During Spring Break, we also utilize extra medical and enforcement personnel. We have recently implemented additional safety procedures to assure cleanliness and awareness within our staff, particularly as it relates to our facilities, amenities, and apparatuses.

The City of South Padre Island will continue to monitor and evaluate all available information, and as usual, will place the health and safety of our citizens and visitors above all. We will continue to monitor COVID-19 for any updates, and are in constant communication with the CDC, Cameron County, and State Officials.