

MEDIA ADVISORY
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Mayor Pete Saenz Statement on Extension of Non-Essential Travel Restrictions at the Border

LAREDO, Texas—Laredo Mayor Pete Saenz has issued a statement regarding the extension of non-essential travel restriction on the border:

The City of Laredo fully understands the threat of the novel coronavirus and will continue to work to keep all residents safe. We respect the difficult decision by DHS to continue travel restrictions at the border until July 21, but we also know that this will further complicate economic recovery efforts in border communities.

Trade and essential travel remain unaffected by this decision, yet much of our local economy depends on shoppers and visitors from both sides of the border. I ask our leaders in Austin and in Washington that when they are drafting relief bills to place special attention on border communities such as ours that are being uniquely affected in more ways than one.

Both the United States and Mexico must do more to prevent further outbreaks and hotspots so that cross-border business and daily life can continue. It is up to every person to follow health guidelines and minimize the spread of the coronavirus by practicing good hygiene, wearing face coverings, maintaining social distancing and avoiding crowds. Only by working together can we flatten the curve and stop the spread.

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