



COVID-19 MEDIA ADVISORY



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Answering Questions and Easing Fears Plano Holds Kids Town Hall

The COVID-19 crisis has impacted all of us, including children. Many of them are having a hard time understanding what's going on. Their schools cancelled classes. They can't play with their friends. They need to stay home. For them, like most of us, this is a time of uncertainty and lots of questions.

We're trying to ease their fears and answer their questions. So with the help of the Plano ISD, students in grades K-5 submitted their questions on video. You'll see one of them attached to this email. We're calling it a "town hall" for Plano kids.

Plano Mayor Harry LaRosiliere will answer the questions. Of course, the Mayor's good friends in the Communications Department will make sure he has all the right answers.

We'll stream it live Thursday morning at 11:00AM on our City Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1400931613449090/> and on our website, www.planotv.org

Adults participated in many Town Hall meetings as the COVID-19 pandemic spread. The City wants to ensure our youngest residents know adults are paying attention to them and their concerns. It's important for everyone to understand it's ok to feel worried or confused right now. We want kids to know adults are working hard to keep everyone in Plano safe and healthy. The Mayor will stress the importance of them doing their part as well, by staying home, doing their school work, washing their hands and following all of the other healthy habits.

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Attached: *A video clip of one of the questions asked by a Plano ISD student.*

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About Plano

Plano, Texas, is the largest city in Collin County with a population of 283,700 as of January 2019. Incorporated in 1873, the city is located 20 miles north of Dallas. Niche and AreaVibes recently named Plano as one of the Best Cities to Live in America. Forbes designated Plano one of America's safest cities. The City offers a high quality of life that includes nationally recognized schools, award-winning parks, and sustainability initiatives and a wide variety of multi-cultural neighborhoods appealing to families, young singles and retirees. Plano is home to the headquarters or regional operations of major corporations such as Toyota, Liberty Mutual, JPMorgan Chase Boeing Global Services, Fannie Mae, FedEx Office, JC Penney, Rent-A-Center, Cinemark Holdings, Denbury Resources and Alliance Data Systems. Our dynamic community features excellent restaurants, vibrant shopping and entertainment venues, a lively historic downtown district and active local arts scene. Easy access to DART light rail and major highways makes Plano a convenient place to live, work and visit. To learn more about Plano, go to our website at plano.gov.