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## **Township installs new COVID-19 wellness checkpoints**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (October 16, 2020) – As The Woodlands Township reopens its main office to residents and meetings, new temperature-screening kiosks have been installed in several Township facilities. Members of the public as well as employees are required to be screened prior to entering. The Township Town Hall re-opened to the public and public meetings on October 19, 2020. As they have all along during this pandemic, Township staff will continue to meet remotely with residents if this is the preferred method by the resident.

“In a coordinated effort to keep everyone as safe as possible, these state-of-the-art temperature kiosks will help us to maintain the health of our employees and visitors to our facilities by monitoring temperatures in a centralized manner,” said Township Chairman Gordy Bunch.

Kiosks have been installed in the lobbies and employee entrances of Township facilities for health screening purposes. Visitors and staff are screened for elevated temperatures. This helps stop potentially contagious individuals before they carry an infection inside the facilities. If an elevated temperature is detected, an on-screen notification is displayed. For people with temperatures below the threshold, the kiosk prints a badge that is to be worn during the visit or workday.

Adults and children (ages 6 and up) who would like to enter the building will be directed to a Stop and Screen kiosk that takes only seconds to accurately determine the individual’s temperature. By participating in the screening, the individual affirms that they have not had a fever or flu-like symptoms within the past 24 hours and/or that they have not had contact with a positive COVID-19 individual. Once screened, all entering the facilities must wear a face covering and practice social distancing.

Anyone who registers results of 99.9 degrees or higher will be asked to exit the facility and either wait five minutes to retake their temperature or return another day when their temperature reads below the 99.9-degree threshold.

Kiosks are currently being installed at Town Hall, the Parks, Recreation and Environmental Services campus, Texas TreeVentures, Riva Row Boat House, Lakes Edge Boat House, the Recreation Center at Bear Branch Park and the Recreation Center at Rob Fleming Park.

For more information and to view frequently asked questions, please visit [www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/COVID-19](http://www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/COVID-19).



*Beginning October 19, 2020, visitors to The Woodlands Township will be asked to “Stop and Screen” before entering the facility.*