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COUNCILLORS CALL FOR COMMUNITY COMPLIANCE

Walgett Shire Council's Councillors are all urging residents and visitors to the shire to abide by the Australian Governments Department of Health guidelines and advice on the Covid-19 (Coronavirus).

Mayor Manuel Martinez said "All Australians are faced with a huge challenge to try and reduce the spread of COVID 19 virus. We all have a role to play and I plead with our community members to ensure they practice good hygiene (washing and drying hands regularly), follow the rules for limits on public gatherings, and most importantly practice social distancing".

The Mayor said "people must remain at least 1.5 meters from others, avoid physical greetings, avoid public gatherings, use tap and pay instead of cash, and as an extra precautionary measure, residents are asked to cancel all non-essential travel outside the Shire".

He went onto say "families should practice social distancing at home by keeping visitor numbers to a minimum, and limit the number of trips to the shop, it's important to follow the "Social Distancing" rules as you may be endangering other peoples' health, in particular the elderly members of our community".

The Mayor said "Council is playing an important role in the fight against covid-19 having closed its libraries, visitor information centres, youth centres, swimming pools, bore baths and camping grounds, while all other services - Engineering, Environmental and Administration continue to operate from the offices in Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri".

NSW Health advise, if you get sick, stay at home, ask your GP or call NSW Health district hotline on 1800 020 080.

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