



Statement Regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Palestinian American Cultural Center of Houston and the entire team behind the Houston Palestinian Festival have been closely monitoring reports regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in our city. Our priority is the safety of our community, staff, and volunteers. We have been in communication with City of Houston officials, Buffalo Bayou park officials, and the Houston Health Department and currently **The 10th Houston Palestinian Festival will continue to operate as planned.**

The Houston Health Department has advised that while people need to remain vigilant, there is currently no need for the average person to take out-of-the-ordinary protective actions. As indicated by Mayor Sylvester Turner “There remains no evidence of community spread, no need to alter our normal activity in Houston.”

We will continue to closely monitor the situation and are following guidance from the CDC and the Houston Health Department. In the meantime, we ask for your patience and understanding as the situation evolves. We will share updates with you on our webpage as we learn more information.

We have relied upon frequently updated information about the virus from the below institutes to make our decision. Please visit these websites for further information regarding the virus.

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)
- [Texas Department of State Health Services\(DSHS\)](#)
- [Harris County Public Health \(HCPH\)](#)
- [Houston Health Department](#)
- [U.S. State Department](#)

Thank you,
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