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CALDWELL – At the decision of the Mayor of Caldwell and Caldwell City Council, with the exception of the fireworks show, the City of Caldwell will be not be holding the City-sponsored celebration for the 4th of July for 2020. This includes the 4th of July Parade, Memorial Park events, live music and kids’ activities.

Out of concern for the novel coronavirus spread amongst our community and the high risk of transmission associated with large crowds of people, we feel that this is the best course during this time. Most of our surrounding cities have already made the decision not to hold their 4th of July events as well, and concern for inundation was one out of many factors considered in the decision making. The large number of City volunteers and staff needed to put forth such an event is a concern as well; it remains our priority to keep city staff safe – particularly those at higher risk for suffering complications from the virus.

While this was not an easy choice to make, it is imperative that we recognize that the threat of the virus is not over, and it remains important to keep our case numbers low. Nevertheless, we do not wish to diminish the significance of this holiday. All City parks will remain open, and we encourage our residents to enjoy family time, host a backyard barbeque, or look for additional ways to celebrate.

The fireworks display will still be held and will start at dusk. For those wishing to enjoy the fireworks from the park, the City will not restrict access. We do ask, however, that social distancing remains a priority. Chairs and blankets should be spaced at 6ft increments. If possible, please enjoy the display from your home or an area conducive to social distancing.

We would like to thank you for your continued patience and consideration of our vulnerable community members. We look forward to many wonderful 4th of July celebrations in the years to come.