



**CITY OF PARKER, TEXAS
MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF
LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. In some cases, the virus has caused death; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Parker, including the quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals, and property as well as compelling individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PARKER, TEXAS:

Section 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Parker, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

Section 2. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council of Parker, Texas.

Section 3. Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, the City Council of Parker, Texas has authorized the continuation of this Emergency Declaration until the regularly scheduled City Council meeting to be held April 7, 2020, unless rescinded by the Mayor.

Section 4. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

Section 5. Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Parker emergency management plan.

Section 6. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED this 24th day of March 2020 at 6 P.M. Central Daylight Time.




Lee Pettle, Mayor
City of Parker, Texas



ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PARKER, TEXAS

Summary: The virus that causes 2019 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) is easily transmitted through person to person contact, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety. Because of the risk of the rapid spread of the virus, and the need to protect the most vulnerable members of the community, this Order encourages citizens to avoid community gatherings of 10 persons or more anywhere in the City of Parker beginning at 6 p.m. on March 24, 2020, and continuing so long as the Emergency Declaration authorized by the Parker City Council remains in effect, as defined by Section 3 herein. For all other gatherings, the City of Parker, the Office of the Collin County Judge, and the Health Authority strongly recommend following the social distancing protocols attached to this Order, including canceling, rescheduling, or not attending events with more than 10 persons. Additionally, the City of Parker, the Office of the Collin County Judge, and the Health Authority strongly urge high-risk individuals, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to cancel, reschedule, or not attend events that will have or will likely have 10 or more people.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT SECTION 418.108, I, LEE PETTLE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PARKER, TEXAS, HEREBY ORDER THE FOLLOWING:

1. Effective as of 6 p.m. on Tuesday March 24, 2020, and continuing so long as the Emergency Declaration authorized by the City Council of Parker, Texas remains in effect, public or private Community Gatherings (as defined in Section 3 below) are prohibited anywhere in the City of Parker, Texas.
2. In addition, the City of Parker, the Office of the Collin County Judge and the Collin County Department of Health and Human Services ("Health Authority") strongly recommend canceling, rescheduling, or not attending events with more than 10 persons. The City of Parker, the Office of the Collin County Judge, and the Health Authority strongly urge organizations that serve high-risk populations to cancel gatherings of more than 10 people. These recommendations are based on the social distancing practices attached to this Order as well as the "Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission" issued by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"). The City of Parker, the Office of the Collin County Judge, and the Health Authority urge people to not attend non-essential gatherings during the duration of this Order in order to help slow down the spread of the COVID-19 virus.
3. Definitions:
 - a. For purposes of this Order, a "Community Gathering" is any indoor or outdoor event or convening, subject to the exceptions and clarifications below, that brings together or is likely to bring together ten (10) or more persons at the same time in a single room or other single confined or enclosed

space, such as an auditorium, theatre, stadium (indoor or outdoor), arena or event center, meeting hall, conference center, large cafeteria, or any other confined indoor or confined outdoor space.

- b. An outdoor "Community Gathering" under this Order is limited to events in confined outdoor spaces, which means an outdoor space that (i) is enclosed by a fence, physical barrier, or other structure, and (ii) where people are present and they are within arm's length of one another for extended periods.
- c. This Order also does not prohibit gatherings of people in multiple, separate enclosed spaces in a single building such as a multiplex movie theater, school or office tower, so long as 10 people are not present in any single space at the same time. This Order also does not prohibit the use of enclosed spaces where 10 or more people may be present at different times during the day, so long as 10 or more people are not present in the space at the same time. For any gathering covered by this subsection c., the City of Parker, the Office of the Collin County Judge, and the Health Authority strongly encourage compliance with the attached Social Distancing Recommendations, including providing hand sanitizer and tissues and increasing cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.
- d. For purposes of clarity, a "Community Gathering" does not include the following so long as visitors are generally not within arm's length of one another for extended periods:(i) spaces where 10 or more persons may be in transit or waiting for transit such as airports, bus stations or terminals; (ii) office space or residential buildings; (iii) grocery stores, shopping malls, or other retail establishments where large numbers of people are present but it is unusual for them to be within arm's length of one another for extended periods; and (iv) hospitals and medical facilities. In all such settings, the City of Parker, the Office of the Collin County Judge and the Health Authority recommend following the attached Social Distancing Recommendations, and personal hygiene measures such as hand sanitizer and tissues should be provided when possible.

4. This Order shall be effective until it is either rescinded, superseded, or amended pursuant to applicable law.

5. The City of Parker must promptly provide copies of this Order by posting on the City of Parker website. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED





Lee Pettie, Mayor
City of Parker, Texas



CITY OF PARKER
Social Distancing Recommendations

1) Vulnerable Populations: Limit Outings

- Vulnerable populations include people who are:
 - 60 years old and older.
 - People with certain health conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease and weakened immune systems.
- For vulnerable populations, don't go to gatherings (of 10 people or more) unless it is essential. If you can telecommute, you should. Avoid people who are sick.

2) Workplace and Businesses: Minimize Exposure

- Minimize the number of employees working within arm's length of one another, including minimizing or canceling large in-person meetings and conferences.
- Urge employees to stay home when they are sick and maximize flexibility in sick leave benefits.
- Do not require a doctor's note for employees who are sick.
- Consider use of telecommuting options.
- Some people need to be at work to provide essential services of great benefit to the community. They can take steps in their workplace to minimize risk.

3) Large Gatherings: Cancel Non-essential Events

- Cancel events where 10 or more persons are likely to attend.
- Do not attend any events or gatherings if sick.
- For Events that aren't cancelled, we recommend:
 - Having hand washing capabilities, hand sanitizers and tissues available. Frequently cleaning high touch surface areas like counter tops and handrails.
 - Finding ways to create physical space to minimize close contact as much as possible.

4) Schools: Safety First

- Do not have your child attend school if sick.
- If you have a child with chronic health conditions, consult the child's doctor about school attendance.
- Schools should equip all classrooms with hand sanitizers and tissues.
- Recommend rescheduling or cancelling medium to large events that are not essential.

- Explore remote teaching and online options to continue learning.
- Schools should develop a plan for citywide school closures, and families should prepare for potential closures.

5) Transit: Cleaning and Protection

- Increase cleaning of vehicles and high touch surface areas.
- Provide hand washing/hand sanitizers and tissues in stations and on vehicles.

6) Health Care Settings: Avoid as possible, protect the vulnerable

- Long term care facilities should have a COVID-19 plan in accordance with CDC or state guidelines.
- Long term care facilities should screen all staff and visitors for illness and turn away those with symptoms.
- The general public should avoid going to medical settings such as hospitals, nursing homes and long-term care facilities, even if you are not ill.
- If you are ill, call your health care provider ahead of time, and you may be able to be served by phone.
- Do not visit emergency rooms unless it is essential.
- Visitors should not go to long-term care facilities unless absolutely essential.
- Follow guidance and directions of all facilities.

7) Everyone: Do your part

The best way for all City of Parker residents to reduce their risk of getting sick, as with seasonal colds or the flu, still applies to prevent COVID-19:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 45 seconds.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Try alternatives to shaking hands, like an elbow bump or wave.
- If you have recently returned from a country, state or region with ongoing COVID-19 infections, monitor your health and follow the instructions of public health officials and CDC guidance.
- There is no recommendation to wear masks at this time to prevent yourself from getting sick.