



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR  
FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020

First and foremost, I want to reiterate that this situation continues to remain fluid.

Yesterday, Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA-08 restricting social gatherings to groups of 10 or less; asking people to avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts; asking people to not visit nursing or retirement homes; and temporarily closing schools. This Order was signed by the Governor at 11:59 am. and unfortunately not communicated in advance to the City of Bedford or Tarrant County. After working in close coordination with Tarrant County over the past few days, the City of Bedford had already issued and begun implementation of our own Declaration prior to the State's directive. Although the State's action supersedes ours, Bedford's Declaration remains more strict, other than restricting gatherings to 10 people or less. The City will continue to implement and enforce our plan while simultaneously honoring the State's mandate.

The Tarrant County Public Health Department recently identified 10 new positive cases in North Richland Hills, Colleyville, and Southlake among others. Today, an additional 10 new cases were reported, one being from Euless. This brings the County total to 29 positive cases. As of this writing, no cases have been reported in Bedford.

Tarrant County Public Health reminds everyone to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when sick - If you have trouble breathing, or a persistent fever contact your primary care provider.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Frequently clean and disinfect touched objects and surfaces.

For more information on current positive cases visit [www.coronavirus.tarrantcounty.com](http://www.coronavirus.tarrantcounty.com) or call the 24/7 information line at 817 248-6299.

Don't forget, your Bedford businesses and grocery stores can help during this difficult time. Several offer delivery or pick-up options, as well as, creating special or updated hours of operations.

**Senior and At-Risk Citizen Hours**

Wal Mart – daily 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Albertsons – Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Kroger – no special hours for at-risk customers

CVS – no special hours for at-risk customers

Walgreens – no special hours for at-risk customers. 24-hour drive-up prescriptions.

**Normal Operating Hours**

Wal Mart – daily 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. from March 24 – April 28.

Albertsons – daily 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Kroger – daily 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

CVS – Weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Walgreens – Daily 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Drive up will be staffed 24 hours a day.