



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020

This afternoon, after discussions with all local jurisdictions, Tarrant County issued a Second Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency. The Declaration went into effect at 6:00 pm today.

The main tenet of this issuance keys on formally limiting the size of gatherings to no more than 10 people. This includes all gatherings. Social distancing remains in place with a 6-foot standard. All bars, gyms, theaters, hair and nail salons, event centers, and retail centers (as well as other similar establishments) that do not sell essential household goods are not allowed. In-house dining at food establishments continues to be restricted. Drive-in and take out remain permitted. Any in-house worship services are now closed.

All grocery stores, medical facilities, convenience stores, pharmacies and drug stores, office buildings, hotels, and related businesses must practice social distancing and if possible, to track any individuals that their personnel encounter.

This is clearly an effort by the County to further tighten the restrictions based on the formal language regarding the 10-person mandate and the closing of in-house church services.

I do want to take a moment to thank our Tarrant County officials for their efforts in keeping abreast of the situation and their continual attempt in communicating with all jurisdictions during this rapidly changing environment.

In other County/State news, this morning Tarrant County Public Health announced another 13 overnight positive tests, bringing the County total to 42 as of this writing. Yesterday's totals show the State of Texas with 194 cases and five deaths.

Thank you again for all your sacrifices and your courtesies as our City and community try to get ahead of this situation. I would like to ask each one of you to please consider the urgency of any requests from the City at this time. Our Emergency Services have been experiencing a dramatic increase in call volume and they have done a commendable job in managing these requests under difficult circumstances. Any non-emergency impacts our level of service. If you do not have an emergency, please do not call 911. Using common sense is vital at this time.

Thank you again for everything that you are doing. Please stay safe, be smart, maintain 6-foot social distancing, and go out in public only as needed, and to end on a positive note, the supply chain is catching up to demand. I saw toilet paper on the shelves today.