



Statement on COVID-19

March 23, 2020

Good evening Copperas Cove. I wanted to take a quick moment to provide you with an update on this very fluid and changing situation as it pertains to Copperas Cove. Late last week I issued a Disaster Declaration for our City on the heels of Texas Governor Greg Abbott's Executive Order. The Governor's orders were laid out in my last statement. Since then, Governor Abbott earlier today sent a letter to President Trump requesting a presidential declaration of a major disaster in Texas based on the continued impact of COVID-19.

This morning, Coryell County Judge Roger Miller amended his previously issued Disaster Declaration, effective through April 3rd, which includes:

- Convenience stores, gas stations, restaurants, and similar establishments shall cease providing self-serve food items, except when food items are individually wrapped or packaged.
- Every business or service provider shall take extraordinary measures to clean and sanitize their facilities in order to protect the health and safety of their employees and clients. In-home and on-site service providers such as satellite TV installers, electricians, plumbers, and repair persons shall also take extraordinary measures to prevent exposure to and spread of COVID-19.
- All County Government functions will remain open and accessible to the public; however, each Elected or Appointed Official or Department Head may limit or restrict direct contact with the general public, and may impose reasonable control measures to ensure the health and safety of County employees while serving the public.

Rest assured that City staff and I are in direct contact daily and keeping updated on this situation. We do NOT have any confirmed positive cases to date, and have NOT yet ordered a 'shelter in place' directive. For those citizens who feel the need to stay at their residences, I certainly encourage you to do so and stay safe!

Bradi Diaz
Mayor, City of Copperas Cove