



Statement on COVID-19

March 27, 2020

Good morning Copperas Cove. City Council approved an ordinance on Thursday, March 26th extending the Declaration of Public Health Emergency I issued on March 20, 2020. City Council's action extends the declaration through April 3, 2020. The City has not issued a "Shelter in Place" order. Even though a "Shelter in Place" order is not in effect, I want to encourage you to be responsible in following the requirements from the President, CDC, Governor Abbot, Coryell County, and the City outlined below and additional recommendations to protect you, your family, and our community:

Requirements:

- Every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
- People shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of the Governor's executive order.
- Convenience stores, gas stations, restaurants, and similar establishments shall cease providing self-serve food items, except when food items are individually wrapped or packaged.
- People shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
- 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.

Recommendations:

- It is the responsibility of all of us to practice good hygiene (washing hands, covering cough), clean surfaces and maintaining social distancing to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- Travel and visit businesses only for essential activities.
- Avoid travel to areas with higher COVID-19 infections or have "shelter in place" orders.
- Support your family and neighbors with essential needs while maintaining social distancing.
- Respect those who may be self-quarantining regardless of positive testing for COVID-19.
- For those citizens who feel the need to stay at their residences, I certainly encourage you to do so and stay safe!

This situation continues to change daily, and we will continue to provide current information. I am doing all that I can to help protect our community. It is highly encouraging to see and hear of our community helping and taking care of each other.

Bradi Diaz
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