



DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY



WHEREAS the World Health Organization has declared the coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and the COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the governor of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action for the protection of the people of the City of Gordon; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of mitigation strategies can slow the transmission of the disease, this Declaration activates the City Emergency Management Plan; and


WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Gordon has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate the efficient, rapid, and cooperative response to the emergency;

THEREFORE, Be It Proclaimed by the Mayor of the City of Gordon that:

1. A local state of disaster is hereby proclaimed for the City of Gordon, pursuant to 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. This declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity, shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, and activates the City of Gordon Emergency Plan, pursuant to 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code.
3. Pursuant to the Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 122.006, any individual adult or child having traveled and visited any level 3 country as established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), or traveled via a cruise ship, within the ten (10) days prior to this declaration and returning to Gordon, Texas, must be quarantined at home for 14 days.
4. This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 20th day of March, 2020 at 10:00am

ATTEST:


Teresa Johnson, City Secretary




Jack Coleman, Mayor

COVID-19 Response Implementation Plan

In order to minimize the impact of the COVID-19 virus to the citizens of Gordon, the City of Gordon is implementing the following plan:

I. Support President Trump's Coronavirus Guidelines for America:

- a. **IF YOU FEEL SICK**, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.
- b. **IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE SICK**, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.
- c. **IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS TESTED POSITIVE** for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.
- d. **IF YOU ARE AN OLDER PERSON**, stay home and away from other people.
- e. **IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A SERIOUS UNDERLYING CONDITION** that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.
- f. Work or engage in schooling **FROM HOME** whenever possible.
- g. **IF YOU WORK IN A CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRY**, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule. You and your employers should follow CDC guidance to protect your health at work.
- h. **Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.**
- i. Avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts – **USE DRIVE-THRU, PICKUP, OR DELIVERY OPTIONS.**
- j. **AVOID DISCRETIONARY TRAVEL**, shopping trips and social visits.
- k. **DO NOT VISIT** nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
- l. **PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE:**
 - **WASH YOUR HANDS**, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.
 - **AVOID TOUCHING YOUR FACE.**
 - **SNEEZE OR COUGH INTO A TISSUE, OR THE INSIDE OF YOUR ELBOW.**
 - **DISINFECT FREQUENTLY USED ITEMS AND SURFACES** as much as possible.

2. The City Mayor has ordered the following facilities closures to protect employees as well as the public:

- a. **City Park:** Closed for any social gatherings of 10 or more until further Noticed.
- b. **City Hall:** Front doors will be locked until April 3, 2020. A sign will be posted and the public will be admitted by appointment only. City Secretary will monitor telephones during business hours.
- c. **Community Center:** Closed for any social gatherings until further Noticed.