

**THIRD AMENDED DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY  
CITY OF EULESS**

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019 a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, with symptoms including fever, cough, and shortness of breath and with outcomes ranging from mild to severe illness and in some cases death;

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease;

**WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this epidemic;

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is closely monitoring the growing number of cases that have spread into the United States and the identification of “community spread” cases of COVID-19 in the United States signals that transmission of the virus is occurring;

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes;

**WHEREAS**, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action;

**WHEREAS**, County Judge Glen Whitley issued a Declaration of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency for Tarrant County for COVID-19 on March 19, 2020 and a Second Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Du to Public Health Emergency on March 21, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, Governor Greg Abbott issued a State of Disaster for all Texas counties for COVID-19 on March 13, 2020 and an Executive Order relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation on March 19, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, President Donald Trump declared a State of National Emergency for the United States of America on March 13, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the Mayor is designated as the emergency management director of the City of Euless, and may exercise the powers granted to the governor on an appropriate local scale;

**WHEREAS**, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, promote health, compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease including isolation surveillance, quarantine, or placement of persons under public health observation, including the provision of temporary housing or emergency shelters for persons misplaced or evacuated and request assistance from the governor of state resources;

**WHEREAS**, by this Declaration of Local Disaster and Public Health Emergency, I declare all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat suspended for the duration of the incident;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the authority granted to the Mayor under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and political subdivisions to assist in the City's response to this situation; and

**WHEREAS**, I, Linda Martin, the Mayor of the City of Euless have determined that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to respond quickly, prevent and alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected with the virus, as well as those that could potentially be infected or impacted by COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, I issued a Declaration of Public Health Emergency on March 17, 2020 and a Second Amended Declaration of Public Health Emergency on March 18, 2020 to implement additional measures to ensure the protection of the general public in the City of Euless; and

**WHEREAS**, I now issue this Third Amended Declaration of Public Health Emergency to align the City of Euless's response with Judge Whitley's Second Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF EULESS, TEXAS:**

1. That a state of disaster and public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Euless, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. That the state of disaster and public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven days of the date hereof, unless the same is continued by the City Council of the City of Euless, Texas, pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code.
3. That this declaration of a local state of disaster and public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code.
4. That the City's Emergency Operations Plan is activated and implemented, pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code.

5. That this declaration authorizes the City to commandeer or use any private property, temporarily acquire, by lease or by other means, sites required for temporary housing units or emergency shelters for evacuees, subject to compensation requirements, pursuant to §418.020 of the Texas Government Code.
6. That this declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress disease, including quarantine, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City, and fining those who do not comply with the City's rules, pursuant to §122.006 of the Health and Safety Code and the City's authority as a home-rule municipality.
7. That this declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to no more than 10 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings of more than 10 people until further notice. For purposes herein, a gathering is any indoor or outdoor event that brings together or is likely to bring together more than 10 people at the same time in a single space where people are present and within 6 feet of one another, without regard to the purpose of the gathering.

This declaration does not prohibit gathering of people in multiple, separate enclosed spaces (including separate cubicles) in a single building such as different floors of a multi-level office, residential building, or hotel, so long as 10 people are not present in any single space at the same time. This declaration also does not prohibit the use of enclosed spaces where more than 10 people may be present at different times during the day, so long as more than 10 people are not present in the same space at the same time. This Declaration does not make a distinction between types of gatherings, i.e. social, community or recreational. For any gathering covered by this subsection, the Mayor of the City of Euless strongly encourages compliance with the attached recommendations.

8. That this declaration hereby orders that restaurants with or without drive-in or drive-through services; drive-in restaurants; or drive-through restaurants may only provide take out, delivery, or drive-in or drive-through services as allowed by law.
9. That this declaration hereby orders that individuals cannot occupy nor can individuals be permitted to occupy the following: bars, lounges, taverns, commercial amusement establishments, bingo halls, theaters, gyms, private clubs, hair and nail salons and barber shops, estheticians and related personal care businesses, spas, massage parlors, tattoo and piercing parlors, tanning salons, residential meeting spaces, event centers, hotel meeting spaces and ballrooms, outdoor plazas and markets, malls and retail stores that do not sell essential household goods.
10. That this declaration allows the following entities to continue doing business as long as they enforce social separation: grocery stores, stores selling essential household goods, convenience and package stores, pharmacies and drug stores, day care facilities, non-profit service providers, homeless and emergency shelters,

office buildings, essential government buildings, airports and transit facilities, transportation systems, residential buildings and hotels, and manufacturing and distribution facilities

In all such locations, there must be sufficient space for all people to be 6 feet apart at all times to control infection. Where possible, a tracking list of the individuals present, and their contact information shall be maintained.

11. Notwithstanding the above restriction, this Declaration is not intended to apply to any business operations delivering essential services. Essential Services means services, by whomever rendered, and whether rendered to the government or to any other person, the interruption of which would endanger life, health or personal safety of the whole or part of the population.
12. If someone in a household has tested positive for COVID-19, the household is ordered to isolate at home. Members of the household cannot go to work, school, or any other community function until cleared by a medical professional.
13. This Declaration closes worship services for in-person services, provided that needed staff can attend to produce audio/video services for transmission.
14. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.
15. That this declaration incorporates the attached table, Disaster Restrictions, as if set forth verbatim herein.
16. That this proclamation shall take effect at 12:01am, March 24.

ORDERED this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2020.

  
Linda Martin  
Mayor, City of Euless

## DISASTER RESTRICTIONS

Location	Restrictions
All gatherings without regard to purpose.	<p>No more than 10 people.                      Practice social separation - sufficient space for all people to be 6 feet apart.                      Keep a tracking list of individuals and their contact information.</p>
<p>Bars, lounges, taverns                      Commercial amusement establishments                      Bingo halls                      Theaters                      Gyms                      Private Clubs                      Hair and nail salons and barber shops                      Estheticians and related personal care businesses                      Spas and massage parlors                      Tattoo and piercing parlors and tanning salons                      Residential meeting spaces                      Event centers                      Hotel meeting spaces and ballrooms                      Outdoor plazas                      Malls                      Retail stores that do not sell essential household goods</p>	<p>No occupancy permitted.</p>
Food Establishments	<p>In-house dining – closed.                      Drive-in, drive-through, take out, and delivery is permitted.                      Practice social separation - sufficient space for all people to be 6 feet apart at all times.</p>
Worship Services	<p>Closed for in-person services, provided that employees can attend to produce audio/video services</p>

<p>Grocery stores Stores selling essential household goods Convenience and package stores Pharmacies and drug stores Day care facilities Medical facilities Non-profit service providers Homeless and emergency shelters Office buildings Essential government buildings Airports and transit facilities Transportation systems Residential buildings and hotels Manufacturing and distribution facilities</p>	<p>Practice social distancing - sufficient space for all people to be 6 feet apart at all times.</p> <p>Keep a tracking list of individuals and their contact information, wherever possible.</p>
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**CITY OF EULESS RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**FOR MITIGATING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

The City of Euleless strongly recommends the following:

- (1) Cancel all nonessential gatherings and meetings of less than 10 people.
- (2) Create smaller groups for essential meetings, and consider holding video/audio meetings instead.
- (3) For individuals at increased risk of severe illness, cancel gatherings of more than 10 people, and limit nonessential outings. "Individuals at increased risk of severe illness" includes but is not limited to individuals 60 years and older; with compromised immune systems; with medical conditions such as diabetes, heart disease or disorders, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or other lung conditions.
- (4) For operators of public spaces, provide ways for patrons to maintain safe social distancing, for example, maintaining six feet of separation between individuals; have hand washing capabilities, hand sanitizers and tissues available; and frequently cleaning high touch surface areas like counter tops, hand rails, and door knobs.
- (5) For workplaces, promote telecommuting; ensure employees do not work while sick; do not require a doctor's note for employees who are sick; maximize flexibility in sick leave benefits; and minimize the number of employees working within arm's length of one another.
- (6) For grocery stores and pharmacies, increase the use and capability of drive-thru, curbside, or delivery services; limit or restrict the number of employees working within arm's length of one another' provide handwashing capabilities, hand sanitizers, and tissues; and frequently clean high-touch surface areas like countertops, doorknobs, and handrails.
- (7) Determine ways to consider providing support services, including meals, to individuals at increased risk of severe illness while limiting group settings and exposures.
- (8) Minimize all nonessential travel.

