



Press Release

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City of Kaufman COVID-19 Public Statement

On March 16, 2020 at a special called meeting, Kaufman City Council adopted a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency. The City has posted the full Declaration document on the website www.kaufmantx.org. City Manager Mike Slye said “Our City Council took immediate action tonight to help preserve the health and safety of our community by declaring this order. We all have a civic responsibility to do what we can to overcome this health pandemic”.

The city has taken a proactive position to ensure the continued health, safety and well-being of our community. Below details the major edicts of this declaration:

1. Prohibits gatherings inside the city limits of groups greater than 50 people
2. All organized youth sports are postponed (baseball & soccer)
3. City Hall doors will remain locked during the business day effective March 23,2020 at 8:00 a.m. All necessary actions that require person-to-person contact will be made by appointment only. Utility customers are strongly encouraged to transact their business by online payments, drop box, telephone or mail.
4. Individuals requiring face-to-face discussion with the Police Department will have a phone number posted on the front door of City Hall to call. PD will greet you at the door and escort you.
5. All non-essential Municipal Court activities are suspended. The Municipal Court Clerk will be available by appointment.
6. Utility customers that can demonstrate hardship related to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic will be afforded extreme latitude in keeping your account current. Utility shutoffs will be suspended for those customers.

Please read the steps that you as individuals can take to reduce the risk of getting sick:

1. Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

2. Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash.
3. Stay home if you are sick.
4. Avoid touching your face.
5. Try alternatives to shaking hands, like an elbow bump or wave.
6. If you have recently returned from a country, state or region with ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) infections, monitor your health and follow the instructions of public health officials and CDC guidance.
7. There is no recommendation to wear masks at this time to prevent individuals from getting sick.

*****SPECIAL NOTE***** This current declaration does not limit or restrict current business/restaurant activity at this time.

For more information visit <https://www.kaufmantx.org/>
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