
FLORESVILLE



**CITY OF FLORESVILLE, TEXAS
ORDER CONTINUING DECLARATION OF
LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, 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 13, 2020, the Governor of the State 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 in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Floresville, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), of even date herewith, the City Council for the City of Floresville contends that it is necessary for the protection, safety, welfare and wellbeing of the citizens of Floresville to approve an Order Continuing Declaration of State of Local Disaster and to continue to exercise the powers granted by the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 for the period specified in the Order of Continuing Declaration;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORESVILLE, TEXAS THAT EFFECTIVE AS OF 11:59 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020, AND CONTINUING FOR FOURTEEN (14) DAYS UNTIL 11:59 P.M. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020:

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency has hereby been declared for the City of Floresville, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 2. That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue as authorized by the City Council of the City of Floresville, Texas for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this order continuing declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

SECTION 4. That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this order continuing declaration of a local state of disaster shall continue to activate the City of Floresville, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

SECTION 5. That this order continuing declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the City's rules, pursuant to Section 122.006 of the Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 6. That the City of Floresville herein establishes the regulations as show in Exhibit A which is attached and incorporated herein shall continue for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days.

SECTION 7. That this order continuing declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than 10 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings until further notice. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where 10 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area.

SECTION 8. In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

SECTION 9. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 10. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and shall continue for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days.

DECLARED this 25th day of March, 2020.

Cecelia Gonzalez-Dippel

Cecelia "Cissy" Gonzalez-Dippel, Mayor
City of Floresville, Texas

Attest to:

Monica Veliz

Monica Veliz, City Secretary



Exhibit A

Public Health Emergency Rules and Regulations

All Owners of Commercial Businesses and other Public Places:

*Must provide hand sanitizer outside their business and post directions on usage of sanitizers entering the building.

*Shall sanitize the public areas hourly.

*Not allow more than 10 persons to gather in any public or private building or location while this Declaration is in force by the City of Floresville.

This Declaration does not apply to any Grocery Stores, Convenience Stores, Pharmacies or Health Care Providers.

City Facilities and Processes:

1. All Municipal buildings shall be disinfected daily.
2. In person payments for city services or Municipal Court fines shall not be accepted.
Online, drop box, drive-thru and mail-in payments only at City Hall.
3. All Municipal court settings for the next 30 days shall be continued and reset, and no in person pleas will be accepted.
4. Playground equipment and splash pad in the City parks are closed until further notice.

General:

The City of Floresville encourages all employers to grant all employees sick leave, and encourage all sick employees to isolate themselves and to seek medical care.

All public events scheduled to be held in Floresville where more than 10 attendees are anticipated within the next 35 days shall be rescheduled.

**VIOLATIONS SHALL BE CONSIDERED A CLASS C
MISDEMEANOR WITH A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED
\$1,000.00.**