



CITY OF STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS ORDER DECLARING LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, 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, President Donald Trump declared a State of National Emergency for the United States of America on March 13, 2020; 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, on March 25, 2020, the City Council of the City of Stephenville issued a Declaration of Local State Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency and the City of Stephenville 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Stephenville, Texas that the April 22, 2020 Declaration of Public Health Emergency is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1.

1. A State of Disaster and Public Health Emergency is hereby declared for the City of Stephenville, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. 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.
3. The City's Emergency Operations Plan is activated and implemented, pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code.
4. The City Council of the City of Stephenville authorizes the city manager to promulgate such regulations as he deems necessary to protect life and property and preserve critical resources while a state of disaster is in effect.

5. This Declaration authorizes the City to temporarily acquire, by lease or other means, sites required for temporary housing units or emergency shelters for evacuees, subject to compensation requirements, pursuant to §418.020(c) of the Texas Government Code.
6. 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.
7. This declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 2.

1. That effective immediately, and continuing until rescinded, amended, or superseded by Texas Governor Gregg Abbott through Executive Order or other lawful action, the City hereby adopts the provisions of Executive Orders GA-18 and GA-19 issued by Governor Abbott on April 27, 2020. The provisions of GA-18 and GA-19 are incorporated herein by reference as if written word for word.
2. This Declaration orders all businesses operating within the city of Stephenville, Texas to take extreme care and all actions necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Extreme care and action include, but is not limited to, the following practices:
 - a. Monitoring the body temperature of all employees;
 - b. Prior to opening for business and throughout the day disinfecting all surfaces;
 - c. Encouraging all employees to wash their hands on an hourly basis;
 - d. Mandate all employees and customers abide by the social distancing guidelines attached;
 - e. All businesses must provide hand-sanitizing stations at least one entrance.
3. This Declaration suspends Chapter 110.01 *Regulations for Sale of Merchandise in Residential Districts* of the City of Stephenville Code of Ordinance for 60 days from the effective date of this order.

SECTION 3.

1. All public, private, and commercial laboratories operating within the City of Stephenville and performing COVID-19 testing shall report by 5:00 p.m. each day for the prior 24-hour period (1) the number of COVID-19 tests performed and (2) the number of positive COVID-19 tests to Jimmy Chew, Director of Emergency Management for the City of Stephenville if the specimen is collected, or the test is performed, in the City of Stephenville.
2. Such laboratories shall not provide names or other individually identifiable health information that could be used to identify an individual patient. This information will be used solely for public health purposes to monitor the testing conducted in the City and mitigate and contain the spread of COVID-19.

SECTION 4.

If someone in a household has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), the household is ordered to isolate at home. Members of the household cannot go to work, school, or any other community function

outside the home. Any person who is sick, experiencing common COVID-19 symptoms including fever, cough, or shortness of breath are hereby ordered to stay home and follow Center for Disease Control Guidelines on how to discontinue home isolation.

SECTION 5.

In order to minimize the impact of the COVID-19 virus to the citizens of Stephenville, the City of Stephenville is implementing the following procedures for City Facilities by adopting the attached City of Stephenville Phase One Re-Opening of City Facilities.

1. **Airport** – Terminal is to remain open, however no group meetings will be held or scheduled.
2. **City Hall** – Will re-open once professional sanitization has been completed to ensure an environment as safe as possible for customers and employees. Until sanitization occurs, front doors will be locked and the public will be admitted to the building by appointment only. Staff will monitor telephones and email during business hours. Employees who do not have an office in City Hall will be able to make appointments by telephone or by email.
3. **Library** – Will re-open once professional sanitization has been completed to ensure an environment as safe as possible for customers and employees. Until sanitization occurs, the library will remain closed to the public and all programs have been cancelled. Staff will monitor telephones and email during business hours. Returns will be accepted through the outside receptacles.
4. **Municipal Service Center** – Front doors will be locked and the public will be admitted to the building by appointment only. Staff will monitor telephones and email during business hours.
5. **Park Facilities** – Playgrounds, sport courts and fields, public swimming areas, pavilions and the recreation hall are closed to the public. Public trails, open areas, skate park, disc golf course, tennis courts, and RV camping are open to the public. Organized activities larger than 10 people not of the same household are prohibited. Individuals not of the same household must at all times, as reasonably possible, maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person when using city park facilities.
6. **Public Safety**
 - i. *Fire Station No. 2* – Front doors will be locked. Those seeking assistance may contact fire personnel by using the intercom in the front of the building or by calling 254-918-1273 from their home or cell phone.
 - ii. *Police Department* – Front doors will be locked. Those seeking assistance may contact dispatch by picking up the phone in the front of the building or by calling 254-918-1273 from their home or cell phone.
7. **Recreation Center** – Will re-open once sanitization by staff has been completed to ensure an environment as safe as possible for customers and employees. Until sanitization has been completed, the Recreation Center will remain closed to the public and all programs have been cancelled.
8. **Senior Citizens Center** – Closed to the public; all programs and activities have been cancelled.

9. **Meetings** – All Public Meetings will comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act as amended by Executive Order of the Governor of the State of Texas. All Public Meetings will be conducted via teleconference unless otherwise posted.

SECTION 6.

The City of Stephenville will not terminate utility services for the duration of this declaration.

SECTION 7.

This Order shall become effective immediately, and shall remain in effect until it is either rescinded, superseded, or amended pursuant to applicable law or Governor's Order.

SECTION 8.

The City of Stephenville must promptly provide copies of this Order by posting on the city's website. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy.

SECTION 9.

If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

SECTION 10.

A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.00 and not more than \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days. Upon a second violation of this declaration, a business who holds a Certificate of Occupancy from the City of Stephenville may have that Certificate of Occupancy revoked.

SECTION 11.

1. Any ordinance, order, or regulation that would prevent temporary sheltering and housing by the City of Stephenville, Texas, or the Federal Government in response to the declared disaster are suspended or modified as necessary to make these regulations effective.
2. Any ordinance or regulation imposing a time requirement for approving or denying an application or for appealing a County Court or Administrative decision is tolled.
3. Any ordinances or regulations that conflict with these regulations are suspended or modified as necessary to make these regulations effective.
4. Suspension or modification of the ordinances and regulations shall remain in effect until these regulations are terminated or until the state of disaster is terminated, whichever is sooner.

SECTION 12.

This declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

ORDERED THIS the 5th day of May, 2020.



Doug Svien, Mayor

ATTEST:



Staci L. King, City Secretary



PHASE ONE RE-OPENING

OVERVIEW

The City of Stephenville will begin to phase in the opening of facilities as we progress through the phases of COVID-19 response. Each facility is preparing an individualized plan for appropriate PPE and cleaning routines based on the use of the facility. The goal is to mitigate risks while allowing the City to begin the process of re-opening

FACILITY	CURRENT STATUS	PHASE ONE RESPONSE
CITY HALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to the public • Services available online or through drop box • Appointment only for administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open at 50% occupancy • Administration by appointment only
FIRE STATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to the public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited public access
POLICE STATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to the public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited public access
MUNICIPAL SERVICE COMPLEX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment only
LIBRARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to the public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curbside book pick up and reservations • No programs or events • Books quarantined 2 days before checked in • Open to the public at 50% capacity, no computer use, all toys and children's areas remain closed.
SENIOR CENTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to the public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to the public
RECREATION HALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed to the public • Providing childcare for essential employees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to the public • Restrooms open • Daily Sanitizing of touch points • Gym use only for 4 players or less • Modified equipment check out
CEMETERIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disc Golf open • Skate Park open • Tennis Courts open • Open Space open • Trails open • Campgrounds (reservation only) • Restrooms closed • Playgrounds closed • Ballfields closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-install basketball hoops and nets • Re-install volleyball nets • Restrooms opened at McCleskey and Jaycee • Port-A-Lets remain closed • Playgrounds remain closed • Ballfields remain closed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavilions closed • Port-A-Lets closed • Reservations and events cancelled until further notice • Social Distancing Required • No groups larger than 10 people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavilions remain closed • Reservations and events cancelled until further notice • Social Distancing Required • No groups larger than 10 people
SPLASHVILLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed
ORGANIZATION WIDE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks when in public on City business • Daily Temperature readings • Virtual meetings when possible • Social Distancing • Daily sanitizing of work stations and facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks when in public on City business • Daily Temperature readings • Virtual meetings when possible • Social Distancing • Daily sanitizing of work stations and facilities