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City of Burleson Coronavirus Updates – State of Disaster Declaration Amendments as of March 23, 2020

To align with the most recent Tarrant County Disaster Declaration Amendments, the Burleson City Council amended the city's disaster declaration, the new amendments will take effect at 12:01 am, Tuesday, March 24. View entire Declaration, Continuation, and Renewal of Local disaster and public health emergency document.

How are these amendments different from the amendments passed on March 18?

- **New amendment limits size of gathering to no more than 10 people**, this also complies with the Governor's order from March 19.

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.

It does not prohibit gatherings 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 not more than 10 people are present in any single space at the same time. 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 space at the same time.

- **New amendment adds the following businesses that are not allowed to be occupied:** Bingo halls, 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, and any other non-essential business that cannot by the nature of the service maintain sufficient space for people to be 6 feet apart as recommended by the Center for Disease Control.
- **New amendment addresses the following entities can continue to do 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, medical facilities, social 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.

- **New amendment closes worship services for in-person services**, provided that needed staff can attend to produce audio/video services for transmission.
- **The updated declaration provides clarification for essential services:**
 - Essential Healthcare Operations. Healthcare operations, including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, mental health providers, substance abuse service providers, blood banks, medical research, laboratory services, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. Home-based and residential-based care for seniors, adults, or children are also considered healthcare operations. Healthcare operations also includes veterinary care and all health and welfare services provided to animals. This exemption shall be viewed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of healthcare. Healthcare operations do not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities. Healthcare operations do not include elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures.
 - Essential Government Functions. All services provided by governments needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government agencies to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public. Further, nothing in this order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing “Essential Government Functions.” All Essential Government Functions shall be performed in compliance with social distancing requirements of six feet, to the extent possible.
 - Essential Critical Infrastructure. Work necessary to the operations and maintenance of the 16 critical infrastructure sectors as identified by the National Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) including public works construction, residential and commercial construction, airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), financial institutions, defense and national security-related operations, essential manufacturing operations provided that they carry out those services or that work in compliance with social distancing requirements of six feet, to the extent possible. Essential Businesses providing essential infrastructure should implement screening precautions to protect employees and all activity shall be performed in compliance with social distancing guidelines attached.
 - Essential Retail. Food service providers, including grocery stores, warehouse stores, big-box stores, bodegas, liquor stores, gas stations and convenience stores, farmers’ markets that sell food products and household staples. Food cultivation, including farming, fishing, and livestock. Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out. Schools and other entities that typically provide free services to students or members of the public on a pick-up and take-away basis only. The restriction of delivery or carry out does not apply to cafes and restaurants located within hospital and medical facilities. Laundromats, dry cleaners, and

laundry service providers. Gas stations, auto-supply, auto and bicycle repair, hardware stores, and related facilities. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home.

- Providers of Basic Necessities to Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Populations. Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for vulnerable and disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals.
- Essential Services Necessary to Maintain Essential Operations of Residences or Other Essential Businesses. Trash and recycling collection, processing and disposal, mail and shipping services, building cleaning, maintenance and security, warehouse/distribution and fulfillment, storage for essential businesses, funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of residences and Essential Businesses. Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities. Businesses that supply other essential businesses with support or supplies needed to operate.
- News Media. Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.
- Childcare Services. Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted.

Any business that is not an essential business as described above is a non-essential business.

UPDATED: City of Burleson facility closures and adjustments

- **City Trails & Walking Paths at Hidden Creek Golf Course:** OPEN. We have dozens of trails that are available and encourage residents to get out and use them, please maintain a distance of six feet. During the temporary closure of the golf course, the cart paths on the course are also available for walking. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.
- **City Playgrounds:** DISCOURAGED. We would like to highly discourage residents from using the play structures at all city parks.
- **Basketball Court at Warren Park:** CLOSED until at least April 6, 2020.

Up-to-date information and COVID-19 resources and questions:

www.burlesontx.com/coronavirus.

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