



FIRST AMENDED DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 was first detected in Wuhan, China in December 2019; and

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

WHEREAS, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action for the protection of the people of Azle, and

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

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; and

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, and compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease. These measures include 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. A declaration allows the request of assistance from the Governor for state resources; and

WHEREAS, Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley issued a Declaration of Local Disaster due to Public Health Emergency on March 13, 2020 and the County Commissioners issued a Renewal of Declaration of Local Disaster due to Public Health Emergency on March 17, 2020, and County Judge Whitley issued the First Amended Declaration of Local Disaster due to Public Health Emergency on March 18, 2020 and the Second Amended Declaration of Local Disaster due to Public Health Emergency on March 21, 2020 to implement additional measures to ensure the protection of the residents of Tarrant County; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Alan Brundrett has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate the efficient, rapid, and cooperative response to the emergency. Now, Mayor Brundrett hereby issues this First Amended Declaration of

Local Disaster due to Public Health Emergency to implement additional measures to ensure the protection of the residents of Azle.

WHEREAS, this declaration is intended to apply primarily to retail locations where the risk of spreading COVID-19 is the greatest.

THEREFORE, be it proclaimed by Mayor Brundrett that;

1. This First Amended Declaration of Local Disaster due to Public Health Emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from March 23, 2020 unless continued or renewed by the City Council.
2. This Declaration activates the Tarrant County Emergency Management Plan within the City of Azle jurisdiction.
3. This Declaration authorizes the City to commandeer or use any private property as provided by law.
4. 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 gatherings of people in multiple, separate enclosed spaces (including separate cubicles) in a single building such as different floors of a multi-level office, multi-family 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 space at the same time. This Declaration does not make a distinction between types of gatherings, i.e. social, community or recreational.

5. This Declaration orders that restaurants with or without drive-in or drive-through services; drive-in restaurants; drive-through restaurants; or microbreweries, micro-distilleries, or wineries may only provide take out, delivery, or drive-in or drive-through services, if permitted by law.
6. This Declaration 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, 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, and malls and retail stores that do not sell essential household goods.
7. 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, medical facilities, non-profit service providers, homeless and emergency shelters, office buildings, essential government buildings, airports and transit facilities, transportation systems, multi-family buildings and hotels, and manufacturing and distribution facilities.
8. In all 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.

9. Notwithstanding the above restriction, this Declaration is not intended to apply to any business operations delivering essential services. Essential Services means services, by whomsoever 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.
10. 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.
11. This Declaration closes worship services for in-person services, provided that needed employees can attend to produce audio/video services for transmission.
12. This Declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.
13. This Declaration incorporates the attached table, Disaster Restrictions, as if set forth verbatim herein.
14. This Declaration shall take effect at 12:01 p.m., March 23, 2020.

ORDERED this the 22nd day of March 2020, at 6:13 p.m.



Alan Brundrett, Mayor

Disaster Restrictions

Locations	Restrictions
<p>All gatherings without regard to purpose. No distinction between types of gatherings i.e. social, community, recreational.</p>	<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 and markets Malls Retail stores that do not sell essential household goods</p>	<p>No occupancy permitted.</p>
<p>Food Establishments</p>	<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.</p>
<p>Worship Services</p>	<p>Closed for in-person services, provided that staff 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 Multi-family buildings and hotels Manufacturing and distribution facilities</p>	<p>Practice social separation - sufficient space for all people to be 6 feet apart. Keep a tracking list of individuals and their contact information, wherever possible.</p>