

**Ordinance No. 20-013**

**An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 20-010 relative to the continuation of the proclamation of a local state of disaster; authorizing additional authority related to local state of disaster; adopting and approving certain rules to protect the health of persons in the City; providing for a fine for certain provisions of up to \$500 for each offense in violation of this ordinance; providing this ordinance be cumulative; providing for severability, governmental immunity, injunctions, publication, and an effective date; and declaring an emergency**

- WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan, China; and
- WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can range from mild to severe illness and in some cases death; and
- WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and
- WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this epidemic; and
- WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic; and
- WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention is closely monitoring the growing number of COVID-19 cases that have spread into the United States; and
- WHEREAS, over 44,183 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in the United States, including over 544 deaths, one of which occurred in the City of Arlington; and
- WHEREAS, gatherings of unidentifiable individuals without necessary mitigation for the spread of infection may pose a risk of the spread of infectious disease; and
- WHEREAS, unless the actions as hereby provided are immediately initiated, avoidable serious illness and deaths could occur; and

- WHEREAS, COVID-19 spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and
- WHEREAS, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Arlington Code of Ordinances defines a disaster as the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made cause, including epidemic and other public calamity requiring emergency action; and
- WHEREAS, a declaration of local state of disaster includes the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, mitigate the risk, and promote the health and safety of the residents of the City of Arlington; and
- WHEREAS, the measures identified in the Declaration of Local Disaster are designed to prevent deaths in the City of Arlington; and
- WHEREAS, the identification of “community spread” cases of COVID-19 in the City of Arlington and the region could potentially signal that transmission of the virus may no longer be limited to travel outbreak areas or contact with travelers who have visited outbreak areas; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Arlington is working collaboratively with Tarrant County to ensure that all appropriate and necessary measures are taken to limit the development, contraction, and spread of COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS, County Judge Glen Whitley issued a Declaration of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency for Tarrant County for COVID-19 on March 13, 2020, which was extended for a period of 90 days by the Commissioner’s Court on March 17, 2020; and
- WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott issued a State of Disaster for all Texas counties for COVID-19 on March 13, 2020; 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, Mayor W. Jeff Williams, acting in accordance with authority granted to him under the Charter and under Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, declared a local state of disaster for the City of Arlington due to concerns related to COVID-19, and the City Council continued such declaration and authorized additional measures for the protection of the public on March 17, 2020 (hereafter “Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Mayor and City Council amended the Ordinance to adopt and approve additional measures to protect the health of persons in the City (hereafter “Amended Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, John W. Hellerstedt, M.D., the Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services, in accordance with Section 81.082(d) of the Texas Health and Safety Code, declared a state of public health disaster for the entire State of Texas for the first time since 1901; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Texas State Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order No. GA-08 to reduce public contact within the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Sections 121.003 and 122.006 of the Texas Health and Safety Code provide that the City of Arlington is authorized to adopt rules to protect the health of persons in the City of Arlington; and

WHEREAS, the conditions necessitating the disaster declaration continue to exist and extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to respond quickly to prevent and alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected with the virus, as well as those that could potentially be infected or impacted by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the public interest to authorize additional measures as described herein pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, as amended, Vernon’s Texas Government Code, and provide rules to protect the health of persons in the City pursuant to the Texas Health and Safety Code, as amended; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS:

1.

That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble of this ordinance are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

2.

That effective as of 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, Ordinance No. 20-010 is hereby amended by replacing Section 3 of the Amended Ordinance with the following so that it shall hereafter be and read as follows:

“Further, pursuant to Sections 121.003 and 122.006 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, this ordinance adopts the following:

1. That this ordinance 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 Section 122.006 of the Health and Safety Code.

2. That all individuals living in the City of Arlington shall stay at their place of residence, except as allowed by this ordinance. To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times as reasonably as possible maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from any other person when they are outside their residence. All persons may leave their residences only for Essential Travel, Essential Activities, to provide or perform Essential Governmental Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses, all as herein after defined in this ordinance.
3. That all businesses operating within the City of Arlington, except Essential Businesses as hereinafter defined, are required to close to the public. For clarity, businesses may continue operations consisting exclusively of the following as long as social distancing of a least 6 feet is maintained between all employees and contractors during the activities:
  - a. Performing activities at their own residences (i.e. working from home);
  - b. Operations necessary to process payroll and employee benefits, and maintain security, upkeep, and maintenance of premises, equipment or inventory, including but not limited to the care and maintenance of livestock or animals;
  - c. IT or other operations that facilitate employees working from home;
  - d. Facilitate online or call-in sales performed by employees in a store or facility closed to the public;
  - e. In-store repair services performed by employees in a store or facility closed to the public.

To the greatest extent possible, all Essential Businesses shall maintain 6-foot social distancing for both employees and the general public.

4. That this ordinance hereby orders that a restaurant with or without drive-in or drive-through services; drive-in restaurant; drive-through restaurant; liquor stores; or microbrewery, micro-distillery, or winery may only provide take out, delivery, or drive-in or drive-through services as allowed by law. In no event shall more than ten non-employees be present inside of a business covered by this section at any one time.
5. All public or private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited, except as otherwise

provided herein. Nothing in this ordinance prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.

6. All elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures are prohibited anywhere in the City of Arlington. Hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, dental offices, and other medical facilities are directed to identify procedures that are deemed “elective” by assessing which procedures can be postponed or cancelled based on patient risk considering the emergency need for redirection of resources to COVID-19 response.
7. That 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 but may seek medical services as needed from medical personnel and facilities.
8. Nursing homes, retirement, and long-term care facilities are to prohibit non-essential visitors from accessing their facilities unless to provide critical assistance or for end-of-life visitation.
9. Individuals experiencing homelessness are strongly urged to obtain shelter and maintain social distancing of 6 feet when feasible. If a homeless person is sheltered and exhibits symptoms or is diagnosed, the shelter’s isolation center shall be deemed the residence of the homeless person solely for the purpose of complying with the requirements of this ordinance. Medical personnel shall make the decision whether any other shelter residents shall be required to isolate based on potential exposure. Available shelters, to the maximum extent practicable, must use COVID-19 risk mitigation practices in their operations.
10. That during the term of this ordinance, no person shall sell any of the following goods or services for more than the price the person was charged for the goods or services on March 16, 2020:
  - a. Groceries, beverages, toilet articles, ice;
  - b. Restaurant, cafeteria, and boarding-house meals; and
  - c. Medicine, pharmaceutical, and medical equipment and supplies.
11. Definitions:
  - a. For purposes of this ordinance, individuals may leave their residence only to perform any of the following “Essential Activities”:
    - i. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family

or household members (for example, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies needed to work from home).

- ii. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others (for example, food, pet and livestock supplies, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences). It is strongly recommended that households, to the greatest extent possible, send only one person to businesses for the purpose of picking up food or other essential items.
  - iii. To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with social distancing requirements of 6 feet (for example, walking, biking, hiking, golfing, or running).
  - iv. To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business, to otherwise carry out activities directly related to government or health care response to the COVID-19 pandemic, or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this ordinance.
  - v. To care for a family member or pet in another household.
- b. For purposes of this ordinance, “Essential Businesses” means:
- i. **Essential Health Care Services.** Healthcare operations, including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, substance abuse providers, blood banks, medical research, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services, veterinary care provided to animals. Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children. Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children. Healthcare operations do not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities. Healthcare operations do not include elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures as established in accordance with this ordinance.
  - ii. **Essential Government Functions.** All services provided by local governments needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government agencies to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the public. All Essential

Government Functions shall be performed in compliance with social distancing requirements of 6 feet, to the extent possible.

- iii. **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 and other private transportation providers such as Uber and Lyft that provide transportation services necessary for the performance of essential activities, essential businesses, essential infrastructure, and essential government function, 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, and essential manufacturing operations.
  
- iv. **Essential Retail.** Food service providers, including grocery stores, warehouse stores, other retail stores, bodegas, gas stations, convenience stores, and farmers' markets that sell food products and household staples, and pet and feed stores. Businesses not open to the public that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences. Liquor stores and restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery, take out, drive-in, drive-through 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. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home, including businesses providing mail, shipping, and post office boxes. Businesses that supply products necessary for essential repairs and maintenance of a home or business. Hotel, motels, and shared rental units, except that all bars, cafes, or restaurants are closed except for pick-up and room service. Businesses that provide for the delivery of, or preparation of, vehicles.

- v. **Providers of Basic Necessities to Economically Disadvantaged Populations.** Social services and charitable organizations that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals; that provide food, shelter, social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise vulnerable individuals.
- vi. **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 and maintenance, auto repair, warehouse/distribution and fulfillment, and storage for essential businesses. Plumbers, pool services, security services, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of residences, Essential Activities, 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.
- vii. **News Media.** Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.
- viii. **Financial Institutions.** Banks and related financial institutions, consumer lenders, sales and finance lenders, credit unions, appraisers, and title companies.
- ix. **Real Estate Transactions.** Services related to current real estate transactions. As much business as possible shall be conducted with web-based technology to limit in-person contact.
- x. **Childcare Services.** Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees who perform Essential Activities or work for an Essential Business to work as permitted.
- xi. **Animal Shelters, Zoos, and Other Businesses that Maintain Live Animals.** Businesses that maintain and care for live animals are not permitted to allow any visitors or patrons but may continue to operate to the extent necessary to provide the necessary care for the animals. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a non-employee from entering the premises to perform a health care service or another Essential Business service.



- xii. **Construction.** Construction under a valid permit issued by a governmental entity.
  - xiii. **Funeral Services.** Funeral homes, crematoriums, and cemeteries may operate but no more than ten non-employees may be present at the same time.
  - xiv. **Wedding Services.** Weddings may be held, but not more than ten persons may be present at any one time. Social distancing is required. Weddings may not be held inside a City building.
  - xv. **Worship Services.** No in-person worship services are permitted. Needed staff can attend to produce audio/video services for transmission.
  - xvi. **Moving Supply Services.** Businesses that provide residential and/or commercial moving services and necessary moving supplies.
- c. **Essential Travel.** For the purposes of this ordinance, “Essential Travel” includes travel for any of the following purposes. Individuals engaged in any Essential Travel must comply with all Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section.
- i. Any travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, and Essential Businesses;
  - ii. Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons;
  - iii. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services;
  - iv. Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction;
  - v. Travel required by law enforcement or court order;
  - vi. Travel by church staff/clergy for the purpose of production of remote delivery of religious services and other ministries requiring travel;
  - vii. Travel related to attending a funeral service; or

- viii. Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside the City. Individuals are strongly encouraged to verify that their transportation out of the City remains available and functional prior to commencing such travel.
- 12. That this ordinance hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.
- 13. That this ordinance incorporates the attached table, Disaster Restrictions, as if set forth verbatim herein.
- 14. That this ordinance sets forth strong recommendations, attached hereto, for the purpose of mitigating the spread of COVID-19.”

3.

That Ordinance No. 20-010 is hereby amended by the addition of the following:

“That this ordinance shall take effect at 11:59 pm on March 24, 2020, unless otherwise provided by law, and shall be in effect until April 3, 2020.”

4.

That except as provided in this ordinance, all other terms and provisions of Ordinance No. 20-010 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the terms and provisions set forth in this ordinance and Ordinance No. 20-010, this ordinance shall govern and control.

5.

Any person, firm, corporation, agent or employee thereof who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance commits an offense that is considered a class C misdemeanor and each day the violation continues shall be a separate offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$500. A culpable mental state is not required for the commission of an offense under this ordinance and need not be proved. The penalty provided for in this ordinance is in addition to any other remedies that the City may have under City ordinances and state law.

6.

All of the regulations provided in this ordinance are hereby declared to be governmental and for the health, safety, and welfare of the general public. Any member of the City Council or any City official or employee charged with the enforcement of the ordinance, acting for the City of Arlington in the discharge of his/her duties, shall not

thereby render himself/herself personally liable; and he/she is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that might accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his/her said duties.

7.

Any violation of this ordinance can be enjoined by a suit filed in the name of the City of Arlington in a court of competent jurisdiction, and this remedy shall be in addition to any penal provision in this ordinance or in the Code of the City of Arlington.

8.

This is an ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety, and is an emergency measure within the meaning of Article VII, Sections 11 and 12, of the City Charter; and the City Council, by the affirmative vote of all of its members present and voting, hereby declares that this ordinance is an emergency measure, and the requirement that it be read at two (2) meetings, as specified in Section 11, is hereby waived.

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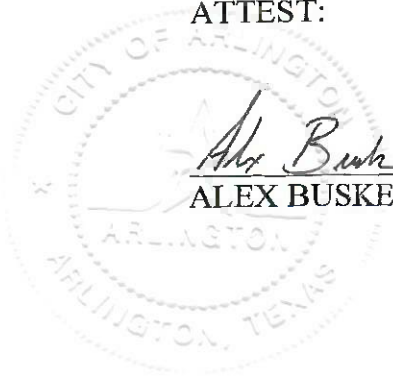
That this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Arlington, and it is accordingly so ordained.

PRESENTED, FINALLY PASSED AND APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, by a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas.



W. JEFF WILLIAMS, Mayor

ATTEST:



Alex Busken  
ALEX BUSKEN, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
TERIS SOLIS, City Attorney

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**City of Arlington**  
**Disaster Restrictions**  
 Effective March 24, 2020 11:59pm through April 3, 2020

Locations	Restrictions
Individuals living within City of Arlington	<p>Stay at their place of residence (includes hotels, motels, shared rentals and similar facilities).</p> <p>Must practice social distancing as reasonably as possible especially in shared or outdoor spaces.</p> <p>May leave their residences for Essential Travel, Essential Activities, provide/perform Essential Governmental Functions, or operate Essential Businesses.</p>
All businesses except Essential Businesses	<p>No occupancy permitted except for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Performing activities at their own residences (i.e. working from home);</li> <li>b. Operations necessary to process payroll and employee benefits, and maintain security, upkeep, and maintenance of premises, equipment or inventory, including but not limited to the care and maintenance of livestock or animals;</li> <li>c. IT or other operations that facilitate employees working from home;</li> <li>d. Facilitate online or call-in sales performed by employees in a store or facility closed to the public;</li> <li>e. In-store repair services performed by employees in a store or facility closed to the public.</li> </ul> <p>Social distancing required.</p>
Public or Private Gatherings occurring outside a single household	Prohibited
Food Establishments, liquor store, or microbrewery, micro-distillery, or winery	<p>In-house services - closed.</p> <p>Drive-in, drive-through, take out, and delivery is permitted.</p> <p>Practice social distancing and no more than ten non-employees in the establishment at one time.</p>
Worship Services	<p>Closed for in-person services, provided that staff can attend to produce audio/video services.</p> <p>Social distancing required.</p>
Elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures	Prohibited
Nursing homes, retirement, and long-term care facilities	Prohibit non-essential visitors from accessing their facilities unless to provide critical assistance or for end-of-life visitation.
Price gouging	Prohibited

<p><b><u>Essential Businesses:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Essential Healthcare Operations.</b> Healthcare operations, including hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, substance abuse service providers, blood banks, medical research, laboratory services, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children and residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and 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 as established in accordance with this declaration.</li> <li><b>2. Essential Government Functions.</b> All services provided by local governments needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government agencies to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public.</li> <li><b>3. Essential Critical Infrastructure.</b> 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 and other private transportation providers such as Uber and Lyft that provide transportation services necessary for the performance of Essential Activities, Essential Businesses, essential infrastructure, or Essential Government Functions, 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, and essential manufacturing operations.</li> <li><b>4. Essential Retail.</b> Food service providers, including grocery stores, warehouse stores, big-box stores, bodegas, gas stations, convenience stores, and farmers' markets that sell food products and household staples, pet and feed stores. Food cultivation, including farming, fishing, and livestock. Businesses that are not</li> </ol>	<p>Allowed to remain open.</p> <p>Social distancing required.</p> <p>Essential Businesses should implement screening precautions to protect employees.</p>
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<p>open to the public that ship or deliver groceries, food, or other essential goods directly to residences. Liquor stores and 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. Auto-supply, auto and bicycle repair, hardware stores, and related facilities. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home, including businesses providing mail and shipping and post office boxes. Businesses that supply products necessary for essential repairs and maintenance of a home or business. Hotel, motels, and shared rental units, except that all bars, cafes, or restaurants are closed except for pick-up and room service. Businesses that provide for the delivery of, or preparation, of vehicles.</p> <p>5. <b>Providers of Necessities to Economically Disadvantaged Populations.</b> Social services and charitable organizations that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise vulnerable individuals.</p> <p>6. <b>Essential Services Necessary to Maintain Essential Operations of Residences or Other Essential Businesses.</b> Trash and recycling collection, processing and disposal, mail and shipping services, building cleaning, maintenance and security, auto repair, warehouse/distribution and fulfillment, storage for essential businesses. Plumbers, pool services, security services, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of residences, Essential Activities, 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.</p> <p>7. <b>News Media.</b> Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.</p> <p>8. <b>Financial Institutions.</b> Banks and related financial institutions, consumer lenders, sales and finance lenders, credit unions, appraisers, and title companies.</p> <p>9. <b>Real Estate Transactions.</b> Services related to current real estate transactions. As much business</p>	
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<p><b><u>Essential Activities:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (for example, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies needed to work from home).</li> <li>2. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others (for example, food, pet and livestock supplies, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.</li> <li>3. To engage in outdoor activity (for example, walking, biking, hiking, golfing, or running).</li> <li>4. To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business, to otherwise carry out activities directly related to</li> </ol>	<p>Individuals may leave their home to perform Essential Activities.</p> <p>Must practice social distancing.</p> <p>It is strongly recommended that households, to the greatest extent possible, send only one person to businesses for the purpose of picking up food or other essential items.</p>



<p>government or health care response to the COVID-19 pandemic, or to perform any other activities specifically permitted in this declaration.</p> <p>5. To care for a family member or pet in another household.</p>	
<p><b><u>Essential Travel:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Any travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, and Essential Businesses;</li> <li>2. Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons;</li> <li>3. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services;</li> <li>4. Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction;</li> <li>5. Travel required by law enforcement or court order;</li> <li>6. Travel by church staff/clergy for the purpose of production of remote delivery of religious services and other ministries requiring travel;</li> <li>7. Travel related to attending a funeral service; or</li> <li>8. Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside the City. Individuals are strongly encouraged to verify that their transportation out of the City remains available and functional prior to commencing such travel.</li> </ol>	<p>Individuals may only travel as permitted herein.</p> <p>Individuals, to the greatest extent possible, should maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet when traveling.</p>

**CITY OF ARLINGTON RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**FOR MITIGATING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

The City of Arlington strongly recommends the following:

- (1) Cancel all nonessential gatherings and meetings.
- (2) Create smaller groups for essential meetings and consider holding video/audio meetings instead.
- (3) For individuals at increased risk, meaning sixty-five years of age and above, those with compromised immune system, or those with underlying conditions:
  - a. remain indoors;
  - b. outdoor exercise should be solitary;
  - c. prescreen all essential visitors to nursing homes, senior living facilities;
  - d. vulnerable populations should not visit houses with more than one person;
  - e. all visitors to vulnerable populations should wear a mask;
  - f. exercise the 6-foot rule;
  - g. do not use public transport except in an emergency.
- (4) For operators that remain open, provide ways for patrons to maintain safe social distancing, for example, maintaining 6 feet of separation between individuals; have hand washing capabilities, hand sanitizers and tissues available; and frequently cleaning high touch surface areas like counter tops, hand rails, and door knobs.
- (5) For workplaces, promote telecommuting; ensure employees do not work while sick; do not unnecessarily require a doctor's note for employees who are sick; maximize flexibility in sick leave benefits; and minimize the number of employees working within arm's length of one another.
- (6) For grocery stores and pharmacies, increase the use and capability of drive-thru, curbside, or delivery services; limit or restrict the number of customers permitted in a store at one time; minimize the number of employees working within arm's length of one another; provide handwashing capabilities, hand sanitizers, and tissues; and frequently clean high-touch surface areas like countertops, doorknobs, and handrails.
- (7) Determine ways to consider providing support services, including meals, to individuals at increased risk of severe illness while limiting group settings and exposures.
- (8) Minimize all nonessential travel.