



CHAMBER
OF
COMMERCE

Please see the message below, from city leaders:

As we continue to work with county, state and federal officials to slow the spread of COVID-19, the city of Grand Prairie adopted a local emergency ordinance March 19 effective immediately that mandates indefinitely:

- Limit size of gatherings to no more than 10 people
- Cancellation of gatherings of more than 10 people
- Restaurants may provide take out, drive through, delivery, curbside only
- No visitors to nursing homes, retirement homes, long-term care facilities, unless to provide critical assistance
- Reduction to 50% occupancy or 125, whichever is less, at retail stores (includes banks), convenience stores (includes gas stations), places of worship, malls
- Close gyms, amusement/entertainment, arcades, bowling alleys, banquet halls, skating rinks, indoor recreation, indoor theaters, hotel meeting space, ballrooms, conference centers, large cafeterias, theaters, auditoriums, stadiums, bingo, fraternal organizations, massage parlors, nightclubs, bars, event centers
- Exclusions: government buildings, critical infrastructure, residential buildings, hotels, daycares, grocery stores, manufacturing, nonprofits, medical facilities, pharmacies, big box stores, warehouse stores, office buildings, people in separate spaces in single building
- Violations shall be a misdemeanor punishable in accordance with Section 1-8 of the code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Prairie
- Visit gptx.org/COVID-19 for details and complete information

These orders were not made lightly. City officials have been working diligently and daily with other city, county and state officials and have had to make difficult decisions to help mitigate the spread of this virus to protect community health and save lives.

We realize the disruption to your business and personal lives will be extremely impactful, as it is to our community, the state and the nation. We appreciate your patience as this is a rapidly evolving national health disaster. If left unchecked, the virus would quickly overtake our healthcare system, creating chaos and no chance of survival for many. COVID-19 has created an immediate threat, poses a high risk of death to a large number of people, creates a substantial risk of public exposure because it is easy to infect others and rapidly spreads, and there is community spread in Texas. It will take all of us fighting together to the greater good. If we succeed in limiting the number of new cases, then we can dedicate more resources to the most vulnerable and save lives; and get back to our new normal faster.

Grand Prairie has always been the most amazing community during a crisis. We pull together, not apart. We find ways to help each other, not fight each other. Please take care of yourselves, your families and your neighbors.

The ordinance and updates are posted at www.gptx.org/COVID-19. Check back often for details.

Your Chamber stands with you. Stay tuned to our website, Facebook page, LinkedIn and Instagram for more information.

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