

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT APRIL 29, 2020

Good citizens of Red Oak and surrounding areas,

Governor Abbott's executive orders go into effect Friday at 12:01 am. (*Web links to Orders and Guidance found at the bottom of the page*). At that time his orders will supersede any of the City of Red Oak's orders that may be more restrictive to any essential or reopened service. Once that happens, we will not be enforcing the requirement to wear masks, but until that time, our local orders are still enforceable.

Even after the Governor's order supersedes ours, I still strongly urge you to follow CDC guidelines which recommend the use of face coverings.

Houses of worship should conduct as many activities as possible remotely, and should follow the minimum health protocols listed in these guidelines when providing services in person.

Please continue to monitor and watch out for our most vulnerable populations, but be aware that this disease knows no age limits.

We are and will continue to be in this situation for a while. Over the past week, Ellis County COVID-19 cases are up 46%, COVID-19 deaths are up 67%, and Red Oak COVID-19 cases are up 50%.

Remember, many infected individuals may not present symptoms in the early stages of infection and may not become symptomatic for days after they become contagious. Additionally, many infected individuals may never present significant symptoms and may not ever know that they are infected.

Please stay safe and do your part to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Mayor Mark Stanfill and City Council and City Staff

Web links

Governor's Order GA-18:

https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-18_expanded_reopening_of_services_COVID-19.pdf

Governor's Order GA-19:

https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-19_hospital_capacity_COVID-19.pdf

Governor's Order GA-20:

https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA-20_expanding_travel_without_restrictions_COVID-19.pdf

Governor's Report to Reopen Texas:

<https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/OpenTexas-Report.pdf>

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Guidance:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/docs/opentx/MinimumStandardHealthProtocols.pdf>

Texas Attorney General's Guidance for Houses of Worship:

https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/sites/default/files/images/admin/2020/Press/Third%20Revised%20AG%20Guidance%20for%20Houses%20of%20Worship%20During%20the%20COVID-19%20Crisis%20-%20Final.pdf?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=