

City of Lampasas Declaration of Disaster & Public Health Emergency FAQs

How long does the order last?

The order lasts until April 3, 2020, but may be continued, renewed or cancelled by the City Council of the City of Lampasas.

Will the surrounding cities or the county be following the same recommendations or making similar declarations?

Please contact the neighboring City or County in question if you would like more details on their recommendations.

Will there be enforcement and how?

A violation of the order is a Class C misdemeanor. If you have a complaint about businesses operating or community gatherings during the effective period, please notify the City Police Department at 512-556-6235. The City may use other enforcement tools as allowed by law.

Should my business shut down due to COVID-19?

The City is not requiring all private businesses to close, only those that fall under the categories listed in the declaration of Emergency Response Declaration. If you are unsure if your business falls under the classifications listed in the Order, please call 512-556-6831.

Is my daycare required to close under this order?

No. Childcare facilities are not included in this order, however must meet operating requirements of the Order.

Will grocery stores remain open?

Yes.

What about the Retail/Shopping Areas?

Retail establishments that do not meet the definition of an essential business are required to close.

Does my church have to cancel service?

A community gathering is defined as any indoor or outdoor event or convening that brings or is likely to bring together more than 10 persons at the same time in a single room or enclosed space including auditoriums, meeting halls, event centers, etc. Depending upon the size of your congregation, your services may be subject to closure. The City encourages participation remotely by streaming, if possible.

Can we still hold funeral services?

Yes, as long as indoor attendance is limited to fewer than 10 persons per the community gathering definition in section 7 of the order. Outdoor graveside services would not be subject to the community gathering prohibition as long as they are not in fenced or otherwise enclosed spaces and attendees are able to maintain 6-foot social distancing measures.

Can we still hold weddings, birthday parties, book clubs, baby showers, private gatherings in a home? At a business?

Public or private community gatherings that bring together or likely to bring together 10 or more people at the same time are prohibited. The Mayor and Lampasas Public Health Advisor strongly recommend canceling, rescheduling, or not attending events.

If my restaurant/bar/gym/etc. limits access to 10 members or less at a time, does it have to close?

Yes. Restaurants, bars, gyms, fitness studios, spas and other similar businesses are required to close. Restaurants may continue to provide takeout, delivery, or drive-through.

My hotel has a restaurant and/or continental breakfast buffet. Should that be closed?

Yes. Food should be delivered to rooms or picked up to-go during the effective period of the order.

Are beauty, barber shops and nail salons allowed to stay open?

No. Please refer to the social distancing recommendations included in the order if you have questions about visiting establishments during this time.

Can dance studios continue classes that are limited to 10 students or less at one time?

No. A dance studio falls under the category of Indoor Recreational Facility and is subject to the requirements of the order.

Can employees of affected businesses still be allowed to come in to work, but remain closed to the public?

Yes, as long as community gathering situations are not created as defined in the order.

Can we still maintain our dentist, eye doctor, and medical doctor appointments?

Yes. Hospitals and medical facilities are not included in the Community Gathering definition so long as persons are generally not within 6 feet of one another for extended periods. Please see the social distancing recommendations included with the order.

Will the City work with people who cannot pay their utility bill due to not working?

If you are unable to pay your bill please contact the Utility Office at 512-556-3641. As always, Staff is prepared to work with you on a payment plan for your bill.

Is the Animal Shelter remaining open?

Animal Shelter operations are by appointment only.

Are parks and playgrounds still open?

Outdoor recreational facilities such as parks and playgrounds remain open. The Public Bathrooms are closed. Parks and Recreation has implemented an extensive cleaning schedule for all playground equipment, tables, benches, and other outdoor facilities. The Golf Course is closed.