



News Release

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City of Highland Village Ratifies Disaster Declaration

City Council ratified and extended the declaration of the state of local disaster to 5:00 p.m. on May 13, 2020. This declaration is in line with the declaration issued by Denton County and the State of Texas. Mayor Wilcox originally signed the declaration on Monday, March 16, 2020 and it would have expired at 5:00 p.m., March 23, 2020. The declaration formally prohibits:

- Public or private community gatherings of 50 people or more.
- Public or private recreational gatherings that are likely to bring together more than ten people at the same time including parties, backyard barbecues, social events, sporting events, and other gatherings.
- Restaurants with or without drive through services may only provide take out, delivery or drive-through services.
- Bars, lounges, taverns, private clubs, arcades, massage parlors, and gyms shall close
- Additionally, along with the recommendations of the Office of the Denton County Judge and the Denton County Department of Health and Human Services, the City strongly urges high-risk individuals to cancel, reschedule, and not attend all gatherings until further notice.

Read the full declaration [here](#).

The City of Highland Village is taking the following steps:

- City offices are closed to the public. Business with the City can be conducted through our online services found on our city website, www.highlandvillage.org, or over the phone. Appointments can be made on an as needed basis at the discretion of City staff.
- Municipal Court for March 26 has been cancelled.
- The Robert & Lee DuVall Center is closed for public use through the duration of the disaster order. All community programs have been cancelled and refunds will be provided to those who have already signed up to participate.
- The Kids Kastle Community Build project will be postponed to a yet to be determined later date.
- All City recreation programs, classes, events and activities are cancelled through the duration of the disaster order.
- Senior All Star programming, events, and trips has been suspended through the duration of the disaster order.
- The Easter Egg Hunt, scheduled for April 4, is cancelled.
- The Fire Department Open House, scheduled for April 11, will be postponed to a later date.
- The April 14 Highland Village Business Association Quarterly luncheon is cancelled.
- PFC Aaron M. Hudson Memorial Bridge Dedication that was to take place on April 18 will be rescheduled.
- Paper Shredding Day, scheduled for April 23, is cancelled.
- The City will not issue solicitor or peddler permits through the duration of the declaration
- Use of restrooms and drinking fountains at all City parks is prohibited.
- The City strongly encourages compliance with social distancing recommendations.

Currently, no one in Highland Village is being monitored, quarantined, or has been diagnosed with the coronavirus/COVID-19.

Since the public visits several City facilities, we respectfully request anyone who has recently visited the [countries with widespread, sustained transmission](#) or a state or locality with widespread transmission to not patronize City facilities for 14 days after their return. Furthermore, if they recently have visited these areas, they should self-quarantine at their home for 14 days, according to the CDC recommendations.

City facilities and programs will be evaluated according to a risk assessment by the Highland Village Emergency Operations and public health authorities. Residents should watch the [city website](#) and our social media channels for any additional announcements.

For information on how to prevent the spread of germs like COVID-19 please go to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html>.