



OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
AND
CITY OF SAN ANGELO
DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in December, 2019 a novel coronavirus designated as COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province China with symptoms including fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Outcomes range from mild to severe illness and in some cases death; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization determined that COVID had reached pandemic status; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared a federal emergency and the Texas Governor declared a state of disaster; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of a public health emergency includes the ability to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, promote health, compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease; and

WHEREAS, the Local Health Authority has determined that action needs to be taken to flatten the curve of infections and prevent overwhelming health care resources in the event of cases of COVID-19 within the City of San Angelo; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of San Angelo has determined that based on recent events and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control certain steps must be taken to protect the health of the citizens of the City of San Angelo.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF SAN ANGELO:

1. That a local state of disaster and public health emergency is hereby declared for City of San Angelo pursuant to Ch. 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. That pursuant to Chapter 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless renewed by the City Council of the City of San Angelo.
3. That pursuant to Chapter 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Clerk of San Angelo.
4. That pursuant to Ch. 418.108 (d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of local state of disaster activates City/County emergency plan.
5. Pursuant to Section 418.020(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration authorizes the City to commandeer or use any private property, temporarily acquired by lease or other means, as sites required for temporary housing units or emergency shelters, subject to compensation requirements.
6. Pursuant to §122.006 of the Health and Safety Code, while not necessary at this time, this declaration 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.
7. Pursuant to the authority granted to the City under §122.006 of the Health and Safety Code the following prohibition on large gatherings is hereby enacted.
 - a. Public or private Community Gatherings are prohibited anywhere in the City of San Angelo.

- i. For purposes of these regulations, a “Community Gathering” is any indoor or outdoor event or convening, subject to the exceptions and clarifications below, that brings together or is likely to bring together 50 or more persons at the same time in a single room or other single confined or enclosed space, such as an auditorium, theatre, stadium (indoor or outdoor), arena or event center, meeting hall, conference center, large cafeteria, or any other confined indoor or confined outdoor space.
 - ii. An outdoor “Community Gathering” under these regulations is limited to events in confined outdoor spaces, which means an outdoor space that (i) is enclosed by a fence, physical barrier, or other structure and (ii) where people are present and they are within arm’s length of one another for extended periods.
 - b. These regulations also do not prohibit gatherings of people in multiple, separate enclosed spaces in a single building such as a multiplex movie theater, school or office tower, so long as 50 people are not present in any single space at the same time. These regulations also do not prohibit the use of enclosed spaces where 50 or more people may be present at different times during the day, so long as 50 or more people are not present in the space at the same time.
 - c. For purposes of clarity, a “Community Gathering” does not include the following so long as visitors are generally not within arm’s length of one another for extended periods:
 - i. spaces where 50 or more persons may be in transit or waiting for transit such as airports, bus stations, or terminals;
 - ii. office space or residential buildings;
 - iii. grocery stores, shopping malls, or other retail establishments where large numbers of people are present, but it is unusual for them to be within arm’s length of one another for extended periods; and
 - iv. hospitals and medical facilities.
- 8. Pursuant to the authority granted to the City under §122.006 of the Health and Safety Code all healthcare facilities within the City of San Angelo shall:
 - a. Restrict all visitors from the facilities.
 - b. Require any person entering a healthcare facility shall take their temperature prior to being allowed to enter the facility. No person with a temperature in excess of 100.4 shall be allowed to enter the facility.
 - c. For the purposes of this regulation “healthcare facilities” shall include all hospitals, medical clinics, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and medical offices.
- 9. All City board meetings except for City Council meetings and meetings that are necessary to meet a statutory requirement are cancelled until further notice.
- 10. No City owned facility shall permit any non-essential group event from occurring onsite. Such facilities may otherwise remain open for business during the duration of this order unless otherwise decided by the local health authority or City management.

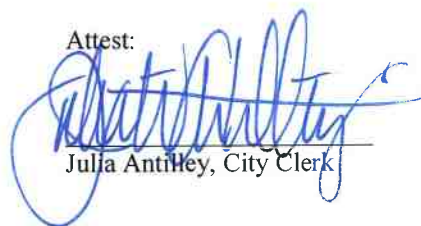
This declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED the 16th day of March, 2020.


Brenda Gunter, Mayor of San Angelo


Dr. James Vretis, Local Health Authority


Theresa James, City Attorney

Attest:

Julia Antilley, City Clerk