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Plano joins Neighbor Cities & Collin County in Declaring Public Health Emergency

The City of Plano today declared a local state of disaster for public health emergency. Extraordinary changes are required in City operations to help contain the spread of the Coronavirus or COVID-19 within our community.

The following changes will go into effect at the end of business today (5:00 P.M.):

- The City of Plano will activate the Emergency Operations Center and will operate during normal business hours.
- All Parks and Recreation facilities are closed until March 27th at which time the closure will be re-assessed.
- All Library facilities are closed until March 27th at which time the closure will be reassessed.
- All City Board and Commission meetings, with the exception of Plano City Council, Planning and Zoning and any other meeting required by law, will be postponed until their normal May meeting.
- All youth sports leagues will be suspended through March 27th for practice and play at which time the closure will be reassessed.
- All citizens are encouraged to watch City Council meetings online and submit comments of public interest or comments on agenda items electronically to the City of Plano City Secretary Lisa Henderson at LisaH@plano.gov.
- All meetings at the Plano Event Center, Special Events, and Facility rentals will be offered refunds of deposit and/or fees for events.

Collin County, along with our neighboring Cities of Allen, Frisco and McKinney are expected to make similar public health emergency declarations today. "This is an important declaration for a serious and changing situation," said Plano City Manager Mark Israelson. "Plano, our neighboring cities and Collin County all recognize the importance of prudent and proactive actions at this time. We need all citizens and businesses to do their part address the spread of COVID-19."

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About Plano

Plano, Texas, is the largest city in Collin County with a population of 277,720 as of January 2017. Incorporated in 1873, the city is located 20 miles north of Dallas. Plano was recently named the third Best Run City in America by 24/7 Wall Street. The City offers a high quality of life that includes: nationally-recognized schools, award-winning parks and sustainability initiatives, designation as one of America's safest cities by Forbes magazine, and a wide variety of multi-cultural neighborhoods appealing to families, young singles and retirees. Plano is home and future home to the headquarters or regional operations of major international corporations such as Toyota, Liberty Mutual, JPMorgan Chase, Fannie Mae, FedEx Office, JC Penney, Dr. Pepper/Snappe Group, Rent-A-Center, Cinemark Holdings, Denbury Resources and Alliance Data Systems. The dynamic community features excellent restaurants, vibrant shopping and entertainment venues, a lively historic downtown district and active local arts scene. Easy access to DART light rail and major highways makes Plano a convenient place to live, work and visit. To learn more about Plano, go to our website at plano.gov.