



# COVID-19 PRESS RELEASE



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## Plano Council Extends Public Health Emergency Declaration

Plano City Council members voted tonight to extend the City's public health emergency declaration until April 27 to protect the health and safety of our citizens.

The following orders will continue to apply throughout Plano:

1. Pursuant to Government Code §418.108(d), the City of Plano Emergency Management Plan shall remain active through the duration of this disaster declaration.
2. Pursuant to Government Code §418.020(d), the City of Plano is authorized to: (1) temporarily or permanently acquire by lease, purchase, or other means sites required for installation of temporary housing units, emergency shelters or public health facilities for disaster victims; and (2) enter into arrangements necessary to prepare or equip the sites to use the housing units, emergency shelters or public health facilities, including arrangements for the purchase of temporary housing units, emergency shelters or public health facilities and the payment of transportation charges.
3. Pursuant to Section 122.006 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, the City of Plano is authorized to adopt rules to protect the health of persons in the City of Plano, including quarantine rules to protect its residents against communicable disease and provide for the establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals.
4. All public, private, and commercial labs within the City of Plano are encouraged to report the number of COVID-19 tests conducted on a daily basis to the City of Plano.
5. It is recommended that large gatherings be restricted throughout the City of Plano in accordance with guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

6. The City of Plano will activate the Emergency Operations Center and will operate during normal business hours.
7. All Parks and Recreation facilities are closed until March 27<sup>th</sup> at which time the closure will be re-assessed and may be extended at the discretion of the City Manager.
8. All Library facilities are closed until March 27<sup>th</sup> at which time the closure will be reassessed and may be extended at the discretion of the City Manager.
9. 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 for the duration of this disaster declaration.
10. All youth sports leagues will be suspended through March 27<sup>th</sup> for practice and play at which time the closure will be reassessed and may be extended at the discretion of the City Manager.
11. All citizens are encouraged to watch City Council and Planning and Zoning meetings online rather than attend in person. For City Council meetings people can submit comments of public interest or comments on agenda items electronically to the City of Plano at [CouncilComments@plano.gov](mailto:CouncilComments@plano.gov). For Planning and Zoning meetings people can submit comments of public interest and/or comments on agenda items electronically to the City of Plano at [PZComments@plano.gov](mailto:PZComments@plano.gov).
12. All meetings at the Plano Event Center, Special Events, and Facility rentals through March 27<sup>th</sup> will be cancelled and offered refunds of deposit and/or fees for events and cancellations/refunds may be extended at the discretion of the City Manager.
13. That this declaration hereby orders that a restaurant with or without drive-in or drive through services; drive-in restaurant; drive-through restaurant; or microbrewery, micro-distillery, or winery may only provide take out, delivery, or drive-in or drive- through services as allowed by law. This restriction is in effect until April 27, but may be revisited or repealed by the Mayor or City Council at an earlier date.
14. That this declaration hereby orders the closure of a bar, lounge, or tavern; theater; gym; and private club. This restriction is in effect until April 27, but may be revisited or repealed by the Mayor or City Council at an earlier date.

These orders go into effect at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor/Council have the authority to cancel these orders at any time.

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**About Plano**

Plano, Texas, is the largest city in Collin County with a population of 283,700 as of January 2019. Incorporated in 1873, the city is located 20 miles north of Dallas. Niche and AreaVibes recently named Plano as one of the Best Cities to Live in America. Forbes designated Plano one of America's safest cities. The City offers a high quality of life that includes nationally recognized schools, award-winning parks, and sustainability initiatives and a wide variety of multi-cultural neighborhoods appealing to families, young singles and retirees. Plano is home to the headquarters or regional operations of major corporations such as Toyota, Liberty Mutual, JPMorgan Chase Boeing Global Services, Fannie Mae, FedEx Office, JC Penney, Rent-A-Center, Cinemark Holdings, Denbury Resources and Alliance Data Systems. Our 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](http://plano.gov).