

COVID-19 RESPONSE

MANDATORY STAY-AT-HOME ORDER

On March 24, Denton County Judge Andy Eads issued a Mandatory Stay-at-Home Order for all of Denton County. The intent of the county's order is to slow the spread of COVID-19 infection and minimize loss of life related to the disease.

The Mandatory Stay-at-Home Order takes effect at 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, and continues for seven days unless extended by Denton County. All residents of Denton County are encouraged to stay home as much as possible, making only necessary trips as described in the order and shown below.

No travel permit is required in Denton County.

This is a brief list of essential businesses. For a copy of the disaster declaration, please visit dentoncounty.gov. Any business not listed in the order as essential must close to the public. Denton County residents working for a nonessential business are required to stay home and not travel to their place of employment. Owners are allowed to go to their business. For specific questions about essential businesses, please email businesscovid19@dentoncounty.gov.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.173, failure to comply with the order is an offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both. Any other lawfully available enforcement measures may be taken including, but not limited to, revocation of a certificate of occupancy.

EXAMPLES OF WHEN TO LEAVE HOME:

- ▶ Visit a doctor
- ▶ Visit a dentist
- ▶ Visit a healthcare provider
- ▶ Go to a grocery store
- ▶ Pick up food from restaurants
- ▶ Go to work at an essential business
- ▶ Go to veterinary appointments or to buy pet supplies
- ▶ Go to home improvement stores to buy items essential for well-being at home
- ▶ Individual outdoor activities (walking, jogging, riding a bike, hunting, and fishing)
 - Use social distancing of six feet of space
- ▶ Care for family members or pets at another household

EXAMPLES OF PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- ▶ All public and private gatherings regardless of size
- ▶ Visiting nursing homes
- ▶ Use of public playground equipment
- ▶ All elective medical and dental procedures
- ▶ In-person religious services - only allowed by video or teleconference
- ▶ Outdoor private clubs

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES

HEALTHCARE

Hospitals - Clinics - Dentists - Physicians - Psychologists - Urgent Care Facilities - Pharmacies - Daycare - Healthcare Facilities - Mental Health Providers - Ambulatory Services - Blood and Plasma Banks - Laboratory Services - Veterinary Care - Funeral Homes - Mortuary Services - Cemeteries

INFRASTRUCTURE

Fire - Police - EMS - 911 Operators - Airports - Water - Sewer - Gas - Electrical - Public Transportation - Mail and Shipping - Solid Waste Collection - Banks - Security Services - Professional Services (Legal, Accounting, Insurance) - Nonprofits providing community services - Internet Connectivity - Telecommunication Systems - Public Works - Residential and Commercial Construction - Repair Trades - Landscaping - Moving and Storage - CBD Stores (Online and Curbside pickup only) - Staffing Services

RESTAURANTS

Takeout Service - Curbside Service - Drive Through - Delivery - Businesses that ship groceries, food, goods, or services directly to residents - **NO DINE-IN ALLOWED**

RETAIL

Grocery Stores - Warehouse Stores - Hardware Stores - Big Box Stores selling essential household staples - Nurseries - Liquor Stores - Gas Stations - Convenience Stores - Laundry Services - Businesses that supply products needed to work from home - Bicycle Repair Stores - Auto Parts and Repairs (Online Sales only) - RV Repair and Sales



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