

## Emergency Addendum

City Council to consider approving the extension of the Declaration of a Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency, and take any necessary action.

# Local COVID-19 Timeline

**March 10:** First confirmed case in Tarrant County (110 cases in Texas, 6 cases in Tarrant County as of 4 p.m. today)

## March 13

- President Trump declares a National Emergency
- Gov. Abbott declares a State of Disaster in Texas
- Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley declares a local disaster due to public health emergency (effective for 7 days)

**March 16:** Mayor Pat McGrail declares a local disaster due to public health emergency (effective for 7 days)

## March 17:

- Tarrant County Commissioners Court extends declaration for 90 days
- Consideration by the Keller City Council to extend declaration

# Declaration of a Local Disaster

The declaration of a local disaster activates applicable provisions within our interjurisdictional emergency management plan (Tarrant County Emergency Management Plan).

The mayor is granted authority similar to the governor under chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code (Texas Disaster Act of 1975), but on a local level.

- Order Evacuations
- Control access to and from a disaster area
- May adopt rules to protect the health of persons
- May enforce any law that is reasonably necessary to protect public health
- May suspend deadlines imposed on the city by its ordinances
- May conduct emergency meetings without providing the 72-hour notice requirement for issues related to the local state of disaster
- May waive quorum requirements at an emergency meeting, *because* the city is within the disaster area declared by the president and/or governor *and if* a majority of members are unable to attend due to the disaster
- May suspend requirements of the Texas Public Information Act, if community impact by the disaster interferes with our ability to comply

## City of Keller Facility Impacts

**Keller Senior Activities Center: CLOSED.** All extended trips are also canceled through April 30.

**Keller Public Library: CLOSED** with the exception of the drive-thru window, available during normal business hours.

**Keller Town Hall: OPEN.** Where feasible, members of the public are being encouraged to conduct business with city staff through phone calls and emails rather than in person. Social distancing measures are also in effect.

**City Parks: OPEN.** KYA and KSA have postponed their activities.

# City of Keller Facility Impacts

***The Keller Pointe:*** **OPEN** with limited hours and operations:

- Operating Hours: 5-11 a.m. and 5-8 p.m. Monday through Friday; 7 a.m.-noon Saturday; noon-4 p.m. Sunday
- Access limited to Members Only
- Pool Restrictions: Adult Swim Only, No Open Swim
- Closed/Canceled: Stay 'n' Play, Personal Training, Group Exercise, Swim Lessons, Recreational Programming, Athletic Programming/Practices, Private Rentals (including birthday parties), Special Events

Staff has additionally blocked off equipment to force appropriate social distancing, and is monitoring capacity to stay within county guidelines. Staff is also closely monitoring cleaning supply levels; if wipes or other necessary cleaning materials are exhausted, the facility will close until they can be replenished.

## Extra Staff Offerings

- Senior Center staff is coordinating volunteers and donations to provide for food, phone conversation and other necessities to seniors in need. They'll also be posting videos of senior exercises to their Facebook page to help seniors stay active at home.
- Recreation staff will be sharing resources for online entertainment offered by other public entities like zoos and museums, managing a weekly art contest, and developing a scavenger hunt for the parks system to keep families entertained in a space where they can safely distance themselves from others.
- The Keller Pointe will soon be sharing workout videos on their Facebook page to help residents exercise at home.
- Library staff is provided reference service by telephone, promoting online services for ebooks/audiobooks, and sharing reading suggestions through social media.
- Economic Development staff will be partnering with the Chamber on a game called Curb Your Cabin Fever that will encourage families to win prizes by chalk-drawing local business-inspired prompts on their driveways and submitting pictures of their work.

## Service & Event Impacts

**Utility Customers:** Disconnections as well as late fees have been suspended. Customers are also being reminded of options for bill pay that do not require in-person transactions:

- Bank Draft
- Online Payments
- Town Hall Parking Lot Drop Box

**Garbage & Recycling Customers:** No changes to the garbage & recycling schedule at this time. To help keep the potential spread of contamination to a minimum, CWD is asking that customers take the time to ensure all trash is *bagged and tied*.

## Service & Event Impacts

***Other Third-Party Utilities:*** Staff has reached out to the third-party utilities that serve Keller for information on their plans, including gas, electric and cable/internet companies.

***City Meetings:*** At this time, meetings of the Keller City Council as well as city boards and commissions will continue as scheduled. Meetings that are streamed live online and the local cable channels include:

- Keller City Council
- Planning & Zoning Commission
- Economic Development Board
- Parks & Recreation Board



# Service & Event Impacts

## ***City Events - Canceled:***

- Yappy Hour (March 13, March 20, March 27)
- Family Fit Night (March 16)
- Keller Fire Department Fill the Boot Campaign (March 17 & 19)
- Public Arts Evening with the Artists (March 19)
- Keller Spring Recycling Day (March 21)
- Winter Film Series - La Cenerentola (March 29)
- Spring Egg Scramble (April 4)

***Non-City Events:*** Tarrant County has released recommendations limiting the size of events to no more than 125 people. These recommendations have been shared with private event centers and organizers of events in Keller.

# City of Keller Business Impacts

***Tarrant County Recommendations:*** Reduces local business occupancy limits to 50% of their current allowed occupancy, or no more than 125, whichever is less. Applies to: Restaurants, bars, event centers, gyms, hotel restaurants, retail stores, theatres, convenience stores, public buildings, plazas, churches and shopping malls.

Economic Development staff have met with the Greater Keller Chamber of Commerce and shared information directly with businesses regarding:

- Tarrant County recommendations for capacity and event size
- SBA Economic Injury Disaster Declaration processes
- Options to improve safety for employees and customers
- Ways to expand their offerings (delivery, curbside to-go, take and bake)

# Communication Efforts

Facility impacts and event closures are being shared through all City of Keller channels:

- Website – dedicated webpage at [www.cityofkeller.com/coronavirus](http://www.cityofkeller.com/coronavirus)
- Facebook (all pages)
- Nextdoor
- Twitter
- Weekly Newsletter
- Facility signage (doors, counters, etc.)

Staff is also fielding phone calls, emails, social media messages and in-person inquiries.

# Current Impact Timeline

***County Recommendations:*** Existing recommendations run through April 20

***Keller Facility Impacts:*** Existing closures run through April 3; impacts will be reassessed by staff every two week, or as Tarrant County Public Health releases new recommendations

# Resources & Updates

## **City of Keller**

[www.cityofkeller.com/coronavirus](http://www.cityofkeller.com/coronavirus)

## **Tarrant County Public Health**

[www.tarrantcounty.com/en/public-health/disease-control---prevention/coronaviruas.html](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/public-health/disease-control---prevention/coronaviruas.html)

## **Tarrant County COVID-19 Hotline** *(including testing questions)*

817-248-6299

## **State of Texas COVID-19 Hotline**

211

## **Centers for Disease Control & Prevention**

[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html)



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