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**SIXTH AMENDED DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER  
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY  
CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS**

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019, Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China; and

**WHEREAS**, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness and in some cases death; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and advised countries to prepare for the containment, including active surveillance, early detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing, and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, continuous spread of the disease presents an imminent threat of widespread illness or loss of life resulting from a global pandemic and other public calamity resulting therefrom, which requires emergency action; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Greg Abbott issued a State of Disaster for all Texas counties for COVID-19 on March 13, 2020, and on March 19, 2020, Governor Abbott subsequently issued an Executive Order imposing restrictions on citizens and businesses in the State of Texas to prevent further spread of COVID-19; and on March 31, 2020, Governor Abbott subsequently issued Executive Order GA-14 ("Order GA-14"), providing further guidance on COVID-19 restrictions; and

**WHEREAS**, County Judge Glen Whitley issued a Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency for Tarrant County for COVID-19 on March 13, 2020; on March 18, 2020, Judge Whitley issued a First Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency; on March 21, 2020, Judge Whitley issued a Second Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency; on March 24, 2020, Judge Whitley issued an Executive Order requiring all persons within the county to remain in their residence, except

as allowed by the Order (the "Order"); on March 27, 2020, Judge Whitley modified his Executive Order to provide additional guidance on the required shelter in place order; on April 3, 2020, Judge Whitley further modified his Executive Order, to the extent possible, to harmonize the Executive Orders of Governor Greg Abbott, and the cities of Tarrant County; and

**WHEREAS**, President Donald Trump declared a State of National Emergency for the United States of America on March 13, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City Code of Ordinances Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-32 of the City of North Richland Hills, and the Texas Government Code Section 418.108(a), the Mayor of the City of North Richland Hills is authorized to declare a local state of disaster if a disaster has occurred or is imminent; and

**WHEREAS**, I, Oscar Trevino, the Mayor of the City of North Richland Hills, have determined that due to the global outbreak of COVID-19, extraordinary measures must be taken to prevent and to alleviate the suffering of the citizens of North Richland Hills and to protect the public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Richland Hills Emergency Management Plan should be activated and continued to provide for disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, I, Oscar Trevino, issued a Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency on March 13, 2020; I issued a First Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency on March 20, 2020; I issued a Second Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency on March 23, 2020; and I issued a Third Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency on March 26, 2020; and I issued a Fourth Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency on March 30, 2020; and I issued a Fifth Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency on April 3, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 continue to rise on a local, state and national level and state and local officials have issued further restrictions and modifications to prevent the rise of the COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, I, Oscar Trevino, find it necessary to hereby issue this Sixth Amended Declaration of Local Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency amending, continuing and restating the declaration to implement additional measures to allow for consistency throughout the region, to ensure the protection of the general public, and for the health and safety of the citizens of the city of North Richland Hills.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED AND PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That a state of local disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the city of North Richland Hills pursuant to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22,

Article II, Section 22-32 of the City of North Richland Hills and Texas Government Code Section 418.108(a).

**SECTION 2.** That this declaration of local disaster shall be in effect for a period not to exceed seven days from this date, unless terminated or continued by action of the City Council of the City of North Richland Hills, Texas.

**SECTION 3.** That this declaration activates the recovery and rehabilitation aspects of the North Richland Hills Emergency Management Plan, the Tarrant County Emergency Management Plan, and all other applicable local or interjurisdictional emergency management plans in which the City participates, further authorizes the furnishing of all aid and assistance as deemed necessary or desirable by those administering such plans, and activates the preparedness and response aspects of such plans as provided therein.

**SECTION 4.** That this declaration authorizes the procurement of all necessary supplies and equipment, including acceptance of private contributions which may be offered for the purpose of improving emergency management within the City.

**SECTION 5.** That this declaration authorizes agreements, after approval by the City Attorney, for the City to use any private property, temporarily acquire, by lease or other means, sites required for temporary housing units or emergency shelter or evacuees, subject to compensation requirements, pursuant to Texas Government Code 418.020.

**SECTION 6.** That this declaration authorizes the Mayor to order the evacuation of all or part of the population from a stricken or threatened area under his/her authority if the Mayor considers the action necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response or recovery.

**SECTION 7.** That this declaration authorizes the Mayor to control ingress and egress from a disaster area under his/her jurisdiction or authority and to control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in that area.

**SECTION 8.** That this declaration authorizes the City to adopt rules to protect the health of persons in the city, including quarantine rules to protect the residents against communicable disease, provide for the establishment of quarantine stations, and hospitals, and authorizes the fining of those who do not comply with this order pursuant to Health and Safety Code 122.006.

**SECTION 9.** All individuals residing in the City of North Richland Hills are ordered to stay at their place of residence in accordance with the direction and guidance in this declaration. To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times maintain social distancing and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household. All persons may leave their residences only for Essential Travel, Essential Activities, Essential Critical Infrastructure, to provide or perform Essential Governmental Functions, to operate Essential Businesses, to operate a business that provides Essential Services as defined in Section 18, or for Essential Services as defined in

Order GA-14, in accordance with the Guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”).

Nothing in this declaration is intended to restrict “essential services” as such term is defined in Order GA-14, nor is it intended to prohibit gatherings permitted under Order GA-14. Nothing herein is intended to impose restrictions inconsistent with Order GA-14 or any other order issued by the Governor currently in effect relating to COVID-19 (collectively a “COVID Order”). To the extent that this declaration conflicts with Order GA-14 or a COVID Order, the provisions in Order GA-14 or such COVID Order prevail.<sup>1</sup>

**SECTION 10.** All public or private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited, except as otherwise provided herein. Nothing in this declaration prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit nor does it prohibit any gathering expressly permitted by Order GA-14.

**SECTION 11.** 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.

**SECTION 12.** All businesses operating within the City of North Richland Hills, except Essential Businesses, businesses providing Essential Services as defined below in Section 18, or Essential Services as defined in Order GA-14, are required to close to the public. For clarity, Non-essential Businesses may continue Minimum Basic Operations as defined in Section 18, as long as the business strictly adheres to the following: (1) minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household; (2) maintain Social Distancing; (3) utilize remote teleworking to the greatest extent possible; and (4) minimize the number of employees needed to operate at a basic level.

**SECTION 13.** All elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures are prohibited anywhere in the City of North Richland Hills. All licensed health care professionals shall postpone all surgeries and procedures that are not immediately medically necessary to correct a serious medical condition of, or to preserve the life of, a patient who without immediate performance of the surgery or procedure would be at risk for serious adverse medical consequences or death as determined by the patient’s physician. Provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply to any procedure that, if performed in accordance with the commonly accepted standard of clinical practice, would not deplete the hospital capacity or the personal protective equipment needed to cope with the COVID-19 disaster.<sup>2</sup>

**SECTION 14.** If someone in a household has tested positive for COVID-19, the household is ordered to isolate at home. Members of the household cannot go to work,

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<sup>1</sup> All questions relating to Order GA-14 or a COVID Order shall be directed to the Texas Division of Emergency Management via email at [EssentialServices@tdem.texas.gov](mailto:EssentialServices@tdem.texas.gov). Information is also available at [www.tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices](http://www.tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices).

<sup>2</sup> Texas Medical Board, 22 TAC § 187.57 (c) (1), (2).

school, or any other community function until cleared by a medical professional but may seek medical services as needed from medical personnel and facilities.

**SECTION 15.** Nursing homes, retirement, and long-term care facilities are to prohibit non-essential visitors from accessing their facilities unless to provide critical assistance or for end-of-life visitation.

**SECTION 16.** All travel, by any mode, except for purposes of Essential Travel, performing Essential Activities or going to work in an Essential Business, Essential Critical Infrastructure, Essential Government Function, a business that provides Essential Services as defined herein, or to provide Essential Services as defined in Order GA-14 is prohibited. To the greatest extent feasible, people riding on public transit shall comply with social distancing of six (6) feet or more.

**SECTION 17.** Individuals experiencing homelessness are strongly urged to obtain shelter and maintain social distancing of 6 feet when feasible. If a homeless person is sheltered and exhibits symptoms or is diagnosed, the shelter's isolation center shall be deemed the residence of the homeless person solely for the purpose of complying with the requirements of this declaration. Medical personnel shall make the decision whether any other shelter residents shall be required to isolate based on potential exposure. Available shelters, to the maximum extent practicable, must use COVID-19 risk mitigation practices in their operations.

**SECTION 18. Definitions:**

- a. **Essential Household Goods.** Goods or products that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation and essential operations of residences.
- b. **Social Distancing.** Maintaining at least six (6) feet distance from other individuals, frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty (20) seconds, using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not the hands), regularly disinfecting high touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.
- c. **Minimum Basic Operations.** Minimum Basic Operations include the following, provided that the business strictly adheres to the following: (1) minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household; (2) maintain Social Distancing; (3) utilize remote teleworking to the greatest extent possible; and (4) minimize the number of employees needed to operate at a basic level:
  - a. The minimum activities necessary to maintain the value of the business's inventory or equipment, including to process payroll and employee benefits, maintain the premises and the security of the premises, equipment or inventory, including the care and maintenance of livestock or animals;
  - b. IT or other operations that facilitate employees working from home; and
  - c. Perform in-store repair services performed by employees or a contractor in a store or facility closed to the public.

- d. **Essential Activities.** For purposes of this declaration, individuals may leave their residence only to perform any of the following “**Essential Activities**”:
- i. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (for example, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies needed to work from home).
  - ii. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others (for example, food, pet and livestock supplies, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences). It is strongly recommended that households, to the greatest extent possible, send only one person to businesses for the purpose of picking up food or other essential items.
  - iii. To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with social distancing requirements of six (6) feet (for example, walking, biking, hiking, or running).
  - iv. To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business, to otherwise carry out activities directly related to government or health care response to the COVID-19 pandemic, or to perform any other activities specifically permitted in this declaration.
  - v. To care for a family member or pet in another household.
- e. **Essential Businesses:** For purposes of this declaration, “Essential Businesses” means:
- i. **Essential Health Care Services.** Healthcare operations, including hospitals, clinics, doctors, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, substance abuse providers, blood banks, medical research, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services, veterinary care provided to animals. Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children. Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children. Healthcare operations do not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities. Healthcare operations do not include elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures as established in accordance with this declaration.
  - ii. **Essential Government Functions.** All services provided by local governments needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government agencies to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public. All Essential Government Functions shall be performed in compliance with social distancing requirements of 6 feet, to the extent possible.
  - iii. **Essential Critical Infrastructure** Work necessary to the operations and maintenance of the 16 critical infrastructure sectors as identified by the

National Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) including public works construction, residential and commercial construction, airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation and other private transportation providers such as Uber and Lyft that provide transportation services necessary for the performance of Essential Activities, Essential Businesses, essential infrastructure, or Essential Government Functions, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), financial institutions, defense and national security-related operations, essential manufacturing operations.

- iv. **Essential Retail.** Food service providers, including grocery stores, warehouse stores, bodegas, gas stations, convenience stores, and farmers' markets that sell food products and household staples, pet and feed stores. Businesses that are not open to the public that ship or deliver groceries, food, and other essential goods directly to residences. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery, take out, drive-in, drive-through or carry out. Schools and other entities that typically provide free services to students or members of the public on a pick-up and take-away basis only. The restriction of delivery or carry out does not apply to cafes and restaurants located within hospital and medical facilities. Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers. Auto-supply, auto and bicycle repair, hardware stores, and related facilities. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home, including businesses providing mail and shipping and post office box. Businesses that supply products necessary for essential repairs and maintenance of a home or business. Hotel, motels, and shared rental units, except that all bars, cafes, or restaurants are closed except for pick-up and room service.
- v. **Providers of Basic Necessities to Economically Disadvantaged Populations.** Social services and charitable organizations that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise vulnerable individuals.
- vi. **Essential Services Necessary to Maintain Essential Operations of Residences or Other Essential Businesses.** Trash and recycling collection, processing and disposal, mail and shipping services, building cleaning and maintenance, auto repair, warehouse/distribution and fulfillment, and storage for essential businesses. Plumbers, pool services, yard maintenance and landscaping, security services, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of residences, Essential Activities, and Essential Businesses.

Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities. Businesses that supply other Essential Businesses with support or supplies needed to operate.

- vi. **News Media.** Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.
- vii. **Financial Institutions.** Banks and related financial institutions, consumer lenders, sales and finance lenders, credit unions, appraisers, and title companies.
- ix. **Real Estate Transactions.** Services related to current real estate transactions. As much business as possible shall be conducted with web-based technology to limit in-person contact.
- x. **Childcare Services.** Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees who perform Essential Activities or work for an Essential Business to work as permitted.
- xi. **Animal Shelters, Zoos, and Other Businesses that Maintain Live Animals.** Businesses that maintain and care for live animals are not permitted to allow any visitors or patrons, but may continue to operate to the extent necessary to provide the necessary care for the animals. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a non-employee from entering the premises to perform health care services or other Essential Business services, however Social Distancing is required.
- xii. **Construction.** Construction under a valid permit issued by a governmental entity.
- xiii. **Funeral Services.** Funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries may operate but must follow CDC guidelines. Social distancing is required.
- xiv. **Weddings.** Weddings may be held, but not more than 10 people may be present at any one time. Social distancing is required.
- xv. **Worship Services.** Religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship are permitted if they cannot be conducted from home or through remote services, so long as Social Distancing is maintained, and existing guidelines set forth by the CDC are followed. Churches and houses of worship that are currently meeting remotely, are encouraged to continue meeting remotely.<sup>3</sup>
- xvi. **Moving Supply Services.** Businesses that provide residential and/or commercial moving services and necessary moving supplies.

f. **Non-Essential Business.** Any business that is not considered an Essential Business is a non-essential business. Non-essential businesses shall be closed to the public, but

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<sup>3</sup> Texas Attorney General's Guidance for Houses of Worship During the COVID-19 Crisis "...guidance from the CDC currently recommends that if a community is experiencing substantial community spread of COVID-19, then the houses of worship in that community should cancel all in-person gatherings of any size. But if a community is experiencing moderate to substantial spread, then the CDC recommends a reduction of activities in coordination with local health officials, possible smaller gatherings incorporating social-distancing measures, cancelation of activities with 10 or more people when high-risk populations attend in person (including those over 65 and those with underlying medical conditions) and use of creative means to deliver faith-based services. For more information, houses of worship should consult CDC guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/guidance-community-faith-organizations.html>."

For updates about the level of community spread, visit [www.TarrantCounty.com](http://www.TarrantCounty.com).

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may maintain Minimum Basic Operations as defined in this section. All non-essential businesses that maintain Minimum Basic Operations shall practice Social Distancing.

- g. **Non-Essential Business with Online Operations.** A Non-Essential Business that maintains Minimum Basic Operations as defined in this section, and that is authorized to facilitate online or call-in sales performed by employees in a store or facility that is closed to the public. All non-essential businesses that maintain Minimum Basic Operations shall practice Social Distancing.
- h. **Essential Travel.** For the purposes of this declaration, “Essential Travel” includes travel for any of the following purposes. Individuals engaged in any Essential Travel must comply with all Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Section.
- i. Any travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Critical Infrastructure, and Essential Businesses;
  - ii. Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons;
  - iii. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services;
  - iv. Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction;
  - v. Travel required by law enforcement or court order;
  - vi. Travel by church staff/clergy for the purpose of production of remote delivery of religious services and other ministries requiring travel;
  - vii. Travel related to attending a funeral service; or
  - viii. Travel required for non-residents of the City to return to their place of residence outside the City. Individuals are strongly encouraged to verify that their transportation out of the City remains available and functional prior to commencing such travel.
- i. **Essential Services.** Essential Services means services, by whomsoever rendered, and whether rendered to the government or to any other person, the interruption of which would endanger life, health or personal safety of the whole or part of the population.
- j. **Essential Services as Defined in Order GA-14.** “Essential Services” shall consist of everything that is listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 2.0, plus religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship. Other essential services may be added with the approval of the Texas Division of Emergency Management (“TDEM”).

In providing or obtaining essential services as defined in Order GA-14, people and businesses should follow the Guidelines from the President and the CDC by practicing good hygiene, environmental cleanliness and sanitation, implementing social distancing, and working from home if possible. In particular, all services should be provided through remote telework from home unless they are essential services

as defined in Order GA-14 that cannot be provided through remote telework.

**SECTION 19.** This declaration does not restrict business operations delivering Essential Services as defined in Section 18, pursuant to Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's Opinion No. KP-0296, issued on March 27, 2020.

**SECTION 20.** That this declaration hereby suspends the permitting requirements of Section 54-178(c) of the North Richland Hills City Code of Ordinances regarding the parking of motor homes or trailers used for human occupancy on private property, so long as the placement of such motor home or trailer does not encroach any public right-of-way or limit traffic visibility. Such motor home or trailer shall be parked in a driveway, and shall not block any portion of any street or alley. This Section shall not operate to suspend any other provision of Section 54-178 of the City Code of Ordinances, except as provided for herein.

**SECTION 21.** That this declaration hereby suspends all door-to-door solicitation activities and distribution of handbills authorized by Chapter 18, Article VII, Solicitors and Handbills in accordance with the CDC guidelines to minimize all in-person contact. No new permits shall be issued for door-to-door solicitation or for the distribution of handbills for the duration of the declaration. Upon expiration or termination of this declaration, all current solicitor's and handbill permits shall be extended by the time period equal to the length of the time this declaration is in effect, except that no handbill permit shall be extended for longer than thirty (30) days. Such time period for extension shall be calculated beginning April 10, 2020.

**SECTION 22.** That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools, including but not limited to, suspension or revocation of a business or solicitor's or handbill permit, and civil or criminal penalties. Failure to comply with the emergency management plan or with a rule, order, or ordinance adopted under this plan is an offense punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term up to and including one hundred eighty (180) days.

**SECTION 23.** That this declaration incorporates the attached table, NRH Disaster Restrictions, as if set forth verbatim herein. This declaration also sets forth strong recommendations, attached hereto, for the purpose of mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

**SECTION 24.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this declaration are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this declaration shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this declaration.

**SECTION 25.** That this declaration shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, and shall be given prompt and general publicity.

**SECTION 26.** That this declaration shall take effect at 11:59pm, April 10, 2020.

**SO DECLARED AND ORDERED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Oscar Trevino". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Oscar Trevino, Mayor  
City of North Richland Hills, Texas

## NRH Disaster Restrictions

Effective April 10, 2020

Locations	Restrictions
<p>Individuals residing within City of North Richland Hills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay at their place of residence (includes hotels, motels, shared rentals and similar facilities)</li> <li>• Must practice social distancing</li> <li>• May leave their residences only for Essential Travel, Essential Activities, to work at Essential Businesses, to provide/perform Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Critical Infrastructure, Essential Services, Essential Services as defined in Order GA-14, or to perform Minimum Basic Operations</li> <li>• Comply with Guidelines from the President and CDC</li> </ul>
<p>Non-Essential Businesses</p> <p>bars, lounges, taverns                      commercial amusement                      entertainment establishments and uses                      theatres, gyms, and private clubs                      hair and nail salons and barber shops                      estheticians and related personal care                      business                      spas and massage parlors                      tattoo and piercing parlors                      tanning salons                      residential meeting spaces                      event centers                      hotel meeting spaces and ballrooms                      outdoor plazas and markets                      malls                      shoe stores                      CBD Oil and herbal stores                      vape shops, tobacco stores, cigar shops                      furniture stores</p> <p>retail stores that do not sell essential household goods</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No public occupancy permitted</li> <li>• Minimum Basic Operations only</li> <li>• Social Distancing required for employees</li> <li>• Minimize in person contact</li> <li>• Minimum number of employees</li> <li>• Applies to any service not listed as an essential service by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 2.0</li> </ul>

<p>Door to Door Solicitation</p> <p>Distribution of Handbills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new permits shall be issued</li> <li>• All activities prohibited for the duration of the declaration</li> <li>• Beginning April 10, 2020, Permit to be extended for the length of time equal to the time the declaration is in effect, but not longer than 30 days for handbills</li> </ul>
<p>Non-Essential Business with Online Operations</p> <p>auto sales (new and used)</p> <p>plant stores, nurseries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No public occupancy permitted</li> <li>• Minimum Basic Operations</li> <li>• Online or call in sales only</li> <li>• Social Distancing required for employees</li> <li>• Minimize in-person contact</li> <li>• Minimum number of employees</li> </ul>
<p>Public or Private Gatherings occurring outside a single household or living unit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibited with limited exception</li> </ul>
<p>Food establishments, or microbreweries, micro-distilleries, or wineries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-house services - closed</li> <li>• Drive-in, drive-through, take out, and delivery is permitted</li> <li>• Social Distancing required</li> </ul>
<p>Worship Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be conducted remotely if possible</li> <li>• If substantial community spread exists, all in-person gatherings of any size are cancelled.</li> <li>• Order GA-14 requires compliance with Guidelines from the President and CDC</li> </ul>

<p>Elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures</p>	<p>Prohibited, with limited exception</p>
<p>Nursing homes, retirement, and long-term care facilities</p>	<p>Prohibit non-essential visitors from accessing their facilities unless to provide critical assistance or for end-of-life visitation</p>
<p><u>Essential Businesses</u></p> <p><u>Essential Healthcare Operations</u></p> <p>hospitals and clinics doctors dentists pharmacies pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies other healthcare facilities healthcare suppliers home healthcare services providers mental health providers substance abuse service providers blood banks medical research laboratory services or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services</p> <p>home-based care for seniors, adults, or children</p> <p>residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children</p> <p>veterinary care and all health and welfare services provided to animals</p> <p>Healthcare operations do not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities. Healthcare operations do not include elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures as established in accordance with this declaration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allowed to remain open</li> <li>• Social Distancing required</li> <li>• Essential Businesses should implement screening precautions to protect employees and all activities shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing</li> <li>• Compliance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC.</li> </ul>

Essential Government Functions

All services provided by local, state and federal governments needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government agencies to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Essential Critical Infrastructure

Work necessary to the operations and maintenance of the 16 critical infrastructure sectors as identified by the National Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) including:

- public works construction
- residential and commercial construction
- airport operations
- water, sewer, gas, electrical
- oil refining
- roads and highways
- public transportation and other private transportation providers such as Uber and Lyft that provide transportation services necessary for the performance of Essential Activities, Essential Businesses, Essential Infrastructure, or Essential Government Functions
- solid waste collection and removal
- internet
- telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services)
- financial institutions

- Allowed to remain open
- Social Distancing required
- Essential Businesses should implement screening precautions to protect employees and all activities shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing
- Compliance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC.

defense

national security-related operations

essential manufacturing operations

Essential Retail

food service providers

grocery stores

warehouse stores bodegas

gas stations and convenience stores

farmers' markets that sell food products

and household staples

pet and feed stores

businesses that are not open to the public that ship or deliver groceries, food, or other essential goods directly to residences

free services to students or members of the public that are typically provided by schools and other entities (pick-up and take-away only)

laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers

auto-supply and auto repair

hardware stores and related facilities

businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home

businesses providing mail and shipping and post office box

businesses that supply products necessary for essential repairs and maintenance of a home or business

hotel, motels, and shared rental units, except that all bars, cafes, or restaurants in hotels, motels or rental units are closed except for pick-up and room service

- Allowed to remain open
- Social Distancing required
- Essential Businesses should implement screening precautions to protect employees and all activities shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing
- Compliance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC.

<p><u>Essential Retail (delivery or carry out only)</u></p> <p>restaurants and cafes (no patio use) microbrewery distillery winery other food service facilities that prepare and serve food but only for delivery or carry out</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allowed to remain open</li><li>• Social Distancing required</li><li>• Take out, delivery, drive through, drive in only</li><li>• The restriction of delivery or carry out does not apply to cafes and restaurants located within hospital and medical facilities.</li><li>• Compliance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC</li></ul>
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Providers of Necessities to Economically Disadvantaged Populations

Social services and charitable organizations that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise vulnerable individuals.

Essential Services Necessary to Maintain Essential Operations of Residences or Other Essential Businesses.

trash and recycling collection, processing and disposal  
mail and shipping services  
building cleaning, maintenance and security  
auto repair  
warehouse/distribution and fulfillment  
storage for essential businesses  
plumbers  
pool services, yard maintenance and landscaping services  
security services  
electricians  
exterminators  
other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of residences  
Essential Activities, Essential Infrastructure and Essential Businesses

Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities.

Businesses that supply other Essential Businesses with support or supplies needed to operate

- Allowed to remain open
- Social Distancing required
- Essential Businesses should implement screening precautions to protect employees and all activities shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing
- Compliance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC.

News Media

Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services

Financial Institutions

banks and related financial institutions  
consumer lenders  
sales and finance lenders  
credit unions  
appraisers  
title companies

Real Estate Transactions

services related to current real estate transactions (as much business as possible shall be conducted with web-based technology to limit in-person contact)

Childcare Services

Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees who perform Essential Activities, or work for an Essential Business, Essential Government to work as permitted

Animal Shelters, Zoos, and Other Businesses that Maintain Live Animals

Businesses that maintain and care for live animals are not permitted to allow any visitors or patrons, but may continue to operate to the extent necessary to provide the necessary care for the animals.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit a non-employee from entering the premises to perform health care services or other Essential Business services.

- Allowed to remain open
- Social Distancing required
- Essential Businesses should implement screening precautions to protect employees and all activities shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing
- Compliance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC.

<p><u>Construction</u> Construction under a valid permit issued by a governmental entity</p> <p><u>Funeral Services</u> funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries may operate but must adhere to the CDC guidelines.</p> <p><u>Worship Services</u> Should be conducted from home or remotely if possible. If community spread is substantial, all services are cancelled. Order GA-14 requires compliance with CDC guidelines.</p> <p><u>Moving Supply Services</u> Businesses that provide residential and/or commercial moving services and necessary moving supplies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allowed to remain open</li> <li>• Social Distancing required</li> <li>• Essential Businesses should implement screening precautions to protect employees and all activities shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing</li> <li>• Compliance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC.</li> </ul>
<p><u>Essential Activities</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (for example, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies needed to work from home).</li> <li>2. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others (for example, food, pet and livestock supplies, and any other household</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals may leave their home to perform Essential Activities</li> <li>• Must practice social distancing</li> <li>• It is strongly recommended that households, to the greatest extent possible, send only one person to businesses for the purpose of picking up food or other essential items.</li> <li>• Compliance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC.</li> </ul>

<p>consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.</p> <p>3. To engage in outdoor activity (for example, walking, biking, hiking, or running).</p> <p>4. To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business, to otherwise carry out activities directly related to government or health care response to the COVID-19 pandemic, or to perform any other activities specifically permitted in this declaration.</p> <p>5. To care for a family member or pet in another household.</p>	
<p><u>Essential Travel</u></p> <p>1. Any travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Infrastructure, Essential Businesses, businesses that provide Essential Services; and Essential Services as defined in Order GA-14</p> <p>2. Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons;</p> <p>3. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals may only travel as permitted herein.</li> <li>• Individuals, to the greatest extent possible, should maintain social distancing of at least six (6) feet when traveling.</li> <li>• Compliance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC.</li> </ul>

<p>services;</p> <p>4. Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction;</p> <p>5. Travel required by law enforcement or court order;</p> <p>6. Travel by church staff/clergy for the purpose of production of remote delivery of religious services and other ministries requiring travel;</p> <p>7. Travel related to attending a funeral service; or</p> <p>8. Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside the City. Individuals are strongly encouraged to verify that their transportation out of the City remains available and functional prior to commencing such travel.</p>	
<p>Essential Services</p> <p>sale or transfer of firearms or ammunition</p> <p>services, the interruption of which, would endanger life, health or personal safety of the whole or part of the population</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allowed to remain open to the public, but only for the sale of Essential Services</li> <li>• Social Distancing required</li> <li>• Businesses providing Essential Services should implement screening precautions to protect employees and all activities shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing</li> <li>• Compliance with the Guidelines of the President and CDC.</li> </ul>

<p>Essential Services as defined in Order GA-14</p> <p>everything listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 2.0</p> <p>religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship</p> <p>other essential services added with the approval of the Texas Division of Emergency Management (“TDEM”).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open to the public in accordance with Order GA-14</li><li>• Follow the Guidelines from the President and the CDC by practicing good hygiene, environmental cleanliness and sanitation</li><li>• Telework from home is required unless the service cannot be provided through telework</li><li>• Social Distancing required</li><li>• Compliance with the Guidelines of the President and CDC.</li></ul>
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**CITY NORTH RICHLAND HILLS RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**FOR MITIGATING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

In accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Tarrant County Public Health, and the Governor of the State of Texas, the City of North Richland Hills strongly recommends the following:

- (1) Minimize in person contact with people who are not in the same household.
- (2) Create smaller groups for essential meetings, and consider holding video/audio meetings instead.
- (3) For individuals at increased risk of severe illness, which includes but is not limited to, individuals 60 years and older, individuals with compromised immune systems, or those with underlying medical conditions such as diabetes, heart disease or disorders, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or other lung conditions:
  - a. remain indoors;
  - b. outdoor exercise should be solitary;
  - c. prescreen all essential visitors to nursing homes, senior living facilities;
  - d. vulnerable populations should not visit homes with more than one person;
  - e. all visitors to vulnerable populations should wear a mask;
  - f. exercise the six (6) foot rule;
  - g. do not use public transport except in an emergency.
- (4) For operators of public spaces that remain open, provide ways for patrons to maintain safe social distancing, for example, maintaining six feet of separation between individuals; have hand washing capabilities, hand sanitizers and tissues available; and frequently cleaning high touch surface areas like counter tops, hand rails, and door knobs.
- (5) For workplaces, promote telecommuting; ensure employees do not work while sick; maximize flexibility in sick leave benefits; and minimize the number of employees working within arm's length of one another.
- (6) For grocery stores and pharmacies, increase the use and capability of drive-thru, curbside, or delivery services; limit or restrict the number of customers permitted in a store at one time; minimize the number of employees working within arm's length of one another; provide handwashing capabilities, hand sanitizers, and tissues; and frequently clean high-touch surface areas like countertops, doorknobs, and handrails.
- (7) For door-to-door solicitors, provide ways for solicitors and patrons to maintain safe social distancing of six feet of separation between individuals; ensure compliance with City Code of Ordinances Chapter 18, Article VII, Sec. 18-481 through 18-493.
- (8) Determine ways to consider providing support services, including meals, to individuals at increased risk of severe illness while limiting group settings and exposures.
- (9) Avoid visiting nursing homes, retirement centers or long-term care facilities, unless providing critical assistance.
- (10) Minimize all nonessential travel.