

REVISED PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the United States is experiencing an outbreak of Novel Coronavirus-2019 also known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic and which declaration is still in effect today; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of Oklahoma declared a State of Emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic and which declaration is still in effect today; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control (“CDC”) has emphasized the COVID-19 risk to individuals is dependent on exposure and transmission is through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma City-County Health Department (OCCHD) states this is the worst public health crisis to face our metro community in the last half-century; and

WHEREAS, the CDC issued Interim Guidance for Mass Gatherings or Large Community Events which recommends putting into action strategies for prohibiting people from direct contact with one another and postponing or canceling large gatherings; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the President declared COVID-19 as a major disaster in the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Title 21, Section 1321.9 of the Oklahoma Statutes allows cities and towns to exercise emergency powers during a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, due to the urgency of the situation and the advice of our public health professionals, I have determined that an actual emergency exists that requires the use of measures to secure the safety and protection of the public life and health; and

WHEREAS, due to the confirmation of local transmission of COVID-19 on March 15, 2020, on March 16, 2020, I issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency declaring a public disaster due to COVID-19 and suspending events on public property, revoking special event permits, and imposing distance requirements for public transit riders; and

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2020, the Governor announced a plan and guidelines on how, dependent upon the data indicators, Oklahoma may attempt to encourage businesses to reopen while maintaining the safety and health of the community; and

WHEREAS, although the current data shows a decline, the transmission of COVID-19 and COVID related deaths continue, and provisions for the safety of the life, health, and property of Warr Acres residents are still necessary and require a phased approach to reopen business in Warr Acres; and

WHEREAS, it is important, as supported by the President and Governor, to slowly and cautiously work towards reopening businesses, and this can be accomplished through Proclamation provisions in a gradual nature, as has occurred over the past revised versions of this document; and

WHEREAS, the OCCHD has consulted the CDC and health officials and developed health guidelines which every business in Warr Acres should consult for best practices; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED as the Mayor of The City of Warr Acres, the COVID-19 pandemic, and specifically the local community transmission of such disease, is and continues to be a public disaster which affects life, health, property and public peace within the limits of The City of Warr Acres.

AND I DO FURTHER PROCLAIM, the following provisions are issued and applicable within The City of Warr Acres city limits. The requirements and closures from the March 15, 2020 Proclamation of State of Emergency remain in effect through April 30, 2020. The requirements provided below are based upon the recommendations of health officials and the Governor’s Plan

and guidelines. These requirements shall be effective May 1, 2020 and shall continue until data indicators support moving to less restrictive means which will be re-evaluated no later than May 15, 2020:

1. Unless otherwise specified in the Open Up and Recover Safely (OURS) Plan on the Oklahoma Department of Commerce website (www.okcommerce.gov/covid19/ours-plan/) or in this proclamation, individuals should follow Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for social distancing by staying out of crowded places, not gathering in groups, and staying at least 6 feet from other people.
2. All businesses should adhere to the Statewide OURS Plan except as modified herein.
3. No scheduled or unscheduled events with more than 10 participants will be held at City owned/operated properties/facilities.
4. Requirement of a distance of at least three (3) feet between all users during transport on public transit.
5. All bars¹, night clubs, hookah bars, cigar bars, vaping lounges will remain closed pursuant to State imposed restrictions. These establishments are slated for a May 15, 2020, possible reopen date as part of Phase 2 of the OURS Plan. Such establishments shall not reopen until Phase 2 is implemented. Owners and employees of such businesses may continue to access the property for business purposes (e.g. maintenance, inventory, etc.).
6. All restaurants, restaurant bars, breweries, wineries, cafeterias, and any other food service are required to maintain the following standards to limit the spread of the virus:
 - a. Employees' temperatures must be checked each day either by the employee or their employer and employees with a temperature above 100.4 °F should not be at the facility;
 - b. All servers and staff interacting with customers must wear facial masks or coverings;
 - c. All tables available for seating must be at least six (6) feet apart;
 - d. All menus shall be single use or capable of being sanitized after each use;
 - e. Condiments must be served in a single use packet or disposable or washable container;
 - f. Service at buffets and salad bars must be provided by an employee only;
 - g. Tables, chairs, and objects used to complete a purchase must be wiped with disinfecting materials after each use; and
 - h. No parties exceeding 10 people are allowed at one table in the dining area.
7. All City owned/operated and publicly accessible parks and playgrounds are to remain closed. Basketball and tennis courts and outdoor exercise stations are open but CDC recommended social distancing must be adhered to.
8. All athletic gyms, recreation centers, exercise facilities, indoor sports facilities, and similar recreational facilities must maintain strict social distancing and sanitation protocols to limit the spread of the virus and comply with the standards below.
 - a. Employees' temperatures should be checked each day either by the employee or their employer and employees with a temperature above 100.4 °F should not be at the facility;
 - b. Employees that have contact with the public must wear face masks or coverings.
 - c. Surfaces such as doorknobs, gates, counters, and other items that are high-touch should be regularly cleaned and sanitized using appropriate antimicrobial disinfect.
 - d. Locker rooms and bathrooms must be cleaned and disinfected regularly, particularly high-touch surfaces, and ensure they have handwashing supplies.
 - e. Ensure that access to handwashing/hand sanitizing facilities and supplies are available for employees and customers.
 - f. Rental equipment, or shared equipment must be cleaned and sanitized before or after each use by the patron or an employee.

¹ Bar is defined as a standalone establishment that serves alcohol without providing food service. Restaurant bar is defined as a standalone establishment that serves alcohol that provides food service.

9. Businesses where persons gather for presentation or entertainment, such as event centers and places of worship, must maintain strict social distancing and sanitation protocols to limit the spread of the virus and comply with the standards below.
 - a. Employees' temperatures should be checked each day either by the employee or their employer and employees with a temperature above 100.4 °F should not be at the facility;
 - b. Offer seating in a staggered manner such that there is six feet of spacing between customer groups. There must be at least two seats between customer groups in the same row and the facility must close every other row. Customer groups should be limited to no more than 10 people unless household family members.
 - c. All food service must comply with the requirements of subsection 5.

10. Personal care businesses/facilities may operate by appointment only and must maintain strict social distancing and sanitation protocols to limit the spread of the virus and comply with the standards below.
 - a. Employees' temperatures should be checked each day either by the employee or their employer and employees with a temperature above 100.4 °F should not be at the facility;
 - b. Employees at these facilities must use facial masks or coverings and all customers who do not have their own masks must be offered disposable facial masks.
 - c. All chairs and tools must be sanitized between customers.
 - d. While receiving services, customers shall remain at least 6 feet apart.

“Personal care” businesses include salons (hair and nail), barber shops, cosmetology facilities, esthetician facilities, massage facilities, tattoo parlors, and piercing facilities.

11. Social gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited. A “gathering” is defined as people coming together at a central point with specific people for socialization. A gathering does not include people in a location independently performing work as part of employment, people independently or in groups of 10 or less patronizing businesses or open facilities, or performing disaster relief work.

12. Other than event permits, all licenses, permits, and certificates previously issued by the City and scheduled to expire while this State of Emergency is in effect shall be deemed to be conditionally renewed, provided that the applicable renewal documentation is submitted, fees are paid and necessary inspections and approvals, if any, are satisfactorily completed, within thirty (30) days following the termination of this State of Emergency. Failure to comply with these requirements will be deemed a failure to satisfy the conditions for renewal and the license/permit/certification will be deemed to have expired on the original expiration date.