



## March 19, 2020

To our local business owners:

This morning, the City of Amarillo and Canyon leadership teams met with leaders from the Panhandle Restaurant Association and the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce to discuss limiting the impact of the Coronavirus outbreak on local businesses while ensuring the health and safety of our community.

At the same time, Texas Governor Greg Abbott was preparing an Executive Order from the State on the same topic.

Our local businesses are extremely important to the vitality, quality of life and economy of the Amarillo and Canyon areas. However, how we respond as a community to this situation will determine how quickly we recover from it, and we are bound by the restrictions set by the Governor. Those restrictions are outlined below.

Effective immediately and until further notice, all local businesses should follow these mandates from the State of Texas:

- 1. Every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings of 10 or more people**
- 2. Restaurants may not offer dine-in options. Restaurants are ENCOURAGED to offer options such as drive through, carry out or delivery.**
- 3. Gyms are to be closed.**

Effective immediately and until further notice, the City of Amarillo is suspending all on-street paid parking and related time limits so that customers of downtown restaurants and business can more easily and quickly come and go.

The Amarillo Chamber of Commerce is compiling a list of restaurants that are offering alternative service options. That list will be disseminated widely and frequently throughout the Amarillo and Canyon areas. Please contact the Chamber of Commerce to add your business to that list.

This is a temporary situation, and we will see the end of it. West-Texans are strong and resilient; we've proven that time and again. In true Texas style, we would ask that each of you take a moment to consider how to best help your neighbor as we join together to limit the effects of the Coronavirus on our community.

  
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