



# CITY OF PEARSALL

## EMERGENCY DECLARATION #8 OF MAYOR MARY MOORE

ISSUED OCTOBER 6, 2020

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Texas Government code Section 418.108, Mayor Mary Moore declared a state of local disaster on March 19, 2020 due to imminent threat arising from COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), on June 22, 2020, the City of Pearsall City Council approved an Order Continuing Declaration of State of Local Disaster for City of Pearsall and on July 14, 2020, the City of Pearsall City Council again approved an additional Order Continuing Declaration of State of Local Disaster for City of Pearsall (hereafter, the "*Second Order of Continuation of Declaration*"); and

**WHEREAS**, since the latest local declaration Governor Greg Abbot issued Executive Order GA-27, Executive Order GA-28 a proclamation amending Executive related to mass gatherings, Executive Order GA-29 in response to the spike in COVID -19 cases and stress on the health cares system, Executive Order GA-30, and Executive Order GA-31; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued on September 1, 2020 an Order for Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions To Prevent the Further Spread of COVID -19, published in the federal register and effective September 4, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), the consent by City Council authorizes the City of Pearsall Mayor to continue to exercise the powers granted by the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 for the period specified in the order; and

**WHEREAS**, there currently still exists a declaration of public health disaster in and for the State of Texas as declared by Texas Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and by approval of the Second Order of Continuation of Declaration, the City of Pearsall City Council authorized the City of Pearsall Mayor to take such actions as are necessary in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of City of Pearsall by the issuance of executive orders as necessary (each, an "*Executive Order*")

**WHEREAS**, the transmission of COVID-19 has dissipated but remains a significant threat to the health and safety of the City of Pearsall Community;

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has determined that extraordinary emergency measures must be taken to try and mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate a response to the public health threat;

**WHEREAS**, a Mayor is authorized to control ingress to and egress from a disaster area and control the movement of persons and occupancy of premises on an appropriate local scale in accordance with Section 418.108(g) of the Texas Government Code and his authority as Emergency Management Director;

**WHEREAS**, it is in the intent of this Executive Order to remain as consistent with and to

harmonize, to the extent possible, the executive orders of Governor Abbott and the current declaration of the Mayor of the City of Pearsall (as extended or modified) ; and

**WHEREAS**, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Pearsall and as the Emergency Management Director for the City of Pearsall to continue to protect the health and safety of the community and address developing and rapidly changing circumstances when presented by the current public health emergency, I hereby rescind my previous Executive Orders and any Supplemental Executive Orders and issue this revised Executive Order in their place.

**PURSUANT TO THE DISASTER ACT OF 1975, MAYOR MARY MOORE HEREBY ISSUES THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 (“**Effective Date**”), and continuing through 11:59 p.m on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 unless extended, modified or terminated early by City of Pearsall Mayor Mary Moore or as otherwise indicated below:

- I. **Public Health Emergency.** That this Executive Order shall continue the local disaster declaration and public health emergency for City of Pearsall for the period specified in this Executive Order and shall incorporate and adopt the most recent executive orders GA-27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and all addendums issued by Governor Greg Abbott, and any subsequent orders by the Governor relating to the expanded opening of Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster.
- II. **Face Coverings – General Public.** That all people 10 years or older shall wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when in a public space where it is difficult to keep six feet away from other people or working in areas that involve close proximity with other coworkers. The CDC advises face coverings for people 2 years or older. Face coverings may include homemade masks, scarfs, bandanas, or a handkerchief. City of Pearsall residents should continue to maintain social distancing of at least six feet while outside their home. City of Pearsall employees are also required to wear face coverings under the same circumstances as the general public.

**IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU NOT OBTAIN OR WEAR MEDICAL MASKS OR N-95 RESPIRATORS AS THEY ARE A NEEDED RESOURCE FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS.**

Our healthcare workers and first responders on the front-line combating COVID-19 must have priority access to medical masks or other personal protective equipment. Face coverings do not need to be worn in the following circumstances:

- When exercising outside or engaging in physical activity outside
- While driving alone or with passengers who are part of the same household as the driver
- When doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety, or security risk
- While pumping gas or operating outdoor equipment
- While in a building or activity that requires security surveillance or screening, for example, banks
- When consuming food or drink

Please note that face coverings are a secondary strategy to other mitigation efforts. Face coverings are not a replacement for social distancing, frequent handwashing, and self-isolation when sick. All people should follow CDC recommendations for how to wear and take off a mask. Residents should keep up the following habits while in public:

- washing hands before you leave home and when you return,

- staying at least six feet away from others,
- avoiding touching nose or face,
- not using disposable masks more than three times, and
- washing reusable cloth masks regularly to prevent the spread of the virus.

Consistent with Executive Order GA-26 issued by Governor Greg Abbott, no civil or criminal penalty will be imposed on individuals for failure to wear a face covering.

III. **City of Pearsall Facilities.** That the City of Pearsall facilities shall have limited points of access, subject to modification as deemed necessary by the City Manager, and that all other city-owned or leased buildings will have policies and restrictions which are consistent with CDC guidelines in an effort to control the spread of COVID-19. Any individual who refuses to comply with these policies will be asked to leave. Citizens are encouraged to call the department or office you are attempting to visit prior to visiting a city-owned or leased facility.

IV. **City of Pearsall Essential Business.** That residents of Pearsall conduct essential Pearsall business online or via regular mail to avoid visiting any Pearsall facilities unless absolutely necessary.

V. **Large Gatherings Prohibited.** All large gatherings or events estimated to be in excess of 10 people outdoors are prohibited. Exceptions for this prohibition are listed below (1) through (15).

1. Any services listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce
2. Religious services
3. Local government operations
4. Child-care services
5. Youth camps
6. Recreational sports programs for youths and adults
7. Any public or private schools, and any public or private institutions of higher education, not already covered above
8. Drive-in concerts, movies, or similar events, under guidelines that facilitate appropriate social distancing, that generally require spectators to remain in their vehicles, and that minimize in-person contact between people who are not in the same household or vehicle
9. Professional, collegiate, or similar sporting events
10. Swimming pools
11. Water parks
12. Museums and libraries
13. Zoos, aquariums, natural caverns, and similar facilities
14. Rodeos and equestrian events
15. Amusement parks

Occupancy limitations as set out by Executive Order GA-28 and GA-30 apply.

VI. **Household Social Gatherings.** Household Social Gatherings, including family gatherings, shall not include more than 10 persons.

VII. **Restaurants.** For dine-in services by restaurants that have less than 51 percent of their gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages, and who customers eat or drink only while seated, may operate at up to 75 percent of the total listed occupancy of the restaurant.

VIII. **Bars.** People shall not visit bars or similar establishments that hold a permit from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) and are not restaurants as defined above in paragraph number 7; provided, however, that the use by such bars or similar establishments of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options for food and drinks is allowed to the extent authorized by TABC.


IX. **Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions.** A landlord, owner of residential property, or other person with legal right to pursue eviction or possessory action shall comply with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Order for Temporary Halt in Residential Evictions to Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19, published in the Federal Register on September 4, 2020 “CDC Order” for those Covered persons within the CDC Order. Pursuant to the CDC’s Order, failure to comply may result in a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation.

X. **Severability.** The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Executive Order are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Executive Order should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court or competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections that can be given effect without the invalid provisions, and to this end, the provisions of this Executive Order are severable.

XI. **Interpretation and Additional Terms.** To the greatest extent possible, this Executive Order shall be interpreted as consistent with and supplemental to any executive order issued by the Texas Governor. All provisions of the executive order of the Texas jurisdictions by law shall be automatically incorporated into and constitute terms of this Executive Order, enforceable as if set forth herein without necessity for the issuance of any further orders.

XII. **Enforcement.** Excepting Section III of this Executive Order and in accordance with the limitations contained in the executive orders of Governor Abbott, that any peace officer or other person with lawful authority is hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this Executive Order in accordance with the authority granted under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975.

ORDERED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020

  
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Mary Moore, Mayor



# **Rules and Regulations For The Pearsall Public Library During The Covid-19 Pandemic**

**The library has an obligation to protect the health and safety  
of its staff and/or Patrons**

## **NEW HOURS**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY      9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Changes to Library Procedures and Policy include the  
following:**

- **Patrons will need to call in advance to request faxing and copy services. Library staff will set an appointment time for those seeking this service. Faxing and copying services will not be rendered if appointment is not made in advance**
- **No more than ten patrons in the library at one time**
- **Patrons will be required to wear a mask while in the library. If patron does not have a suitable mask, library staff will provide one**
- **Upon entering the library, patrons will sanitize their hands with hand sanitizer provided by the library**
- **Signage has been placed in and around the library for social distancing and we ask patrons to respect these distance requirements**
- **Patrons will be limited to one hour on public computers which are furnished by the library**
- **All returned books will be quarantined for 72 hours**
- **No public programs**
- **Browsing shelves is prohibited**

- **No loitering will be allowed in and around the library premises. We also ask patrons to limit social interactions with others in the library**
- **Only one family member is to accompany children that will be utilizing/using the computers**
- **Cleaning and Disinfecting is mandatory after each patron leaves (computers, remove & replace Keyboard covers, doors, chairs, etc.) for everyone's safety**

**\*\*Patrons who do not abide by these rules will be asked to leave the premises.**

**For appointments call the  
Pearsall Public Library (830) 334-2496**

**Thank you and please, stay Safe!**

## **Health/Safety Protocol for City Parks During COVID -19**

### **General Protocols:**

**Face Coverings** – All people 10 years and older and Park Staff shall wear a cloth face covering over their nose and mouth throughout their time at our city parks. The CDC advises face coverings for people 2 years and older.

**Large Gatherings Prohibited** – People shall not be in groups larger than 10 and shall maintain six feet of social distancing from those not in their group. All large gatherings or events estimated to be in excess of 10 people outdoors are prohibited.

### **Social Distancing Protocols:**

**Control Daily Park Capacity** – We will be controlling the maximum daily attendance at each of our parks to maximize the space available for each park user.

**Practice Social Distancing** – Staying at least six (6) feet away from each other.

### **Sanitization and Disinfection Protocols:**

**Introduce Cleaning and Disinfecting Common Areas** – We will significantly increase our efforts to sanitize and disinfect all high touch points, such as picnic tables, benches, playground equipment, and cans, etc.

**Frequently Monitor and Sanitize Restroom Areas** – Park employees will disinfect all high touch points areas within the restrooms on a regular basis.

**Frequently Sanitize and Disinfect Playground Equipment Areas** – Park employees will spray down all equipment daily to give the park users a safe and sanitary experience.

**Provide Park Staff with Personal Protective Gear** – All park employees will be provided with face coverings, gloves and safety glasses to use during their shift.

### **Display Social Distancing & Hygiene Signage Protocol:**

**Signage** – Reminding park users to practice social distancing and good hand hygiene will be displayed conspicuously throughout the city parks.

## **Health/Safety Protocol for the Sports Complex**

Participants, Parents, family and spectators engaging in activities at the Victor Trevino Sports Complex do so with knowledge of the risk and potential exposure involved and agree to accept all inherent risks to their personal health.

### **General**

- Social distancing must always be practiced while on the premises of the Victor Trevino Sports Complex and off-site fields.
- Masks are always recommended to be worn by all individuals.
- Hand Sanitizer stations will be provided near the concession stand and restrooms at the Victor Trevino Sports Complex. It is suggested that all individuals also bring their own hand sanitizer for individual use. Off-site fields may or may not be equipped with hand sanitizer stations.
- Individuals should complete self-conducted wellness checks daily. Individuals experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should seek medical attention immediately, and not attend recreational activities at the sports complex.

### **Pre-Game & Game Play**

- Players/coaches/umpires are always recommended to wear a mask except when inside the field of play.
- Teams must wait by the closest field gate until the previous teams exits the dugout, before entering.
- Players must provide their own equipment and water bottle. These items may not be shared. Equipment and water bottles must remain in players bag when not in use.
- The use of sunflower seeds or spitting of any sorts is not permitted.
- Group celebration (high fives, handshakes, fist bumps, team huddles) are not permitted. End of game handshake are not permitted.
- Homeplate meeting will be conducted with umpires, only one 1 coach from each team, all must practice social distancing.
- Mound huddles are prohibited. Mound meeting is restricted to pitcher, catcher and one coach. Social distancing must be practiced.
- Teams should exit the field in a timely fashion at the completion of the game and hold post-game meeting in a safe area while practicing social distancing.
- Awards will be given to the head coach for distribution.
- The home plate umpire will be social distance behind the catcher.
- Foul balls should be returned to the dugout to be sanitized before returning to the field of play.
- Tournament director will provide adjusted game times if necessary.

### **Spectators**

- Spectators shall not be groups of larger than 10 and shall maintain a six feet social distancing from those not in their group. Within these groups, individuals should, to the extent possible, minimize in-person contact with others not in the individual's household. Minimizing in-person contact includes maintaining 6 feet of separation from individuals. When 6 feet of separation is not feasible, other methods should be utilized to slow the spread of COVID-19, such as wearing a face covering or mask, washing or sanitizing hand frequently.
- Spectators are recommended to bring their own chairs.



### **Concession**

- All water fountains will be disabled, please ensure you supply your own water container.
- Clean and disinfect the area used for eating (tables, etc.) after each group of customers departs, including countertops.
- Provide condiments or flatware only in single use individually wrapped items and provide condiments only upon request or in reusable containers that are cleaned and disinfected after each use.
- Disinfect any items that may have encounter customers.
- Have staff sanitize or wash hands between interactions with customers.