

CITY OF SEGUIN

COVID-19 Update to City Council

March 24, 2020



It's real.

Special Emergency Meeting

Ordinance on emergency declaring a city-wide health emergency in response to the novel COVID-19 pandemic; establishing rules for the protection of citizens and visitors; establishing penalties for violation of these rules; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date

COVID 19 Case Update 3/23

	Global	United States	Texas on March 16 th	Texas on March 24 th
Confirmed Cases	329,935	32,717	57	715
Deaths	14,386	409	0	11

4 cases in Guadalupe County: Cibolo- March 20th and Schertz- March 22nd 2 cases in the unincorporated areas of Seguin

No Cases Reported in Seguin

Efforts To Date:

- **Executive Team established to develop core policy issues**
 - Assistant City Manager
 - Public Information Officer
 - Human Resources
 - City Attorney
 - Public Safety

- **Daily conference call with Texas Dept. of State Health Services**

- **Director's Team creating measures to protect employees and citizens including:**
 - Social Distancing
 - Work from Home Potential
 - Staggered shifts
 - Increased disinfection practices in work areas
 - Use of Technology for remote meetings

Key Department Changes:

- **All Lobbies closed to General Public including Development Services, Utility Billing, Visitor's Center and Municipal Courts**
- **Library Closed but providing drive-thru services**
- **Seguin Events Complex closed**
- **Animal Services- Pet adoptions and reclaims by appointment only**
- **All Non-essential boards and commission meetings cancelled**
- **City events cancelled or postponed until a later date**

Key Department Changes:

- **Working with Utility Customers to set up payment plans for utilities**
- **Waived credit card and processing fees in order to encourage citizens to pay on-line**
- **Disconnect and late fees for non-payment of utility accounts suspended**
- **Developed work from home policy for staff that are eligible**
- **Created flex schedules to minimize the number of staff that are in the office at one-time or who have child care issues**

Key Department Changes:

- **Splash Pad at Park West is closed**
- **All City Parks closed Easter weekend; Starcke Golf course closed Easter Sunday**
- **Parks and Recreation will open employee daycare on March 26th**
- **Emergency protocols in place for police and fire**
- **Core services are still being provided throughout the City**

Timeline of events:

- **March 17th- Seguin Mayor signs State of Local Disaster**
 - **Allows the City to request financial aid and assistance**
 - **Allows the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus**

- **March 20th- Governor Abbott signs Executive Order**
 - **Bans gatherings of 10 or more**
 - **Dining in restaurants**
 - **Closing of gyms, bars, massage parlors**

Timeline of events:

- **March 23rd- Mayor Signs 2nd Disaster Declaration to include the following:**
 - bars, wineries, breweries;
 - restaurant dining rooms (take-out and delivery will remain permitted);
 - gyms, health clubs, fitness clubs, yoga studios;
 - movie theaters;
 - bowling alleys;
 - game rooms and other indoor amusement facilities;
 - private clubs;
 - nail salons, hair salons, barber shops, beauty salons and hair removal services;
 - spas and massage parlors;
 - tattoo and piercing shops, and;
 - other social gatherings, including churches, whether indoor or outdoor, where 10 or more persons congregate and where the business is not providing an essential service.

Helping our Business Community

- **Seguin EDC and Main Street working together to get information out to help support local businesses affected by this pandemic**
 - **Small Business Association Emergency Disaster Loan Programs**
 - **Small Business Resources Links and Updates**
 - **Remote Working Tools**
 - **Local Business Promotions**
 - **Take Out Curbside Businesses**

*** Resources found at seguedc.com/coronavirus-updates**

COVID-19 Information page:

<http://bit.ly/SeguinCOVID-19info>

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