

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER  
CITY OF SEGUIN, TEXAS**

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019 a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and in some cases death; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, a Declaration of State of Disaster was issued by Governor Abbott to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 for the protection of the health and safety of Texans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Seguin has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to respond quickly, prevent and alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected with the virus, as well as those that could potentially be infected or impacted by COVID-19, and to protect or rehabilitate property; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Communicable Disease recommend that persons engage in social distancing, including avoiding community gatherings and events that will likely have 10 or more people in attendance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Seguin's Emergency Management Plan should be activated.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF SEGUIN, TEXAS:**

**Section One:** That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Seguin, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

**Section Two:** Pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, this declaration of local disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council.

**Section Three:** Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of local disaster shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary and shall be given prompt and general publicity.

**Section Four:** Pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of local disaster activated the City of Seguin's emergency management plan.

**Section Five:** Pursuant to section 122.006 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, this declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress disease, including quarantine, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City, and fining those who do not comply with the City's rules.

**Section Six:** Effective as of midnight on the day this Declaration is entered, and continuing for no more than thirty (30) days thereafter, unless modified or terminated by the Mayor or City Council, the Mayor of the City of Seguin determines that it is in the public interest to restrict all public facilities to groups of 50 persons or more, including public parks and spaces; and in addition strongly recommend that other public or private Community Gatherings (as defined below) anywhere within the City of Seguin be limited as described:

a. For purposes of this Declaration, a "Community Gathering" is any indoor or outdoor event or convening subject to the exceptions and clarifications below, that brings together or is likely to bring together fifty (50) or more persons at the same time in a single room or other single confined or enclosed space, such as an auditorium, theatre, stadium (indoor or outdoor), arena or event center, meeting hall, conference center, or any other confined indoor or confined outdoor space.

b. An outdoor "Community Gathering" under this Order is limited to events in confined outdoor spaces, which means an outdoor space that (i) is enclosed by a fence, physical barrier, or other structure and (ii) where people are present and they are within arm's length of one another for extended periods.

c. This Declaration also does not prohibit gatherings of people in multiple, separate enclosed spaces including separate cubicles) in a single building such as a multiplex movie theater, school classrooms, or different floors of a multi-level building.

d. For purposes of clarity, a "Community Gathering" does not include spaces where 50 or more persons may be in transit on buses, trains or airplanes; or waiting for transit, such as airports, bus stops or terminals. In addition, "Community Gathering" does not include the following spaces where 50 or more persons may congregate:

- (i) office space or residential buildings;
- (ii) grocery stores, shopping malls, or other retail establishments where large numbers of people may be present, but it is unusual for them to be within arm's length of one another for extended periods;
- (iii) hospitals and medical offices and facilities;
- (iv) schools;
- (v) churches; and
- (vi) institutes of higher learning;

That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.



**It's real.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Keil". Below the signature, the name "Don Keil, Mayor" is printed in a black sans-serif font.

Don Keil, Mayor