

# **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 <sup>th</sup>	Texas on March 24 <sup>th</sup>
Confirmed Cases	329,935	32,717	57	715
Deaths	14,386	409	0	11

4 cases in Guadalupe County: Cibolo- March 20<sup>th</sup> and Schertz- March 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>- 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 20<sup>th</sup>- Governor Abbott signs Executive Order**
  - **Bans gatherings of 10 or more**
  - **Dining in restaurants**
  - **Closing of gyms, bars, massage parlors**



## Timeline of events:

- **March 23<sup>rd</sup>- Mayor Signs 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 [seguinedc.com/coronavirus-updates](https://seguinedc.com/coronavirus-updates)**

COVID-19 Information page:

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

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