



## The City of Columbus

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Thursday March 19, 2020

To whom it may concern;

Texas Governor Abbott has signed an executive order under Chapter 418 banning gatherings of 10 or more people, closing on premise dining at restaurants (deliveries, curbside, and drive-thru are still available and recommended), closing gyms, and bars. School closures are included in this Executive order. The City and County have declared matching Declarations of Emergency for the COVID 19 virus

These restrictions begin at 11:59 pm on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> and continue thru April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

This order may be amended and/or extended depending on how this pandemic progresses. We are trying to slow the curve of the amount of people infected to protect the entire community and its healthcare systems.

We empathize with you, your businesses, employees, and family the difficulty this may place on you. This is a public health disaster we are attempting to minimize. The State of Texas has also ordered this a Public Health Disaster. The last time a Public Health Disaster was issued was in 1901. We, the City are trying to look out for the health and well being of our entire community and hope you will honor the directives set forth.

This letter is notification from the City of Columbus that we will be enforcing these guidelines. Violation does include fines of up to \$1,000 per day and up to 180 days of jail time.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori An Gobert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lori An Gobert, Mayor