

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and,

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. In some cases, the virus has caused death; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas has declared a state of disaster for the State of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA 08, mandating the avoidance of social gathering in groups of more than 10 people, the avoidance of eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors, the avoidance of visiting nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance, and closing schools throughout the State of Texas for a period of time; and,

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Sanger, Texas, including the quarantine of individuals, groups of individuals, and property as well as compelling individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SANGER, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS AND UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 418.108, I, THOMAS MUIR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SANGER, TEXAS, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

SECTION 1. A local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of Sanger, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code and the following is hereby ordered:

- A. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and CDC, every person in the City of Sanger shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
- B. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors, provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of the declaration.
- C. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.

This declaration does not prohibit people from visiting a variety of places, including grocery stores, gas stations, parks, and banks, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. This declaration does not mandate sheltering in place. All critical

infrastructure will remain operational, domestic travel will remain unrestricted, and the City of Sanger and businesses will continue providing essential services. For offices and workplaces that remain open, employees should practice good hygiene and, where feasible, work from home in order to achieve optimum isolation from COVID-19. The more that people reduce their public contact, the sooner COVID-19 will be contained.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster for public health emergency 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 of Sanger, Texas.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Sanger emergency management plan.

SECTION 5. POSTING OF THESE REGULATIONS. The owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by these regulations shall post a copy of these regulations onsite and visible to users of the facility and provide a copy to any user of the facility asking for a copy.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of these regulations or any application of them to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of these regulations.

SECTION 7. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.



DECLARED this 20th day of March, 2020:

Thomas E. Muir

Thomas Muir, Mayor
City of Sanger, Texas

Filed with me, the City Secretary of the City of
Sanger, Texas on this the 20th day of March, 2020:

Cheryl Price

Cheryl Price, City Secretary