

MAYOR'S EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
EMERGENCY ORDER TO STAY HOME, PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH

An order from the Mayor of the City of Leavenworth, WA, mandating that Leavenworth city residents, business owners, and others who work and recreate in the City of Leavenworth stay home and limit their interactions with others in order to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Whereas, we know the COVID-19 virus continues to spread exponentially each day in our state and nation; and

Whereas, national, state, and county health officials all agree that social distancing, including the extreme measure of "sheltering in place", is the surest way to inhibit the spread of the virus and reduce deaths; and

Whereas, our own Governor Jay Inslee, while not ordering residents to "shelter in place", has implored this state's residents to do so, whenever and wherever it can possibly be done, without interrupting essential services; and

Whereas, the City of Leavenworth Emergency Proclamation was issued on March 19, 2020; and

Whereas, our own Leavenworth residents and businesses have displayed tremendous cooperation and willingness to sacrifice during this unprecedented crisis; and

Whereas, "sheltering in place", while requiring additional sacrifice and economic hardships in the short run as non-essential businesses close down and workers are sent home, is the surest way to interrupt the spread of this virus; and

Whereas, such closings are the surest way to reduce traffic into our city by those who are not taking seriously the call to stay home and limit all but necessary travel; and

Whereas, Article XI, Section 11 of the Washington State Constitution grants cities, like the City of Leavenworth, broad police powers to "make and enforce within its limits all such local police, sanitary and other regulations as are not in conflict with the general laws"; therefore

I, Mayor Carl J. Florea, declare and do urge and call upon the businesses and residents of the City of Leavenworth to stay at home and "shelter in place," effective 5:00 PM on Monday, March 23, 2020, and until further notice:

- A. Stay home, except for certain essential activities and work necessary to provide essential business activity and government services, or perform essential public infrastructure construction. Homeless individuals are not subject to this order.**
- B. Essential activities include, but are not limited to, the following:**

- a. Errands to maintain health and safety, such as obtaining medicine or seeing a doctor.
- b. Acquiring necessary services or supplies for you, your family, or household members, such as getting food and supplies, pet food and supplies necessary for staying home. This can include curbside pickup, delivery, take out or drive-thru food and beverage services. Please only purchase items you immediately need and do not stockpile.
- c. Engaging in outdoor activity, such as walking, hiking, or running, provided you keep at least 6 feet of distance between others.
- d. Caring for a family member in another household.
- e. Caring for elderly, minors, dependents, people with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.

Essential business and government services include, but are not limited to, the following:

- f. Health care operations, including all training and educational programs and home health workers.
- g. Essential infrastructure, including construction of housing (residential and mixed-use), industrial and commercial projects currently underway, and operation of public transportation and utilities.
- h. Businesses that supply products or services necessary to both maintain the functionality and/or safety of equipment, facilities, utilities, healthcare, national defense, all modes of transportation, and critical supply chains used in other essential businesses.
- i. Grocery stores, farmers markets, food banks, convenience stores.
- j. Food and beverage providers offering curbside pick-up, delivery, take out, or drive-thru services.
- k. Businesses that provide necessities of life for economically disadvantaged individuals and shelter facilities.
- l. Pharmacies, health care supply stores, and health care facilities.
- m. Gas stations and auto repair facilities.
- n. Banks.
- o. Garbage collection.
- p. Hardware stores, plumbers, electricians, and other service providers necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences and other essential businesses.

- q. Educational institutions, for the purposes of facilitating distance learning.
- r. Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, and goods directly to residences.
- s. Childcare facilities providing services that enable essential employees to go to work.
- t. Roles required for any essential business to "maintain basic operations," which include security, payroll, and similar activities.

See the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's comprehensive list of Critical Infrastructure Sectors.

C. Follow the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention when conducting essential activities and services allowed under B, above.

These recommendations include the following: (i) maintain at least 6 feet from other individuals, wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or use hand sanitizer, cover coughs or sneezes, and do not shake hands; and (ii) perform routine environmental cleaning.

Employers in Leavenworth that do not provide essential business or government services should take all steps necessary for employees to work remotely from home to the extent possible.

The City of Leavenworth shall lead by example, shutting down all but the essential services needed for the health and safety of this community, and requiring that all non-essential personnel stay home; and

I direct that all City Parks shall be closed and remain closed until further notice; and

This emergency declaration shall take force beginning on this Monday, March 23, 2020, at 5:00 PM, and shall continue in force until health officials notify City Officials that the threat we face, from this virus in the immediate term, has been reduced to the point that such extreme steps are no longer deemed necessary.

DATED this 23rd day of March, 2020.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LEAVENWORTH



Mayor Carl J. Florea