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City of Claremore Announces Stay at Home Order in Response to COVID-19

CLAREMORE, Okla. – In light of the anticipated rapid spread of COVID-19 cases in Oklahoma, the City of Claremore is issuing a Stay at Home order for all residents, regardless of age. It prohibits all public events, private events and social gatherings outside of a family or living unit. The order begins April 6, 2020 at 8 a.m. and extends through April 30, 2020.

“City, state and national health officials have warned that the spread of COVID-19 is likely to peak over the next few weeks,” said Jim Thomas, Claremore City Manager. “We are taking additional proactive measures to keep Claremore citizens safe.”

Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Sean Douglas amended the prior order to reflect a complete prohibition on events and social gatherings rather than the previous 10-person maximum. The City of Claremore is following the State of Oklahoma’s Order as it relates to essential and non-essential business closures. Essential businesses, as outlined by the State of Oklahoma, remain open. Essential workers and businesses do not need documentation, nor does anyone needing to make essential trips to these businesses.

Under the Claremore Stay at Home Order, residents can:

- Go to the grocery, convenience or warehouse store. Residents and businesses are asked to follow social distancing guidelines.
- Go to the pharmacy to pick up medications and other healthcare necessities.
- Go to medical appointments (check with your doctor or provider first).
- Go to a restaurant for take-out, delivery or drive-thru.
- Take a walk, ride your bike, hike, jog and be in nature for exercise — just keep at least six feet between you and others in the community.
- Walk your pets and take them to the veterinarian, if necessary.
- Care or support for a friend or family member and help them get necessary supplies.
- Work under the essential guidelines provided by the State of Oklahoma.

- Residents can continue working from home in a job defined by the state as non-essential, but business must be conducted virtually.

“Businesses should comply with physical distancing requirements for both employees and the general public, and require employees to conduct work remotely where feasible,” said Douglas. “We also recommend everyone wear non-medical fabric face masks while in public.”

Currently, Rogers County has 13 confirmed cases. Claremore joins, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Owasso, Jenks, Norman, and various other cities of similar size in implementing stay at home orders. Test results are updated daily at www.ok.gov/health. For the most up-to-date news, information and business resources in Claremore, visit www.claremorecity.com/COVID.

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