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# News Release

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## Mayor revises disaster declaration to include eateries

MURPHY (March 19, 2020) Last evening, Murphy Mayor Scott Bradley signed a revision to a declaration of a local state of disaster, implementing the immediate suspension of dine-in restaurant service for a specific period of time, joining other community leaders in taking proactive steps in an effort to stem the spread of COVID-19.

In the revision, entered into the record yesterday evening, the Mayor added a clause to the initially-issued directive which prohibits any and all dine-in services at restaurants, bars, and other eating locations. The directive takes effect today and will remain in effect until 6 p.m., March 24.

Carryout, drive-through, and delivery of meals from these establishments are not prohibited and are not covered by the amendment to the declaration.

On March 24, the City Council will meet in a Special Meeting and will consider extending the Mayor's prohibition. Should the Council decide on March 24 to extend the closures, City officials will remain vigilantly attuned to conditions, and may issue further directives, including a modification that either rescinds, keeps in place, or extends the closures.

"This decision has weighed extremely heavily on me," said the Mayor. "It is not something I take lightly, since the economic repercussions on many people and their families is at stake. However, stopping or slowing the spread of this illness is paramount. We will get through this together, but we may have some rough patches ahead."

Officials are continuing to encourage residents to implement the protocols that have been proffered by health officials on the local, state and national levels.

These include constant washing of hands, limiting the touching of faces, coughing into elbows, remaining at home unless absolutely necessary, and staying away from work should any symptoms be present. Symptoms include fever, a dry cough, fatigue, and shortness of breath.

City Council meetings are live-streamed and can be accessed at [www.murphytx.org](http://www.murphytx.org). In further efforts to protect the public and City employees, City Hall visits are by appointment only. City Hall can be reached at (972) 468-4000.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 20,010, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.