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Dear Valued Chamber Members:

Many of you may be wondering what the coming *Shelter in Place* order means for your business. The following communication from Main Street Director, Lauren Bedsole provides some helpful explanations of the order and who it will directly affect. I hope you find this useful.

As many of you will know, last night the City of Corsicana passed a shelter-in-place order that will take effect tomorrow at 11.59 pm.

During this period, everyone who does not work to provide essential services is required to stay home as much as possible in order to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus. This order does not prevent access to food or medical care, but there must be no public gatherings of any size during this period and it is strongly recommended to maintain social distance of six feet in all public spaces.

What does this mean for my businesses?

Non-essential businesses must close during this period in order to slow the potential spread of COVID-19. This includes all types of businesses that were previously closed for public-health reasons, as well as virtually all retail shops.

Businesses that may remain open include grocery stores, restaurants that restrict their services to curbside and delivery, medical offices, pharmacies and other businesses that provide critical services or infrastructure. If you have questions about whether your business must temporarily close, please reply to this email or contact the Office of Emergency Management on 903.875.3315.

What does this mean for me & my family?

It is possible to go outside, for example to walk pets and jog on the park trails, as long as you do not congregate in groups. Please maintain social distance of six feet.

It is possible to buy items at grocery stores.

It is possible to seek medical care, although it is recommended to call your provider's office prior to arrival in order to learn whether any additional protective measures are in place. Additionally, anyone in Navarro County who is concerned that they may be suffering from the coronavirus or have come into contact with a COVID-19 patient should call 903.872.3627.

School and college classes will not resume in person until this order has been lifted, and houses of worship are requested to livestream their services.

You will also be able to access banks and other financial institutions, but please check their websites or call ahead in order to find out if they have taken additional safety measures or changed their access points. Electronic transactions are encouraged whenever possible.

Thank you for everything you have done and are doing to help keep our community as safe as possible during this challenging time.

The Chamber will be operating virtually, with all employees working from their homes beginning this afternoon and throughout the duration of the order. Please don't hesitate to call us (903.874.4731) or email Joanna (jfritz@corsicana.org), Colleen (ccox@corsicana.org) or Kim (kgordon@corsicana.org) with any questions or concerns you may have. Stay healthy and safe. Together we will emerge from this a stronger community.

All the best,



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