



Proclamation

City of Show Low Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International concern on January 30, 2020; the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak on January 31, 2020; the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and the Governor of Arizona declared an emergency due to COVID-19 and issued Executive Order 2020-07 providing proactive measures to protect against COVID-19; and on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States, Donald Trump, declared a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak; and

WHEREAS, after several months of orders by Governor Ducey to “Stay Home, Stay Healthy and Stay Connected,” Governor Ducey issued Executive Order 2020-36 outlining requirements for businesses to assist in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 as they reopened and mandated that businesses adopt policies consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS); and

WHEREAS, in the last several weeks there has been an increase in diagnosed cases of COVID-19 in Arizona and in Navajo County and an increase in hospitalizations in Arizona and locally at Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, in Executive Order 2020-40 Governor Ducey ordered businesses to assist in efforts to “Contain the Spread” by updating and enforcing written policies in accordance with Executive Order 2020-36, “Stay Healthy, Return Smarter, Return Stronger,” that adopts guidance from the CDC, Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration and ADHS to limit and mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious public health threat for infectious disease spread to City of Show Low residents and visitors if proper precautions recommended by public health are not followed; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure the spread of COVID-19 is controlled and that the residents of the City of Show Low remain safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Show Low is authorized by the Show Low City Code § 2-2-4 (f), Powers and Duties of the Mayor, and by A.R.S. § 26-311, to declare an emergency; and

WHEREAS, during the emergency, the Mayor shall govern by proclamation and have the authority to preserve the peace and order of the City of Show Low.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daryl Seymore, Mayor of the City of Show Low, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, the Show Low City Code, and by motion of the City Council of Show Low authorizing this proclamation, I do hereby proclaim that the COVID-19 outbreak presents conditions in the City of Show Low which may be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Show Low, and thus justifies a declaration of emergency; accordingly, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-311 and Show Low City Code § 2-2-4 (f), I do hereby:

1. Determine and deem that an emergency exists due to the COVID-19 pandemic which presents conditions which could be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Show Low; and
2. All businesses shall follow the requirements as outlined by the Executive Orders of the Governor for the opening of businesses, including restaurants and bars as outlined in Executive Order 2020-40 and any subsequent orders. All businesses are asked to follow the requirements of public health officials, to limit large gatherings on their premises, and mitigate the potential for transmission by sanitizing their place of business. Businesses are encouraged to promote the use of pick-up services and drive-through services. Businesses shall require social distancing or the wearing of face coverings if social distancing cannot be maintained as indicated in the Executive Order. In addition, restaurants and bars shall require employees to wear face coverings when interacting with the public as required by the Executive Order.
3. City staff is authorized to use additional resources to disseminate the information in the Governor's orders and educate businesses on the appropriate requirements and measures to be taken to follow these orders.
4. Nothing herein shall require the wearing of face coverings by the following persons or in the following circumstances:
 - (a) Those who cannot wear a face covering due to a medical or mental health condition or developmental disability.
 - (b) Children under 6 years of age.
 - (c) Restaurant patrons while dining.
 - (d) When complying with directions of law enforcement officers.
 - (e) In settings where it is not practical or feasible to wear a face covering, including when obtaining or rendering goods or services, such as the receipt of dental services or while swimming.
 - (f) Anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

This proclamation shall take effect July 1, 2020 and remain in full force and effect until amended or terminated by further order of the Mayor or City Council.

Dated this 1st day of July, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Show Low.

Daryl Seymore, Mayor