

STAY HOME. | SAVE LIVES.

A DIRECTIVE FROM THE MAYOR

THE CITY OF FARGO

[COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY]

On March 16, 2020, I declared a state of emergency in the City of Fargo as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum had already declared a statewide state of emergency on March 13, 2020 and since that time, Governor Burgum has issued a number of executive orders that include:

- Closure of restaurants, bars, breweries, cafes and similar on-site dining establishments to on-sale/on-site patrons;
- Closure of recreational facilities, health clubs, athletic facilities and theaters, including movie theater and music or entertainment venues;
- Closure of all licensed cosmetologists, including estheticians and manicurists, and all salons operated by licensed cosmetologists, including esthetician and manicurist salons or services and licensed barbers;
- Closure of all elective personal care services provided in: a) tattoo and body art facilities, to include individuals providing tattoo and body art services; b) tanning facilities and c) massage facilities and individual massage therapists; and,

The City of Fargo appreciates the sacrifice these businesses, employees and other workers are making in order to stem the tide of COVID-19 cases, the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths resulting continue to rise in the world, the nation and the state, including the City of Fargo. Each one of us—each resident, each adult, each child, each family, each business and each store—must do more. As a community, we must all do our part to greatly reduce the spread of this deadly COVID-19 disease and, therefore, I am issuing this directive to every person, family, business and store in the City to adopt appropriate measures accordingly;

NOW, THEREFORE, I HEREBY STRONGLY APPEAL TO THE GOOD JUDGMENT AND COMMON SENSE OF THE CITIZENS OF FARGO TO COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIVES:

1. All residents, families, businesses and property owners are reminded of Governor's urgent request to "Stay Home, Stay Healthy and Stay Connected".
2. Residents of the City of Fargo are directed to use appropriate social distancing practices endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), including the following:
 - a) No more than 10 individuals in any room.
 - b) Keep distance between persons of at least six feet.
 - c) Any close contact should not exceed 15 minutes.
 - d) Clean and disinfect surfaces regularly.

- e) Residents are strongly advised to incorporate the CDC guidance of wearing protective face masks whenever leaving their homes to protect themselves and others from community spread of the virus.

3. Businesses. Whenever possible, work remotely (tele-work) from home. As a business, adopt good practices for social distancing and other healthy practices such as cleaning of surfaces.

4. Retail businesses. Retail stores and other businesses that accept customer traffic into their buildings, structures or other enclosed areas are urgently encouraged and directed to incorporate the following practices:

- a) Limit Occupants. Each retail business should strongly consider establishing a limit on the number of customers to be allowed inside the store any one time and then to establish methods for monitoring entrances and exits to maintain control over those numbers so that once the revised/reduced maximum occupancy is reached, then to allow one customer in for every customer that leaves (adopt a “one out/one in” rule).
- b) Social distancing for customers and clerks. Each business should implement measures that promote good COVID-19 hygiene and appropriate social distancing of all persons within the retail store or business, including:
 - i) Cleaning/disinfecting surfaces including hard surfaces commonly used by employees and customers (i.e. door handles, conveyors at checkouts, scanners, checkout areas) and installing other devices to reduce exposure, such as installation of plexi-glass screens at checkouts.
 - ii) Encourage/instruct customers and employees to maintain social distancing (6 feet distance and short durations (15 minutes)
 - iii) Establish 6-foot distances for checkout lines (single file, use lines/marks on floors, theatre ropes, etc.)
 - iv) Create limits (or, at a minimum, encourage limits) so that only one family member comes into the store and discourage “family visits” (or other group visits) to the store in order to reduce likelihood of “community spread” of the virus.
 - v) People who come into contact with other members of the public while working (those in grocery stores, retail) are especially encouraged to wear face masks at all times while working.

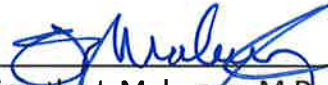
5. The City will be working in close collaboration with the Fargo Park District to encourage impactful and innovative approaches to discourage social congregation on its equipment and premises.

6. SUMMARY—TAKE ACTION. All Fargo residents, families, business and property owners are strongly encouraged to take action to STAY HOME. | SAVE LIVES. and remember:

1. This pandemic is unlike any other crisis.
2. Required: 100% activation.
3. You can be a lifesaver.
4. Save your summer.
5. We The People can end this crisis.


7. This directive shall remain in effect until the underlying state of emergency has ended.

THIS DIRECTIVE is issued this 7 day of April, 2020.



Timothy J. Mahoney, M.D.
Mayor, City of Fargo

ATTEST:



Steven Sprague, City Auditor