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## A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

April 17, 2020

### Council Update

[Town of Addison COVID-19 Update](#)



Effective at 11:59pm on Friday, April 17, [Dallas County](#) is requiring people over the age of two to wear some form of covering over their nose and mouth, such as a homemade mask, scarf, bandana or handkerchief, when patronizing an essential business or using public transportation.

The order also requires that, to the greatest extent possible, all non-medical employees who work at an essential business or perform services that are exempt under the Stay-at-Home Order wear face coverings over their noses and mouths while performing their work. An owner or operator of an essential business may refuse admission or service to any individual who fails to wear a face covering.

Dallas County has shared some [FAQs on cloth face coverings](#) , but also reminds the public that wearing a face covering is not a substitute for maintaining social distancing and hand washing.

City Manager Wes Pierson gave the City Council a brief recap of the COVID-19 timeline at its April 14 virtual Council meeting. He reminded them of the following:

- The closure of all Town facilities for public access has been extended to April 30, 2020.
- All in-person Addison Athletic Club camps and classes for April and May period have been canceled. Third-party outside exercise programs are being held at the discretion of the vendor.
- The Addison Conference and Theatre Centre (ACTC) will remain closed through Thursday, April 30, 2020.
- The May Addison After Dark Event, Boots Brews & BBQ has been canceled.
- Taste Addison has been postponed. Staff is in the process of evaluating options for this and our other major special events.
- Parks and Public Works crews are continuing their work to maintain the Town's assets.
- The Town of Addison has taken (and will continue to take) actions to prevent the spread of the virus. Everyone is encouraged to follow Social Distancing recommendations.

Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties, the audio wasn't working at the beginning of the live stream, but you can watch the [presentation recording here](#).

Below is the current progression of confirmed cases in Addison according to [Dallas County Health and Human Services](#):

March 27: 5  
March 31: 9  
April 3: 10  
April 7: 13  
April 10: 13  
April 14: 13

For more information and updates, please visit [AddisonTexas.net/covid19](http://AddisonTexas.net/covid19).

## Council Discusses Financial Impact to the Town Due to COVID-19

At the April 14 City Council Meeting, Addison's Chief Financial Officer Steven Glickman presented a range of potential financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic for the remainder of Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and for FY2021 for all Town funds. Historically, funds like the General Fund and Hotel Fund have been affected by crisis' such as 9/11 and the Great Recession, while the Town's other operating funds, like the Airport Fund and Utility Fund, have not seen significant changes.

Mr. Glickman shared that the primary concerns are sales taxes and mixed beverage taxes for the General Fund, hotel occupancy taxes for the Hotel Fund, and fuel flowage fees and rental income for the Airport. Historically, it has taken three years to see a full recovery for these revenue sources following a crisis.

Current estimates indicate that for FY2020, the General Fund will experience a revenue loss of nearly \$1.7 million. Staff has identified savings in various line items to help offset the shortfall, including postponing scheduled aesthetic upgrades at the Athletic Club that are not part of future bond projects.

Staff is forecasting a reduction in sales tax in FY2021 in the General Fund of between 10% - 16%. Any impact from property taxes is not anticipated to be realized until FY2022.

The Airport Fund is projected to see a decrease of rental income of \$509,000 in FY2020 and a 7% to 11% reduction for FY2021. Staff also estimates a decrease of fuel flowage fees of \$457,440 in FY2020, as well as a 29% to 41% decrease for FY2021. FY2020 revenue decreases are being offset by a TxDOT Land Reimbursement of \$1,310,000 as well as some salary savings.

The Hotel Fund has been the most impacted by the pandemic. Revenue from this fund comes from hotel occupancy tax, proceeds from special events, and Conference and Theatre Centre rentals. Staff is forecasting a loss of revenue of more than \$3.8 million for the fund in FY2020, \$3.1 million of which comes from the loss of hotel occupancy tax. The current calculations assume that Taste Addison will be canceled this year. The event has currently been postponed. A decision on Kaboom Town! and Oktoberfest has yet to be made.

While staff has been able to identify expenditure reductions of more than \$1 million, the revenue loss from the hotel occupancy taxes is insurmountable. This will result in a reduction in the Hotel Fund reserves.

Staff anticipates the Utility Fund to realize a decrease in water sales of just over \$350,000 in FY2020, as well as a 3% to 8% decrease in FY2021. That shortfall can be offset by water purchases/sewer treatment savings of \$45,000 and by funding a sewer line

relocation project with project savings from 2014 certificate of obligation bonds rather than using cash.

Staff informed Council that these estimates are subject to change and will be updated as new information becomes available.

You can [watch the Council's Budget discussion here](#) and [review the presentation here](#) .

## Council Appoints Trails Master Plan Committee

The City Council approved a contract to create a Trails Master Plan at its February 13 meeting . This project, which is slated to take approximately a year to complete, will include an extensive public input gathering process, including the creation of an advisory committee.

At its April 14 meeting, the Council appointed the following people to serve on the Trails Master Plan Advisory Committee. The committee includes active Addison trail users from all areas of town who are consistent walkers, runners, and cyclists, and also includes a mobility advocate and a commuter.

Al Angell  
Ruth Ann Becker  
Megan Bedera  
Brandon Bowers  
Chris Burt  
Jenn Cook  
Al Cioffi  
David F. Collins  
Jason Ennis  
Joseph Hornisher  
David Schwartz  
Charles L. Shaw  
Austen Spoons  
Tom Souers  
Gennie Stringfellow  
Robert Weeks  
Jessica Zazzara

Thank you for your willingness to help make Addison a better place to live, work, and play.

You can [watch the Council's discussion about the the Trails Master Plan Committee appointments here](#).

## City Council Postpones Special Charter Election

Dallas County Elections Department (DCED) notified the Town on March 19 that DCED would not administer the May 2, 2020 Special Charter Election. At the April 14 meeting, the Council passed a resolution officially postponing the Special Election to a date to be determined.

You can [watch the Council's discussion on postponing the election here](#) .

## Business Pulse

## COVID-19 Business Resources

Addison understands that many local businesses are being affected by the current COVID-19 pandemic. The Addison Economic Development and Tourism Department has put together web pages that list important Federal, State, and other resources, as well as temporary employment opportunities that can help our business community through this difficult time. These pages are updated regularly with new information:

- [Business Resources](#)
- [Hospitality-Specific Resources](#)

For small businesses who may be interested in Facebook advertising, we have created a [step-by-step video](#) that can help you get started.

## Please Support the Addison Restaurant Community

**180+ TAKE-OUT AND  
DELIVERY OPTIONS  
Leave the Cooking to Us!**

Our restaurants are always there when we need them. Now they need us. Please support your local businesses in Addison by ordering takeout and delivery or consider purchasing gift cards. You can find a [full list of the offers here](#) .

## Around Addison

**[Congratulations to Addison Plans Examiner Michael Doherty](#)**



Addison Plans Examiner Michael Doherty was recently recognized by [Building Safety Journal](#) as the youngest person ever to obtain their Master Code Professional (MCP) certification. MCP is the highest level of designation offered by the International Code Council and a prestigious international honor held by just over 800 people. Only 23 years old, Michael was able to complete the MCP requirements while he attended college.

Congratulations to Michael for this impressive achievement. We are proud to have you as part of the Addison team!

### Please Help Parks Crews by Practicing Social Distancing



While Addison's friendly Parks crews would usually love to connect with residents when they are working in your neighborhoods, they are doing their best to practice social distancing.

If you have Parks related questions, please e-mail us at [parksinfo@addisontx.gov](mailto:parksinfo@addisontx.gov) or send a message on [Addison's FixIT app](#) rather than approaching crew members. We want to keep you and our staff safe!

## Metrocrest Services Needs Pantry Donations



**URGENT PANTRY NEEDS IN RESPONSE TO  
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**PERISHABLE ITEMS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME.  
(ANYTHING THAT REQUIRES REFRIGERATION)**

- **CANNED FRUIT**
- **CANNED VEGETABLES**
- **CANNED CHICKEN**
- **CANNED TUNA**
- **CANNED SPAGHETTI SAUCE**
- **PASTA**
- **DRIED BEANS**
- **RICE**
- **CEREAL**
- **RAMEN NOODLES**
- **CLOROX WIPES**

**\$1 = 3 MEALS**

**MAKE A MONETARY DONATION AT:  
[METROCRESTSERVICES.ORG/IDONATE.PHP](https://www.metrocrestservices.org/idonate.php)**



**QUESTIONS? CALL (972) 446-2100**

**THANK YOU**

*Updated 4/14/2020*

Due to the huge demand for food, Metrocrest Services is asking for your help. Please consider donating items on their wish list. Donations can be delivered to the Metrocrest Services pantry at 13801 Hutton Drive in Farmers Branch. Monetary donations can also be made at [www.metrocrestservices.org/idonate.php](https://www.metrocrestservices.org/idonate.php).

## Addison Restaurants Pull Double Duty by Offering Grocery Items



Grocery shopping during the days of COVID-19 has been hit-or-miss. Some days, you can't find eggs, and other days, meat is hard to come by. Thankfully, so many Addison restaurants are continuing to feed us via [takeout and delivery](#). But some of the restaurants are going even further and selling groceries to their customers. Several restaurants sell items like eggs, meat, and fresh produce a la carte, and others sell kits that give you a variety of staples. [Get a full list](#) of where you can find restaurants pulling double duty.

### How the Addison Community Can Give Back



During a time of crisis in our community, many organizations are stepping up to help those who are impacted the most. The Town has created a list of some of those organizations on [its website](#). Together we are stronger.

If you are a resident in need of assistance, we have a list of companies who are hiring temporary workers and non-profits providing support [on the website](#).



## Current Addison Census Response Rate Lags Behind Neighboring Cities



While you are practicing social distancing at home, please take a few minutes to fill out your Census. Once you receive your invitation, you can respond by mail, telephone, or online at [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov). Addison's current [response rate is 44.8%](#), which is slightly below the Texas average rate of 45.1%, but lower than our neighbors.

Now more than ever, it is important that every person participates. The count is used to allocate important federal funding and congressional representation. For additional information, you can visit our website at [www.AddisonTexas.net](http://www.AddisonTexas.net).

### How to Stay Informed

Addison shares information with the community in a number of different ways. Here are some ways you can stay updated on the latest news:

#### Website:

- [www.addisontexas.net](http://www.addisontexas.net): Find alerts and updates on the homepage and department specific updates on department pages
- [www.addisontexas.net/covid19](http://www.addisontexas.net/covid19): Find specific COVID-19 updates and resources

#### Social Media:

- [Addison Facebook](#)
- [Visit Addison Facebook](#)
- [Addison Twitter](#)
- [Visit Addison Twitter](#)
- [NextDoor](#)

**Addison Weekly Digital Newsletter:** Emails are sent weekly, or more frequently as needed.

If you have specific questions, please contact Addison's Marketing Department at [marketing@addisontx.gov](mailto:marketing@addisontx.gov).

### Follow CDC Social Distancing Guidelines

The Town of Addison is taking action to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We would like to encourage everyone to join us. The CDC has encouraged the community to practice

social distancing, but also to follow these steps to minimize the spread of any disease:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and help young children do the same. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands).

Below are some symptoms to be aware of:

<b>CORONAVIRUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FEVER</li> <li>● COUGH</li> <li>● SHORTNESS OF BREATH</li> <li>● SYMPTOMS APPEAR 2-14 DAYS AFTER EXPOSURE</li> </ul>
<b>FLU</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FEVER</li> <li>● COUGH</li> <li>● SORE THROAT</li> <li>● HEADACHES</li> <li>● FATIGUE (TIREDNESS)</li> <li>● MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES</li> <li>● RUNNY OR STUFFY NOSE</li> </ul>
<b>ALLERGIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SNEEZING</li> <li>● ITCHY, RUNNY OR BLOCKED NOSE</li> <li>● ITCHY, RED, WATERING EYES</li> </ul>

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact Dallas County directly at 972-692-2780 (Hours: 9am - 3:30pm, Monday - Friday).

For additional resources, visit the [Town's website here](#) .

### Important Numbers and Websites

**Town Hall:**  
972-450-7000

**Non-emergency Police Dispatch:**  
972-450-7156

**Missed Trash:**  
972-392-9300 , Option 2

**Athletic Club:**  
972-450-7048

[Addison Website](#)

Sign up for [Addison Alerts](#)

[Volunteer](#)

[List of Restaurants](#)

[Addison News](#)

[Community Crime Map](#)

[Watch City Council Meetings](#)

[Addison's PEG Channel](#)  
(channel 99 for AT&T subscribers,  
channel 16 for Spectrum subscribers)

[Register your Security Alarm](#)

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