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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

April 3, 2020

Council Update

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



Dallas County issued an [amended Public Health Emergency order](#) effective March 31 that does the following:

- Added Laboratory Reporting Language: All public, private, and commercial laboratories operating within Dallas County and performing COVID-19 testing shall report by 5pm each day for the prior 24-hour period the number of COVID-19 tests performed and the number of positive COVID-19 tests.
- Added Safety Rules for Essential Retailers (Exhibit A)
- Added language clarifying that COVID-19 causes property loss or damage. This clarification helps trigger business interruption insurance.

Another Dallas County [amended Public Health Emergency](#) order went into effect on April 2. This order does the following:

- Adds [safety rules for manufacturers and distributors](#).
- Caps late fees for rent at \$15/month.
- Requires employees of essential businesses to telecommute when possible.
- Prohibits employers from requiring negative COVID-19 test of physician note before recovered employee can go back to work. This provision is to prevent placing an additional burden on healthcare systems.
- Clarifies that limits on purchases of toilet paper and other essential items do not apply to Essential Businesses and Government Offices.

At the April 3 Dallas County Commissioners Court meeting, the commissioners voted to extend the current declaration of local Public Health Emergency until **May 20**. According to [Dallas County Health and Human Services](#), there are ten cases of COVID-19 in Addison.

We encourage the community to continue to practice social distancing and follow CDC-recommended guidelines for disease prevention. You can find more COVID-19 details on the Town's website at addisontexas.net/covid19, but also on [Dallas County's website](#).

Addison Extends Town Office Closures Until April 30

In a continuing effort to stop the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, the closure of all Town of Addison facilities, including Town Hall, the Finance Department, Municipal Court, the Service Center, and the Addison TreeHouse has been extended until at least April 30. [Residents should call facilities/departments directly to conduct business.](#)

Since the Town is committed to providing continuity of government services for Addison residents, Town staff is still working to serve the community. Important emails and phone numbers are [available on the Town's website](#) to help us serve you virtually.

The Addison Athletic Club, dog parks, volleyball and recreational courts will also remain closed. The trails will remain open as long as the community practices social distancing while using them. Even though playgrounds are open, the Addison Parks and Recreation staff recommends residents refrain from using them until after the COVID-19 pandemic subsides. While staff does periodically disinfect them, it is not feasible to clean them between each child's use.

Emergency services will not be interrupted. The Addison Police, Animal Control, Fire, and Public Works Departments are fully staffed and have protocols in place to protect first responders so they can continue to serve the Addison community. Addison's Parks crews will also be out in the community maintaining Addison's green spaces and parks.

All Town events and programs have been canceled through April. You can [find a complete list of cancellations](#) on the Town's website. The Town asks residents to continue to use CDC-recommended guidelines for social distancing in public places such as trails, parks, and open spaces.

Follow addisontexas.net/covid19 or the Town's [social media channels](#) for additional announcements and updates.

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.

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

Around Addison

The Parks Department Needs Your Help with Egret and Heron Control



Hérons left to right: Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Little Blue Heron, and Black-crowned Night Heron



Egrets left to right: Cattle Egret, Snowy Egret, Great Egret

The Parks and Recreation Department is asking residents to help deter egrets and herons from forming nesting colonies (rookeries) in Addison. Urban rookeries can cause noise, odor, public health hazards, and damage to property. The Town is already aware of Herons' nests in one neighborhood and is working with U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife to proactively address and prevent further nesting.

Residents can help by following these three simple steps:

1. Egrets and Herons like dense tree canopies and nest in trees that are 20' tall or greater. They like areas with contiguous canopy where large trees have grown together. You can be a big part of the solution by heavily thinning out the interior branches of your trees so they have 75% density or less. If possible, prune trees so they do not touch other trees.
2. Familiarize yourself with what Egret and Herons native to our area look like.
3. If you think you have seen an Egret or Heron in Addison, email Matt Ansted at mansted@addisontx.gov and provide the location, a description of the bird, and a photo if possible. You can also report sightings on [Addison's FixIt app](#).

In some cases, we may be able to use hazing tactics to encourage them to leave.

Herons and egrets are protected under the Migratory Bird Act, so please do not harm them, their nests, eggs, or hatchlings.

Thank you for your help.

Join AAC Staff on Facebook Each Day at Noon and Stay Active



The Addison Athletic Club staff invites you to visit the [Addison Athletic Club Facebook page](#) where you can find ways to help stay active while you are at home. This week, staff rolled out *Active at Noon*, where they post different videos and challenges each day at noon. We look forward to connecting to you!

CWD Requests All Trash Be Bagged

COVID-19 UPDATE

HELP KEEP YOUR DRIVERS SAFE.

1 PLEASE BAG AND TIE ALL TRASH.

By doing this, you are helping to ensure you, your family, your neighbors, and your trash collectors do not come in contact with potentially contaminated items.



2 SANITIZE BULK ITEMS SET OUT FOR REMOVAL (IF POSSIBLE).

Wiping down non-porous surfaces such as metal, glass, and plastic will help minimize the potential spread of the coronavirus.



3 PLEASE SANITIZE CART HANDLES BEFORE AND AFTER SERVICE.

Doing so will help minimize the potential spread to neighboring carts. Research suggests coronavirus can live on hard, shiny surfaces for up to 72 hours.



Metrocrest Services Sees Significant Increase in Demand



Metrocrest Services has seen a 56% increase in demand at the food pantry, as many families and seniors rely on the pantry for healthy food. In addition, they have seen extended stay and lodging requests double. These payments are weekly, so as service and hospitality workers were laid off, they were immediately in crisis. With April rent due this week, they have seen a 20% increase in rental requests.

As Metrocrest Services remains open and serves the community at this time, here's how you can help.

[Make a monetary donation](#) : Metrocrest Services will use the funds to ensure the pantry remains stocked and our neighbors stay housed.

[Volunteer](#) : They are currently seeking additional volunteer support for the food pantry. If you would like to assist in the pantry, and are not in an at-risk category, please set up your profile and [sign up online here](#) .

For more information, visit their website at www.metrocrestservices.org .

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](#) .

Current Addison Census Response Rate Only 33%



April 1 was the official Census Day. According to the [Census Tracker](#) , Addison's current response rate is less than 33%. 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 .

Now more than ever, it is important that every person participates. The count is used to allocate important funding throughout the state. For additional information, you can visit our website at 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: Find alerts and updates on the homepage and department specific updates on department pages
- www.addistontexas.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.

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:

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

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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