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Attention



The River Oaks City Hall will open to the public this Friday, May 1st. Business hours will be 8am—5pm but with certain guidelines. No more than 4 patrons in the lobby at any one time, markers will be placed on the floor marking the 6-foot distancing maintaining social distancing. One person allowed inside per household.

For the safety of our residents we are still encouraging the use of the drop box out in front of our building or to pay online at our website: www.riveroakstx.com and click on payments.

The River Oaks Library and Community Center will remain closed through May 18th, but could be extended.

GOVERNOR ABBOTT'S PHASE ONE OPEN TEXAS

Beginning Friday, May 1



INDIVIDUALS ENTERING A BUSINESS

- Maintain 6' distance standing in line
- Maintain 6' distance inside
- Self screen for signs or symptoms
- Disinfect your hands before and after
- Consider wearing a face covering



RETAIL STORES

- Limited to 25% occupancy
- Contact should be minimized
- Employees may wear a face covering
- Contactless payment encouraged
- Disinfect touched surfaces



DINE IN

- Limited to 25% occupancy
- Maintain a 6' separation
- Hand sanitizing station at entry
- Six people max per table
- Minimize contact
- Contactless payment encouraged
- Use disposable menus



MOVIE THEATERS

- Limited to 25% occupancy
- Contact should be minimized
- Employees may wear cloth masks
- Contactless payment encouraged
- Disinfect touched surfaces as



OUTDOOR SPORTS

- Group size limited to 4
- Sport may not include contact with others
- Aquatics and interactive playgrounds should remain closed



GOLF COURSES

- Sanitize carts between uses
- Except for same household, one person per cart
- Maintain 6' distance on the course



WHAT'S NEXT?

www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus for detailed business guidance. Phase II may be implemented as early as May 18 depending on statewide analysis.

Once more: Does the governor's "stay home/work home" order "expire" on Friday?

No, it does not. In spite of various media headlines about the "governor's stay home order expiring on Friday (May 1)," his newest order (Executive Order GA-18) has similar stay home/work home language as previous orders:

"In accordance with guidance from DSHS Commissioner Dr. Hellerstedt, and to achieve the goals established by the President to reduce the spread of COVID-19, every person in Texas **shall**, except where necessary to provide or obtain essential services or reopened services, **minimize social gatherings and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household**. People over the age of 65, however, are strongly encouraged to stay at home as much as possible; to maintain appropriate distance from any member of the household who has been out of the residence in the previous 14 days; and, if leaving the home, to implement social distancing and to practice good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation."

(Emphasis added.) The highlighted language means that Texans should stay home/work home, unless an exception applies (e.g., accessing essential services or activities, retail-to-go, re-opened businesses, or religious services).

We will still follow established protocol when dealing with citizens during this pandemic until further notice.



COVID-19 Supplemental Nutrition Program

The new COVID-19 SNP program is a collaborative effort between Meals On Wheels of Tarrant County, United Way and Area Agency on Aging of Tarrant County, Tarrant County, Tarrant Area Food Bank, and Catholic Charities Fort Worth. This is an enormous undertaking made possible by the support and funding from the stakeholders mentioned above.

Client Eligibility – the new program focuses on food-insecure seniors residing in Tarrant County. To be considered for this program, a person must:

- Reside in Tarrant County
- Be age 60 or over
- Be the spouse of a person age 60 or over
- Be food insecure

This program is intended to serve seniors who do not have access to food during the COVID-19 crisis. This may mean that the person is following recommendations to stay at home during this crisis and is just not able to get to the grocery store. It might mean that the person normally has a family member who provides assistance and that care provider is either staying at home or is temporarily unemployed, keeping them from providing the needed assistance. Basically, you can think of eligibility in this way: People age 60 and over who say “If I just had food, I could cook it myself.”

Although other agencies are involved, this is a Meals On Wheels of Tarrant County program. Referrals will come in through the [mealsonwheels.org website referral form](https://mealsonwheels.org) or via a phone call to 817-336-0912. When they receive a referral, the prospective client will be assigned to a Meals On Wheels caseworker who will conduct a standard interview process over the telephone. The caseworker will determine if the individual should be placed on the Home-Delivered Meals program, the new COVID-19 SNP program, or whether the person does not meet the criteria for either program and should be referred to another agency, perhaps a food bank in their area.

Program Details – once an individual is placed on the COVID-19 SNP program, the client and spouse (if applicable) will receive a box of five frozen meals (per person) AND a 10-pound box of senior-friendly canned goods and fresh produce. These items will be delivered one day per week every week by paid drivers from Catholic Charities Fort Worth.

Agency Roles – since there are several agencies involved in this project, I want you to understand the logistics of the program.

- Meals On Wheels – the five pack of frozen meals will be prepared in our kitchen.
- Tarrant Area Food Bank will prepare a 10-lb. box of senior-friendly canned goods and fresh produce.
- Catholic Charities will pick up and deliver the food to clients. Note: COVID-19 SNP food will not be delivered by volunteers.
- United Way and Area Agency on Aging of Tarrant County are providing funding for this program.

If you would like to refer yourself or someone else to receive food through the COVID-19 SNP program, please complete the online referral form <https://mealsonwheels.org/refer/> or call 817-336-0912.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL RESTAURANTS

- **BURGER KING @ 2605 Jacksboro Hwy**-----(*Drive Thru*)-----**817-740-0305**
- **CHERRY ON TOP CATERING @ 5412 River Oaks Blvd**----- **682-250-5610**
(Starting Saturday, March 21st) (*Deliveries, curbside & catering*)
- **CHICKEN EXPRESS @ 5300 River Oaks Blvd**---(*Drive Thru, order on line*)---**817-732-8911**
- **CHINA EXPRESS @ 5444 River Oaks Blvd**----(*Take Out*)-----**817-625-8886**
- **DOMINO'S @ 5150 River Oaks Blvd**---(*Carry Out, deliveries, order online*)-**817-625-7676**
- **ITALIANO'S**-----(*to go orders & deliveries*)-----**817-720-7388**
- **J CASA BURGER @ 5181 River Oaks Blvd**---(*Call in, take out, drive thru*) ---**817-404-3244**
- **JOSEFINA'S AUTHENTIC MEXICAN FOOD @ 5404 River Oaks Blvd** ----- **682-708-7109**
(*take out orders*)
- **MAMA'S DONUTS @ 5071 River Oaks Blvd**---(*take out*)-----**817-624-1434**
- **NISH MEDITERRANEAN GRILL @ 4913 OHIO GARDEN RD**-----**817-615-9292**
(*Take Out, Order online@nishmedigrill.com*)
- **SUBWAY @ 5510 River Oaks Blvd**----(*take out, order online*)-----**817-887-9798**
- **TACO BELL @ 5304 River Oaks Blvd**---(*Drive Thru, Order online*)-----**817-763-5072**
- **YUMMY YUMMY DONUTS**-----(*Take Out*)----- **817-378-0188**
- **TACOS Y TORTAS VALDEZ @ 5155 River Oaks Blvd**---(*Carry Out*)-----**817-740-8090**
- **RIVER OAKS CAFÉ @ 4837 River Oaks Blvd.** (opening Monday @ 6am) --- --- **817-625-7337**

MAY

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
01	02	03	04	05 STAFF MEETING 9AM	06	07

THE CENSUS IS COMING!



YOU COUNT

WE COUNT. TARRANT COUNTS.

Take online, by phone or mail
10 questions - 10 minutes
Instructions by mail in March



The Census matters and YOU matter!
The Census determines elected representation and distribution of federal funds to states, counties and cities.

Your information is SAFE and CONFIDENTIAL.

It is illegal for the U.S. Census Bureau to share census information.
www.census.tarrantcounty.com
Customer Information Center - 800.923.8282
To receive 2020 Census updates, text TarrantCounts to 69310.

Coronavirus Scams

Scammers are working hard to get your money amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

- ⇒ People are posing as government officials by phone call, texts and/or email. They are asking you to verify your bank account information and other personal information.
- ⇒ You don't need to call or sign up, do not provide any personal information to anyone. As long as you filed a tax return in 2018 or 2019 you do not need to do anything.
- ⇒ The economic impact payment distributions has begun.
- ⇒ <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments>



You can sign up going to Recyclops.com/riveroaks



Pickups are the first and third Tuesday of each month!

Pickup is twice a month
\$10/month –or- \$110/year (1 month free)