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City of Dallas implements amended regulations

Dallas, Texas – Mayor Eric Johnson and City Manager T.C. Broadnax have issued amended regulations to slow the spread of novel (new) coronavirus, now known as COVID-19, in the city of Dallas.

The amended regulations, which will be effective at 11:59 p.m. today, include:

- Restrict community gatherings to no more than 50 people
- A prohibition on dine-in services for restaurants
- The closure of bars, lounges, taverns, private clubs, gyms, health studios, theaters and commercial amusement facilities

The regulations were created in accordance with Mayor Johnson’s disaster declaration, which was authorized by the Texas Local Government Code, Section 418, and Section 14B of the Dallas City Code. The rules, which have the effect of ordinances during the duration of the declaration, are meant to protect life and property and preserve critical resources while a state of disaster is in effect.

These amended regulations are effective at 11:59 p.m. Monday, March 16, 2020 and continue until they are either rescinded or until they expire. The City Council will meet at 9 a.m., Wednesday, March 18, to be briefed on the response and preparation efforts for COVID-19 and will vote on whether to extend the disaster declaration.

For more information on COVID-19, visit the City’s web page, <https://www.dallascityhall.com/coronavirus>.

The Emergency Regulations are attached.

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