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“DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY”

LITCHFIELD PARK, AZ, March 18, 2020 — On March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Arizona, Douglas A. Ducey, determined that the COVID-19 outbreak presents conditions in Arizona that justified his declaration of a State of Emergency; and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump, found and proclaimed that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constituted a national emergency; and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – in an effort to control the COVID-19 outbreak – are currently recommending various limitations to achieve social distancing to reduce the rate of community infection and spread

In light of the rising emergency of the COVID-19, the Mayor of Litchfield Park, Thomas L. Schoaf has signed a Proclamation declaring a Local Emergency pursuant to Litchfield Park City Code section 2-2-4 and A.R.S. section 26-307. This Declaration will be in effect beginning March 17, 2020 and will remain in effect until the withdrawal of the Proclamation of Emergency.

Additional, more specific direction in support of the Proclamation is attached and all details will be in effect beginning midnight March 19, 2020. Please read the entire Proclamation for detailed information.

The following regulations are necessary for the protection of life and property and I hereby order, effective March 19, 2020 at 12:00 a.m. and remain in effect until the Proclamation of Emergency is withdrawn.



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- a. All restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, retail food facilities, and other similar businesses and establishments are prohibited from serving food and beverages for consumption on premises.

Members of the public are prohibited from remaining on said premises to consume food or beverages.

Businesses and establishments subject to this section that offer food and beverages for on-premises consumption are encouraged to offer food and beverages using delivery service, window service, drive-through service, or drive-up service, and to use precautions in doing so to mitigate the potential transmission of COVID-19, including social distancing. In offering food or beverages, a business or establishment subject to this section that does not have the ability to offer window service, drive-through service, or drive-up service may permit members of the public on its premises for the purpose of picking up their food or beverage orders.

- b. The following businesses and establishments are hereby closed to use and occupancy by members of the public:
 - i. Bars, taverns, brew pubs, breweries, microbreweries, tasting rooms, special licensees, and other similar businesses and establishments offering alcoholic beverages for on premises consumption.
 - ii. Indoor and outdoor performance venues.
 - iii. Libraries and museums.
 - iv. Gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, indoor exercise facilities, exercise studios, yoga and barre studios, martial art studios and other similar facilities.
 - v. Country clubs and other civic & social organizations are not permitted to have gatherings of more than (10) ten people. Golfers and tennis players are encouraged to maintain reasonable distances from each other to mitigate the potential transmission of COVID-19. Social distancing is required. No pre or post social gatherings, tournaments, or group lessons of more than (10) ten people shall be allowed under any circumstances. Normal golf operations are permissible so long as



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there are no more than (1) one person per golf cart. Normal tennis matches are permissible so long as there are no more than (4) four players per court.

- c. Groups of more than (10) ten people are prohibited in public parks and no park reservations for social events will be allowed. Park restrooms & facilities will be unavailable for use.

This section does not prohibit a proprietor, employee, contractor, vendor, or supplier of a local business from entering, exiting, using, or occupying that place of business in their professional capacity.

- 4. The restrictions imposed by Section 3 of this Proclamation do not apply to any of the following:
 - a. Grocery stores, markets, convenience stores, and other similar businesses and establishments that offer food and beverage not for on-premises consumption;
 - b. Pharmacies and drug stores;
 - c. Food banks and food pantries;
 - d. Cafeterias, commissaries, and restaurants located within health care facilities, nursing homes, shelters, group homes, places of worship, or similar facilities;
 - e. Grocery stores and markets are encouraged to supply goods for the increased demand and also encouraged to limit number of certain items purchased per person on items such as toilet paper, bottled water, etc.

All City facilities will be closed to the public until further notice. All upcoming City Council, committee and board meetings have been cancelled until the emergency proclamation is lifted. Services such as fire, police, refuse and recycling will remain in effect.

The City of Litchfield Park events and recreational leagues are cancelled until further notice. This will include the cancellation of the Arts in the Park concert scheduled for Friday, April 17th.



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City of Litchfield Park Pre-school will be closed until Litchfield Elementary School District resumes regular school hours. Litchfield Elementary School District is currently closed until further notice. Refunds for league sports and preschool will be given upon request. Please contact Pat McCoy at pmccoy@litchfield-park.org with refund requests.

Should new recommendations or restrictions be announced by the CDC or the State of Arizona, the City will follow them to ensure appropriate health and safety measures are in place for our residents and visitors.

Citizens may follow our website for city updates at <https://www.litchfield-park.org/> or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofLitchfieldPark/>

We encourage citizens to become informed about the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) and use best practices such as frequent hand washing and staying home when sick. Reliable information can be obtained from the Arizona Department of Health Services at: <https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-home>.

We encourage citizens to understand the danger of “community spread” of coronavirus (COVID-19). For more information please see: <https://www.facebook.com/jason.scott.warner/posts/10163742243430144>

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