

# City of Flagstaff



## CITY OF FLAGSTAFF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, A.R.S. § 26-311 authorizes the Mayor of the City of Flagstaff, Arizona or his/her designee to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City of Flagstaff is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

**WHEREAS**, the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) considers this virus to be a significant public health threat that has, and continues to spread globally; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 29, 2020 the Coconino County COVID-19 Incident Command Team developed a Command and General Staff structure for the monitoring and preparedness measures surrounding COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 illness a public health emergency of International concern and on January 31, 2020 the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency due to the COVID-19 illness; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 26, 2020 the COVID-19 Incident Command Team expanded as resource needs increased in reference to COVID-19; to include enhanced communications to the public through press releases, public meetings, cooperators meetings and development of an informational website; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020 the Coconino County Health Emergency Operations Center was opened in reference to COVID-19 and the Joint Information Center was established for public information coordination related to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the City continues to plan and prepare for event and facility closures, modified staffing plans, work-from-home programs, and enhanced communications to employees to ensure effective Continuity of Operations of City Government through the activation of the City Continuity of Operations Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, prudence requires that precautionary measures be taken proactively due to the widespread nature of COVID-19 and it's threat to public health, safety, and welfare as referenced in the Governor's Declaration of Emergency, and that impacts from the same threaten public health and safety and the economic recovery of Flagstaff; and

**WHEREAS**, the widespread nature of COVID-19 constitutes an immediate threat to life, public health, safety, and welfare, and to the economic recovery of Flagstaff; and

**WHEREAS**, this local declaration of emergency will help ensure the economic recovery of Flagstaff; and

**WHEREAS**, the immediate threat of COVID-19 is widespread across the State and precautionary measures are necessary to curtail the imminent impact on numerous homes and businesses in Flagstaff because it is a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the general public in Flagstaff; and

**WHEREAS**, the above facts give credence to the conditions of extreme peril and public health emergency; and the declaration of a local emergency will enable the City of Flagstaff to provide emergency resources, request additional resources and receive mutual aid from other political sub-divisions and entities.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that a local emergency now exists in the City of Flagstaff, and


**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by State Law, by Ordinances, and Resolutions of City of Flagstaff. Citizens are urged to cooperate with this emergency declaration and, to every degree possible, abide by the safety announcements, advisories, and restrictions established by the County Health Emergency Operations Center and to cooperate with the community's public safety agencies and emergency services personnel.

City facilities will remain open for the time being but programs, events, and activities that are not essential will be suspended until further notice. Further details regarding suspended programs, events, and activities will be forthcoming.

Closures of City facilities may occur as needed in the future and the City will monitor those needs on an ongoing basis.

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.02, as amended, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the general public that during the declared State of Emergency a possible quorum of the Flagstaff City Council may be in attendance during the periodic County Health Emergency Operations Center and incident debriefs, however, no formal discussion/action will be taken by members in their role as the Flagstaff City Council.

Dated this 15th day of March 2020

  
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Coral Evans, Mayor

Attest:

  
Stacy Saltzburg  
Stacy Saltzburg, City Clerk

Approved as to form and found to be within the powers granted to the Mayor of the City of Flagstaff.

Sterling Salomon  
Sterling Salomon, City Attorney