



ADDITIONAL STATEMENT FROM CITY OF TEMPLE REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS IN CARROLL COUNTY

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

The following statement is being issued by the City of Temple over the signatures of this City's elected officials. It is a followup statement to the one issued yesterday and entitled "Statement from the City of Temple concerning the Coronavirus Pandemic". (On the City of Temple's web site, you can see a copy of that first statement.)

New information placed on the City of Temple's web site today consists of: this statement from the City of Temple's elected officials, a copy of the Carroll County Board of Health Emergency Order adopted by our local BOH late yesterday afternoon (Tuesday, March 24), and a copy of a brief explanatory memo from the Carroll County Emergency Operations Center.

One key point we want to make today, and that we stated in the previous statement: "The Carroll County Board of Health has the duty and responsibility of addressing and dealing with health issues in Carroll County. And first and foremost, the COVID - 19 crisis is a health and safety issue. On Sunday, March 22, the Board of Health adopted an Order which is applicable to all of Carroll County. -- We the elected officials of the City of Temple recognize the right and duty of the County Board of Health to issue an Order to try to protect the health of our citizens, and we are committed to making sure in the City of Temple that this order is implemented."

The City of Temple's elected officials and employees will take the necessary steps to be sure the provisions of the Tuesday, March 24, Board of Health Emergency Order are followed in our community. We sincerely and urgently request that all of our citizens follow the requirements and directives of this Emergency Order.

SHELTER IN PLACE. The intent is to have people stay home unless there is a very good reason to leave, and any trips away from home should be for an essential reason. It undoubtedly will take a least a couple of days or more for people to have an understanding of what could be identified as an "essential reason."

ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES. And although a number of businesses are relatively easy to identify as being essential businesses, many other business operators wonder if their particular businesses also are included. We will be posting more information on this subject as we receive it. But for the time being,

we want to direct you to the Emergency Order adopted by the Carroll County Board of Health, and to Section 6 on Definitions and Exemption where you will find information on “essential businesses.”

Updates will be provided at least on a daily basis for the next few days, and sometimes perhaps more frequently than once a day.

At this time, all of us must keep in mind that the health and safety of our citizens are of major concern and are a top priority.

Mayor Michael Johnson	Mayor Pro Tem Richard Bracknell	Councilmember Howard Walden
Councilmember Terron Bivins	Councilmember Tom Wallace	Councilmember Hiley Miller