



City of Kingsville Stay-At-Home Order

Frequently Asked Questions

On March 26, 2020 in response to the growing global pandemic caused by the novel coronavirus, Kingsville Mayor Sam Fugate signed a Stay-At-Home Order for citizens of Kingsville to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19 in our community. The City of Kingsville Mayor & Commissioners updated and extended that [order](#) on April 2nd, it is now in effect through April 13th. Please be aware that Kleberg County also has a [Stay-At-Home Order](#) in effect.

Below is a list of Frequently Asked Questions in relation to that order.

1. Is there a curfew?

No. The City of Kingsville does not have a curfew in its order. [Kleberg County's Stay-At-Home order](#) does have a curfew, but only on the beaches. That curfew is at 8 p.m. The Kleberg County Order can be located on the City of Kingsville Website for your reference.

2. What about grocery stores?

Grocery stores are considered essential business and are exempt from the restrictions in this order. All our local grocery providers have taken precautions on their own to ensure the safety of their shoppers while providing essential needs for the community. We do request that you limit your trips to the grocery store and assign just one household member to visit our local stores. Also, please avoid purchasing products that you do not need. Leave some for your neighbor. While you are shopping for essentials, we do ask that you follow [Texas Department of State Health Services](#) and [CDC guidelines](#) to protect our community from the spread of COVID-19.

3. Are churches allowed to have service?

Absolutely. However, those services must be conducted in a safe manner. Governor Greg Abbott's order says service should be held virtually or by telephone for the safety of all Texans. Many of our local churches are now streaming services for the

safety of our community. An updated list of churches providing this service can be found on [the Kingsville Visitors Center's Facebook page](#). Any one attending service in person must abide by the 6' Social Distancing Guidelines.

4. Can I still go to work?

Anyone who provides what is called an 'essential service' can still report to work. Essential services provide a wide variety of needs to our community, from food to medication to supplies needed for the upkeep of your home and internet service. A list containing examples of essential services can be found on the [City of Kingsville Stay-At-Home Order](#). Anyone reporting to work during this time must follow Social Distancing Guidelines set out by the [Texas Department of State Health Services](#) and the [CDC](#).

5. Do I need a permission slip to go to work?

No. Several employers are providing essential workers with documentation identifying them as essential employees, however, that documentation is not required in our community.

6. Are daycares allowed to operate?

Yes. Daycares are essential and are allowed to operate, however, they must follow mass gathering and social distancing guidelines. There should not be more than 10 children in a room and all children must be instructed to practice social distancing set out by the [Texas Department of State Health Services](#) and the [CDC](#).

7. What about my child custody order?

There is no impact. The State of Texas and Kleberg County Stay-At-Home Orders both allow for transportation of minor children for the purpose of fulfilling custody arrangements already set in place.

8. Can I have family or other visitors over to my home?

No. Public and private gatherings are both prohibited by this order. Members of your household can gather together in or outside of their home, but visitors who do not live in your house should not visit throughout the duration of this order.

9. Am I allowed to spend time outdoors?

Yes. Outdoor activity and visits to our parks are allowed. You must follow the 6-foot social distancing guidelines during this type of recreation. Please remember, Dick Kleberg Park is currently closed for COVID-19 testing.

10. Can I check on my elderly family member or friend?

We encourage you to check on vulnerable members of our community, but we do ask you to do it in a safe manner. Please minimize all close contact and follow [Texas Department of State Health Services](#) and [CDC](#) guidelines.

11. If food is essential, can I eat out?

You are more than welcome to order to go or drive thru food from your favorite restaurant. In fact, the [Kingsville Chamber of Commerce](#) has a complete list of restaurants, contact information and the services they are providing. They've partnered with the [Kingsville Visitors Center](#) to give away prizes to those who #DineOutAtHome. Governor Greg Abbott has temporarily allowed Texans to pick up alcoholic beverages from restaurants to bring home to enjoy at home.

12. Will police enforce this order?

The goal of this order is to keep our City of Kingsville citizens safe. Officers do not want to cite anyone for violating the Stay-At-Home Order. Our Kingsville Police Department is charged with keeping the community safe and can cite violators of this order. A first violation of this order carries a fine of up to \$500. A second offense is punishable by \$1,000 fine and up to 180 days in jail.

[You may read the most current City of Kingsville Stay-At-Home Order here.](#)

The order currently extends through April 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

Please continue to monitor the City of Kingsville Webpage and City of Kingsville Facebook page for any updates.