

**PROCLAMATION OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
COCONINO COUNTY PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 26-311 AND THE DECLARATION OF
EMERGENCY IN COCONINO COUNTY**

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Coconino County Board of Supervisors declared a local emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-311 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued guidelines regarding mass gatherings and large community events, including recommending that gatherings of more than 50 individuals be postponed or cancelled, and on March 18, 2020 the Arizona Department of Health Services issued guidance that all events or gatherings of 10 or more individuals should be postponed or cancelled; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 a sample originating in Coconino County was tested at T-Gen North and results were found to be a presumptive positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-311 and Declaration of Emergency issued by Coconino County, the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors of Coconino County is authorized to govern by proclamation and make necessary and appropriate orders to preserve the peace and order of the unincorporated areas of the County,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 outbreak and the guidelines issued as a result of the outbreak present conditions in Coconino County that endanger the life and health of individuals within the County and justify this Proclamation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED AND IMPOSED AS FOLLOWS:

1. To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to vulnerable residents of Coconino County, it is reasonable and necessary to impose certain temporary restrictions on the use of public establishments in the unincorporated areas of Coconino County;
2. The following regulations are necessary for the protection of health and life and I hereby order, effective March 19, 2020 at 8:00p.m. and continuing until April 1, 2020 at 11:59p.m.:
 - 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 entering said premises and remaining 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 services, window services, drive-through services, or drive-up services, and to use social distancing. In offering food or beverages, a business or establishment subject to this section that does not have the ability to offer window services, drive-through services, 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, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, special licensees, clubs, and other similar businesses and establishments offering alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption.
 - ii. Theaters, cinemas, and 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, and other similar facilities.
 - v. Bingo halls, bowling alleys, indoor climbing facilities, skating rinks, and other similar recreational or entertainment facilities.

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 official capacity.

3. The restrictions imposed by Section 2 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. Cafeterias, commissaries, and restaurants located within or on the premises of institutions of higher learning.
4. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-317, a person who violates any of the above prohibitions shall be guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor. Any violation which is continuing in nature shall constitute a separate offense on each successive date the violation continues, unless otherwise provided.
 5. In addition, I strongly urge the leaders of the houses of worship in the unincorporated areas of the County to limit gatherings on their premises and to explore and implement ways to practice their respective faiths while observing social distancing practices.
 6. Finally, I urge all business owners to establish social distancing practices for their patrons and encourage citizens to avoid social gatherings of more than 10 people.
 7. The local impact of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to change and additional orders may be forthcoming as necessary and appropriate.

Date

Dated this 18th day of March, 2020 (year)



Lena Fowler, Chairwoman
Coconino County Board of Supervisors

Attest: 

Clerk of the Board