



## CITY OF MINEOLA PRESS RELEASE

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**CITY OF MINEOLA TO FOLLOW GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT’S EXECUTIVE ORDERS GA-15 and GA-16 RELATING TO HOSPITAL CAPACITY DURING COVID-19 AND THE SAFE, STRATEGIC REOPENING OF SELECT SERVICES AS THE FIRST STEP TO OPEN TEXAS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 DISASTER. THESE EXECUTIVE ORDERS DO NOT SUPERSEDE GA-09, GA-10, GA-11, GA-12, AND GA-13. THE ORDERS SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT AND IN FULL FORCE UNTIL 11:59 P.M. ON APRIL 30, 2020, UNLESS IT IS MODIFIED, AMENDED, RESCINDED OR SUPERSEDED BY THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS.**

The City of Mineola will be complying with all current State Orders effective as stipulated by GA-15 and GA-16 by Governor Greg Abbott as presented today at his press conference, April 17, 2020. This press release includes the link below to view the entire GA-15 & GA-16 Executive Orders from Texas Governor Abbott.

<https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-issues-executive-order-establishing-strike-force-to-open-texas>

The City of Mineola will follow the new executive orders and will reopen all city-owned public parks, beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020. The city will be following guidelines set forth by Governor Abbott to continue to reduce transmission of COVID-19 and will be requiring visitors to wear face coverings (such as masks), maintain a six-foot distance from individuals outside of their party, and will prohibit the gathering of groups larger than (5) five.

The new order GA-16 establishes a temporary “Retail-To-Go” model that will allow retail outlets in Texas to reopen beginning Friday, April 24, 2020. Under this model, reopened establishments are required to deliver items to customers’ cars, homes or other locations to minimize contact.

Under Executive Order GA-16 all schools, public, private, and higher education institutions will be closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. However instructions will continue for all students through the end of the academic year despite buildings being closed. Teachers may go into the classroom for video instruction, to perform administrative duties, and to clean out their classrooms.

To follow developments at the city, go to our website at [mineola.com](http://mineola.com) or at our Facebook page at Mineola, Texas. For health developments, follow NetHealth (for accurate up-to-date info.) at [www.nethealthcovid19.org](http://www.nethealthcovid19.org) (903) 763-4151, and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).