

My Flower Mound

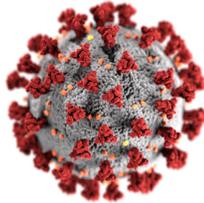
Town News and Events

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COVID-19 Information

The Town of Flower Mound, along with Denton County and the State of Texas, have taken unprecedented action in response to the coronavirus pandemic in an effort to keep residents safe. For the latest information regarding this continually changing situation, please visit www.flower-mound.com/covid19. Within the Town's Coronavirus Information webpage, additional information is provided including:



- Number of Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Flower Mound
- Facility Closures and How to Conduct Town Business Online
- COVID-19 FAQ
- Essential Business Examples
- Resources for Residents
- Resources for Businesses
- Restaurant Directory (hours, services offered, and more)
- Online Meeting Instructions
- Special Event Cancellations
- Stay-At-Home Guide
- Police Department Response to COVID-19

Denton County Re-Opens Golf Courses

Golf courses have reopened, following an amendment to the Denton County executive order. On April 14, the Texas Attorney General posted a letter clarifying the Governor's Executive Order GA-14 as it relates to golf courses. As a result, Denton County determined the following rules to be best practices at this time, in keeping with the classification of essential activities.

The purpose of these rules is to outline steps that every Denton County golf course, employee, and golfer must follow to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19. The rules describe how to prevent worker exposure to COVID-19 and protective measures that should be undertaken at all golf courses. For complete rules, please visit <https://bit.ly/3eixrcu>.

Independence Fest Canceled

Due to the uncertainty of how the COVID-19 pandemic will affect large festivals and the estimated financial impact it will have on the Town of Flower Mound, Town officials have decided to cancel the 2020 Independence Fest celebration and fireworks display.



"We're disappointed we will not be able to host Independence Fest this year," said Town Manager Jimmy Stathatos. "Every year, I look forward to seeing the community come together to celebrate July Fourth. However, due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 situation in Texas at the moment and how long it will affect large events, we need to make the call now in order to recuperate as much of our costs associated with hosting it as possible."

By canceling the event in April, the Town is able to save more than \$220,000, not including staff overtime. The Town is estimated to lose roughly \$2.8 million in revenue due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and has been forced to take measures to balance the anticipated financial loss.

"We do have some good news, the Town was able to re-book this year's headliner, the Josh Abbott Band for 2021 without penalty and all of our Independence Fest suppliers, vendors, and musical acts have been very understanding and flexible," said Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Jennings. "We look forward to holding the biggest and best Independence Fest Flower Mound has ever seen in 2021."

Know What to Flush

We know it has been harder to find toilet paper lately, but please remember to only flush the 3 P's: paper, pee, and poo. Wipes and other products labeled as "flushable" or "septic safe" are not designed to breakdown in wastewater. When these items are flushed down the toilet (paper towels, facial tissue, napkins, medicines, diapers), they can cause serious problems in our homes, wastewater treatment network, and the environment. Think before you flush!

Protect Yourself from COVID-19 Scams

Please be aware of coronavirus scams and criminals capitalizing on the COVID-19 pandemic. The Flower Mound Police Department explains these scams and how you can avoid becoming a victim.

- **Fake Stimulus Checks:** The federal government will not call or text you to verify your personal information or bank account details in order to “release” stimulus check funds. For most Americans, the payment will be a direct deposit in your bank account. To track the status of your economic impact payment, visit www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment.
- **Don't Buy Miracle Cures:** At this time, there are no anti-viral drugs approved by the FDA to treat COVID-19 and no product exists that will prevent you from getting the virus. The best way to protect yourself is by taking common-sense health precautions, including social distancing and good hand-washing hygiene.
- **Robocalls:** Robocallers are ramping up their efforts to steal your money with COVID-19-related scam calls. Do not fall for calls pretending to be from your health insurance company, health experts, the government, or people offering cure-all products or solutions for the virus. Government agencies will never call you for your personal information or ask for payment.
- **Trusted Resources:** Be careful about where you get your information. Stick to trusted resources for updates, including Denton County Public Health, the Texas Department of State Health Services, and the CDC. Watch out for phishing emails and texts about COVID-19 that appear to be from health or government officials, and do not open or download anything or share information with others unless you've verified who you're communicating with.

If you are a victim of a scam, call the Flower Mound Police Department non-emergency number at 972.539.0525.

Place Masks, Gloves in Trash

As we continue to wear disposable gloves, masks, and use wipes to protect ourselves, please properly dispose of these items in the trash bin. Or, keep a bag in your car or purse to store used gloves and masks in until you can trash them. Questions on what's considered recyclable? Visit www.flower-mound.com/recycle for more information. Remember - when it doubt, throw it out!

How to Safely Use Town Parks, Open Spaces

The Town believes many parks, trails, and open spaces can continue to be used in a safe manner that allows people to enjoy the mental and physical health benefits these spaces provide. In all instances, we recommend people follow local, state, and national ordinances and guidelines regarding the use of these spaces.



The Town encourages all park and trail users to follow these recommendations:

- Refrain from using parks or trails if you are feeling ill.
- Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to, and during use, of parks or trails.
- Be prepared for no access to public restrooms or water fountains.
- Refrain from using park playground equipment.
- While on trails, warn other users of your presence and, as you pass, and step aside to let others pass.
- Follow the Town of Flower Mound's guidance on the recommended size of social gatherings including outdoor picnicking, pick-up sports, and other group hang-outs.
- Observe minimum recommended social distancing of 6 feet from other individuals at all times. If this is not possible, users should find an alternate location or depart that space.
- Consult the Town of Flower Mound's ordinances and guidelines for the current recommendations on park and trail use.

The Town of Flower Mound will keep parks, trails, and open spaces accessible as long as it is safe to do so. The Town's parks, trails, and open spaces have always served as places where people can find respite and seek peace and restoration. During this time of uncertainty, these places are needed now more than ever.

The Town's park and recreation professionals are working hard to maintain these spaces and keep them safe, accessible, and benefiting our community during these challenging times. Please do your part to use them in a way that respects others and public health guidance.