

**EMERGENCY ORDERS FOR ALTUS, OKLAHOMA
ISSUED BY MAYOR JACK SMILEY
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 26TH, 2020, AT 12:01 O’CLOCK A.M.**

WHEREAS, the Altus Municipal Code, Part II, §14-1 through §14-12, and specifically §14-6 and §14-7, empowers the Mayor of the City of Altus (“City”) to proclaim the existence of an emergency and to issue emergency orders during a declared emergency; and,

WHEREAS, an emergency has been declared and the Altus City Council has extended the emergency period pursuant to AMC § 14-9; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), and Jackson County Memorial Hospital (JCMH) have recommended certain precautions and measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to avert unmanageable surges in the local healthcare system; and,

WHEREAS, a significant increase in positive cases of COVID-19 continues in Altus and throughout the surrounding area of Southwest Oklahoma; and,

WHEREAS, protection of the health, safety and welfare of Altus citizens and visitors to the City of Altus, as well as support of the local economy and businesses is of paramount concern and importance; and

WHEREAS, Title 11 O.S. §22-120 permits, without limitation, the enactment of ordinances, rules and regulations that are not inconsistent with state law and are deemed necessary for the protection of the public health.

NOW THEREFORE, Jack Smiley, the Mayor of Altus, Oklahoma issues the following emergency orders and recommendations.

EMERGENCY ORDERS

The following Orders must be followed. Violation of these orders is a misdemeanor.

1. **PRIOR EMERGENCY ORDERS WITHDRAWN.** All previous emergency orders are withdrawn and these emergency orders control.
2. **PUNISHMENT FOR VIOLATION.** Violation of these emergency orders is punishable under Altus Municipal Code § 1-13(e) by a fine or deferral fee in an amount not exceeding, \$750.00, including costs, or imprisonment, or both.
3. **FACE COVERINGS.**
 - 3.01. Face coverings **must** be worn over the nose and mouth in all indoor public places, (examples, without limitation, are: retail stores, restaurants, bars, houses of worship and any other businesses serving the public) within the Altus city limits and in all City facilities **Businesses are required to enforce this mandate and report any citizen who refuses to comply.**
 - 3.02. Face coverings **must** also be worn in all outdoor public areas within the Altus city limits at all times when social distancing of at least six (6) feet between persons not residing in the same household cannot be maintained.
4. **FACE COVERING EXCEPTIONS.** The following persons, locations and activities are excepted from the face covering requirement:
 - 4.01. Persons who should not wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or developmental disability under the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) guidelines.
 - 4.02. Persons exempt under the American’s with Disabilities Act (ADA).

- 4.03. Children under five (5) years of age.
 - 4.04. Restaurant and bar patrons while eating or drinking.
 - 4.05. Settings when or where it is not practical or feasible to wear a face covering, such as dental services, medical treatments or while swimming.
 - 4.06. Occupants in a personal vehicle, personal office, or similarly private space while other persons outside of the person's household are not present.
 - 4.07. Private homes.
 - 4.08. Offices and workplaces that are not public service areas where social distancing of at least six (6) feet between employees and other occupants can be consistently maintained during hours of operation.
 - 4.09. Persons attending any indoor religious service or ceremony as long as all persons who do not live in the same household maintain proper social distancing of not less than six (6) feet from persons not in their immediate household.
 - 4.10. Educational institutions that have adopted a plan to prevent the spread of COVID-19 that includes physical distancing and face covering mandates appropriate for the institutional environment.
5. RESTAURANTS AND BARS.
- 5.01. All restaurants and bars within the Altus city limits must restrict occupancy to fifty percent (50%) of normal, permissible capacity and must comply with CDC guidelines for social distancing and sanitization. Restaurants and Bars are required to close by 11pm except for drive-thru windows or curbside pickup.
 - 5.02. No more than six (6) persons may be seated at a table at any restaurant, bar, lounge, food truck, food court or similar establishment; UNLESS all persons seated at the table are immediate family members (father, mother, siblings of the same immediate family).
 - 5.03. Restaurants and bars must ensure a minimum of 6 feet of separation between parties or groups at different tables, booths or bar tops UNLESS the tables, booths or bar tops are separated by glass or plexiglass and the areas are properly sanitized between each customer.
 - 5.04. Food and beverages of any kind shall not be sold, dispensed or served for on-premises consumption by any license holder authorized to make such sales or services after 11:00 o'clock p.m. CST daily. The sale, dispensing and service of food and non-alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption may resume at 5:00 o'clock a.m. CST daily. The sale, dispensing and service of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption may resume at 8:00 o'clock a.m. CST daily.
6. GATHERINGS. All gatherings of people other than normal school instructional activities must be **limited to fifty (50) persons** or less no exceptions.
7. PERMITS AND TOURS. All City issued permits for parades, activities or other gatherings are revoked. All tours and field trips of City facilities are immediately suspended.
8. SIGNAGE. Any informational, instructional or warning signage provided to businesses by the City of Altus must be prominently displayed at all entrances to the business upon receipt from the City.
9. CDC/OSDH GUIDELINES FOR COVID-19 ARE ADOPTED IN PART. Altus adopts the CDC and OSDH guidelines and recommendations for isolation and quarantine pertaining to COVID-19.

10. FOOD SERVICE AND PROCESSING PERSONNEL. All personnel engaged in any aspect of food service or processing exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 infection, or that are COVID-19 positive, must cease food service or processing immediately.
11. HOARDING. No business may allow hoarding of essential items and no person may hoard essential items.
12. INSPECTION BY THE CITY. All businesses may be inspected by the City to ensure compliance with these emergency orders.
13. PLAYGROUNDS OPEN. City parks are open BUT all playground, recreation and fitness areas are closed.
14. SANITIZATION THAT MUST BE PROVIDED TO CUSTOMERS. All businesses must make hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes available to customers OR must sanitize all common use areas or items between each customer use or at least twice per hour, whichever is greater.
15. EMERGENCY PERSONNEL EXCEPTION. These emergency orders do not apply to emergency services and emergency services personnel in the performance of their job functions and duties UNLESS the person is subject to orders for isolation or quarantine that may apply.

The following are **RECOMMENDATIONS** and are not orders at this time.

1. Avoid discretionary travel. Practice good hygiene. Wash your hands frequently. Avoid touching your face.
2. Sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of your elbow. Dispose of the tissue in the trash can.
3. Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces.
4. All persons should follow the CDC and OSDH guidelines.
5. Do not threaten, intimidate or harass people in isolation or quarantine. We must work together as a community to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
6. When using gas pumps use gloves or a bag to cover the handle. Dispose of the gloves or bag in the trash BEFORE getting back in your car.
7. Look to websites by the City of Altus for current and reliable information. Do not use unreliable sources for information.
8. Call the City of Altus at (580) 482-4121 with any questions OR look at official City websites or pages. DO NOT rely on unreliable sources of information.

WITNESS my hand as Mayor of the city of Altus, Jackson County, Oklahoma, and affixed thereto on this the 25th day of November, 2020.



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ATTEST:

Deborah A. Kott / Deputy
Debbie Davis, City Clerk-Treasurer

Jack Smiley
Jack Smiley, Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality:

Michael T. Beason
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