



# *Proclamation*

*City of Show Low  
Office of the Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International concern on January 30, 2020; the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak on January 31, 2020; the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020; and the Governor of Arizona declared an emergency due to COVID-19 and issued Executive Order 2020-07 providing proactive measures to protect against COVID-19; and on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States, Donald Trump, declared a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Doug Ducey and Superintendent Kathy Hoffman, on March 15, 2020, announced a statewide closure of Arizona schools from Monday, March 16, 2020 through Friday, March 27, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in accordance with its guidance for large events and mass gatherings, recommended that for the next 15 days, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 10 people or more throughout the United States (CDC recommendations may be updated daily); and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 poses a serious public health threat for infectious disease spread to City of Show Low residents and visitors if proper precautions recommended by public health are not followed; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the nation and State of Arizona, public health and health care systems have identified precautions and interventions that can mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure the spread of COVID-19 is controlled and that the residents of the City of Show Low remain safe and healthy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Show Low is authorized by the Show Low City Code § 2-2-4 (f), Powers and Duties of the Mayor, and by A.R.S. § 26-311, to declare an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, during the emergency, the Mayor shall govern by proclamation and have the authority to preserve the peace and order of the City of Show Low, including but not limited to:

- Imposing curfews;
- Ordering the closing of any business;
- Closing to public access any public building, street, or other public place; and
- Call upon regular or auxiliary law enforcement agencies and organizations within or without the city for assistance.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Daryl Seymore, Mayor of the City of Show Low, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State and the Show Low City Code, do hereby proclaim that the COVID-19 outbreak presents conditions in the City of Show Low which may be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Show Low, and thus justifies a declaration of emergency; accordingly, pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-311 and Show Low City Code § 2-2-4 (f), I do hereby:

1. Determine and deem that an emergency exists due to the COVID-19 pandemic which presents conditions which could be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of Show Low; and
2. Declare that the Mayor of the City of Show Low shall, during such emergency, govern by proclamation and shall have the authority to impose all necessary regulations to preserve the peace and order of the City of Show Low; and
3. Declare that during this emergency, the City of Show Low shall have full power to provide mutual aid to any affected area in accordance with local ordinances, resolutions, emergency plans or agreements therefor; and
4. Request assistance of the County of Navajo, the State of Arizona, and the Federal Government of the United States of America; and
5. Order and direct that public access be closed at the following public facilities in Show Low in the interest of preserving the public health and preventing the spread of the disease: aquatic center, public library, city campus gym, employee gym, and senior center; and
6. Order and direct that all city-scheduled activities creating a gathering of people of the city shall be canceled and that rental of city facilities to private parties for events shall be canceled and fees refunded; and
7. Order and direct that all out-of-state requests for city-business travel shall be denied unless summoned by court order or discretionary case by case for moving intergovernmental projects of the city forward or similar unavoidable circumstance; and
8. All businesses are encouraged to follow the protocols of public health officials and to limit large gatherings on their premises and to mitigate the potential for transmission, including using delivery services, drive-through service, and social distancing. We encourage everyone to be measured in the purchasing of goods.
9. Order, direct, and authorize the City Manager to implement any procedures and take any action he deems necessary to carry out the intent of this Proclamation.

10. Public meetings will be procedurally modified as follows until the emergency declared herein abates and is withdrawn, or a subsequent Proclamation is issued with amendments:
- a. No general public shall attend the meeting.
  - b. Those deemed necessary to attend for an agenda item will be allowed to attend in limited numbers.
  - c. Meetings will be broadcast on Sparklight channel 56 or 1056, on showlowtv.com, livestreamed on the Internet via the Show Low YouTube channel, or other means.
  - d. Those wishing to comment on an agenda item or call to the public will be allowed to call in to address the Mayor and Council.

Anyone who knowingly fails or refuses to obey the orders issued in this Proclamation shall be guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor as authorized by A.R.S. § 26-317.

This proclamation shall take effect March 17, 2020 and remain in full force and effect until amended or terminated by further order of the Mayor or City Council.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2020.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Show Low.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daryl Seymore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Daryl Seymore, Mayor