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## Prosper declares local state of disaster in response to virus

PROSPER (March 16, 2020) While there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the Town of Prosper, officials are taking proactive steps to minimize, mitigate and eliminate the conditions under which the virus is able to spread.

Today, the Town of Prosper has officially declared a local state of disaster. Among the actions this designation includes are:

- The Town's Emergency Operations Center has been partially activated, and conditions are being constantly monitored by emergency personnel.
- All Town-sponsored programs, activities, and classes are suspended through March 27.
- The Prosper Public Library and the 407 Rec Center are closed through March 27.
- Prosper Municipal Court is delaying all Court proceedings until April 14.
- All closures and cancellations will be reassessed and modified as conditions change.
- Town Council and Board/Commission meetings are cancelled until further notice.
- All other Town offices will remain open during normal operating hours.

Surrounding communities and governmental offices, including Collin County and Denton County, have issued similar declarations, in accordance with the advice and counsel of local, state, and national health organizations.

Limiting the size of gatherings, canceling all but essential meetings, and active sanitation of facilities are ways in which the virus can be deterred from spreading. Residents are encouraged to visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at [www.cdc.gov/covid19](http://www.cdc.gov/covid19) or the Texas Department of State Health Services at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/> for information on how to further protect themselves from COVID-19.

Both Collin County [https://www.collincountytx.gov/healthcare\\_services/Pages/news.aspx](https://www.collincountytx.gov/healthcare_services/Pages/news.aspx), and Denton County <https://dentoncounty.gov/Departments/Health-Services/Denton-County-Public-Health.aspx> also have useful information on their sites.

Further updates will be posted online at <https://www.prospertx.gov/fire-department/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>.

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**ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER** – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 25,000 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 70,000 residents, Prosper's vision is to remain a "Place Where Everyone Matters."