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Local Update:

Council Approves 30-day Emergency Declaration

Local Parks remain open and I encourage you and your family to get out and enjoy the wonderful amenities in our local parks.

See below to find a park near you.

[Governor Greg Abbott has issued an executive order closing all dine-in restaurants, bars, gyms, and schools in Texas until April 3rd.](#)

Today, the San Antonio City Council approved new measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Effective today (3/19), restaurants, bars, lounges, nightclubs, taverns, gyms or health studios, bowling alleys, bingo parlors, and theaters will be closed for 30 days. This measure can be rescinded if outcomes in the community improve. Grocery stores and restaurant drive-throughs and carryout options

remain open.

The following types of facilities are exempted from this declaration: These facilities are strongly encouraged to practice social distancing activities such as providing adequate space between people of 6 ft or more, providing hand sanitizer and tissues when available and increasing cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.

- San Antonio International Airport
- Public or private schools or child care facilities
- Places of worship
- Funeral homes
- Museums (so long as visitors are generally not within arm's length of one another for extended periods)
- Spaces where 50 or more persons may be in transit or waiting for transit, such as bus stops
- Office spaces
- Hotels
- Residential buildings
- Grocery stores, shopping malls, outdoor markets or other retail establishments

SBA Loans:

On March 17, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott requested designation from the Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Declaration to access the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program for the entire state of Texas. This was a crucial step in making long-term, low-interest SBA loans available to qualifying businesses across the state.

To begin the loan application process:

<https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>

0% Interest Loan Program:

Through a partnership with LiftFund, the City of San Antonio will help provide 0% interest loans to qualifying local small, minority, and women-owned businesses. Loans range from \$500 to \$100,000 and can be used to help start-up or existing business.

To learn more:

<https://www.liftfund.com/loans/>

[Click here to view the full declaration and the current COVID-19 test results.](#)

Residents are encouraged to download the [Ready South Texas app](#), available in the [iTunes](#) and [Google Play](#) stores, to receive updates on the COVID-19 situation in San Antonio.

Additionally, residents can text COSAGOV to 55000 to receive SMS text message updates.



Thank you for your replies and information of those who may be more impacted by the current situation. We are continuing to build our list and encourage you to, safely and respectfully, check-in with your neighbors. Again, our office will be contacting these people on a regular basis to make sure they are safe and taken care of.

If you or someone you know falls into one of the categories below and may need assistance, please email us at District9@sanantonio.gov.

- **Homebound seniors**
- **Live in a Group Home**
- **Families of Deployed Service Members**
- **On SNAP or Housing Vouchers**

We are here to help.

John Courage

SA Parks are Open



PARKS & RECREATION
SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio parks are still open. During this time of social distancing, it may feel uneasy and isolated to be "cooped up" in your home. I encourage you to visit your local District 9 Park and go for a run, ride your bike, or just enjoy the sun. Of course, be sure to practice social

distancing but undoubtedly, some time out in the Park can help boost morale.

- Walker Ranch Park - 12603 West Ave
- Blossom Park - 15015 Heimer Rd
- Hardberger Park - 8400 N.W. Military (West Entrance)
- Stone Oak Park - 20395 Stone Oak Pkwy
- Panther Springs Park - 22635 Wilderness Oak
- McAllister Park - 13102 Jones Maltzberger Rd
- Eisenhower Park - 19399 NW Military Hwy
- Parman Trailhead - 20735 Wilderness Oak
- Barbara Bush Trailhead - 1500 Evans Rd

**Lending a Hand.
Grow Together.**



District 9 Staff
volunteered at the San
Antonio Food Bank
and at West Avenue
Compassion this week
helping distribute food
to those in need across
the City.

In this time of uncertainty, it's more valuable than ever to lend a hand where you can. I have no doubt we will get through this by helping one another and we will grow stronger as a community because of it.

If you have the time and are willing to help your neighbors in need, we are calling for volunteer support.

Email us at District9@sanantonio.gov if you'd like to be contacted about volunteer opportunities in the coming weeks.

GIVE BLOOD at the Alamodome

Extended through March 20

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. each day

By appointment only.



**South Texas
Blood & Tissue Center**

SouthTexasBlood.org/GiveSA

The Alamodome blood drive has been extended to March 20th.

Donations are by appointment only.

You may also schedule a visit to a donor room near you. If you are willing and able to donate, you can schedule your visit [here](#) or call 210-731-5590.



CORONAVIRUS *Preparedness & Prevention* Campaign

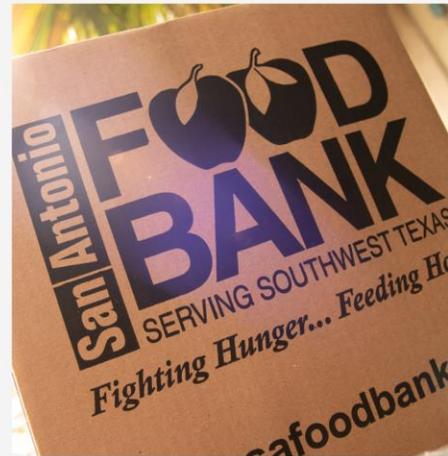


"When your pantry is empty and your bank account is near zero, it's impossible to plan for something like a regional flu outbreak. Fear can motivate all of us to take action in a time like this, but not all of us can afford the resources to prepare and prevent. We need to get ahead of the challenge and get our families secure and ready."

Eric S. Cooper, President & CEO

Help your **San Antonio Food Bank** prepare families so they won't be faced with hunger regardless of whatever may come our way.

\$5 can fill an entire box with food and necessary cleaning supplies for a family!



Follow the link below to give help or get help.

The San Antonio Food Bank needs your help.

Their goal over the next 30 days is to add 15 million pounds of food to our distribution network.

This is equivalent to \$1.5 million dollars. Only with your support can we achieve this goal.

\$1 = 10 Pounds

\$10 = 100 Pounds

\$100 = 1000 Pounds

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