

WHEREAS, the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, also known as COVID-19, spreads between people who are in close contact with one another, which the CDC defines as within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to present an imminent public safety threat to the health of Dallas residents; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,000 residents of Dallas County have died from COVID-19 during the past six months of 2020; and

WHEREAS, all Dallas residents can wear face coverings, practice good hand hygiene, avoid crowds, practice social distancing, and get tested for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, to protect the health of family, friends, and neighbors, Dallas residents are encouraged to limit errands and outings, to refrain from visiting family members at high risk due to underlying health conditions or age, and to isolate themselves after close contact with someone who has COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive for the novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, to support Dallas local businesses recovery from the economic impact of COVID-19 — and to protect coworkers, business owners, essential workers and customers — employees and patrons are urged to stay home if they are not feeling well, to wear face coverings, to practice good hand hygiene, and to avoid close contact from people outside their households; and

WHEREAS, to protect students, teachers, coaches, classmates, school bus drivers, cafeteria workers and other essential on-campus workers and their families, Dallas residents are advised to keep sick students at home, to get tested prior to in-person learning, and to follow all school guidelines; and

WHEREAS, to maintain hospital capacity, protect medical frontline workers, and care for the uninsured and underinsured, Dallas residents are advised to get a flu shot, to schedule virtual medical appointments when possible, to order prescriptions in advance for delivery or quick pick up, and to express their gratitude to healthcare workers; and

WHEREAS, through these collective contributions to a healthy society, the economy can be opened up and the individual freedom and liberty of all Dallas residents can be conserved and advanced for years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ERIC JOHNSON, Mayor of the City of Dallas, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2020 as

STAY ON GUARD AGAINST COVID-19 DAY

in Dallas, Texas



Eric Johnson

Mayor, the City of Dallas