



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

CITY OF BANGOR

CATHERINE M. CONLOW
CITY MANAGER

PROCLAMATION DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, there is currently an outbreak of novel coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-2019”), a respiratory illness, first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and it continues to expand to a growing number of international locations, including the United States;

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services announced a nationwide public health emergency to respond to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (the “WHO”) declared that the global health crisis involving COVID-19 is a pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the State of Maine identified and confirmed its first case of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, there are eight confirmed cases and nine presumptively positive cases in Maine of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been detected in thousands of people worldwide and can be spread from person to person;

WHEREAS, this worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 is emerging and rapidly evolving;

WHEREAS, the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 has risen steadily in the past months;

WHEREAS, the City of Bangor (the “City”) and all of its departments are prepared to respond to COVID-19 and are committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of everyone in Bangor;

WHEREAS, the City urges the public to stay home if they are ill and consult with their doctor if they are experiencing more severe symptoms such as shortness of breath, are older adults, or are any age with chronic medical conditions that increase the likelihood of a more severe COVID-19 disease;

WHEREAS, in accordance with guidance from the President of the United States and the Center for Disease Control (“CDC”), the City urges the public to practice social distancing and not attend events where ten or more people will be gathered;

WHEREAS, the City recommend that the public follow the CDC's stringent guidance for cleaning and disinfection;

WHEREAS, the City recommends that all Bangor businesses follow CDC guidance in allowing for workplace social distancing and remote work where applicable;

WHEREAS, the City recommends that all fitness centers, gyms, yoga studios, and indoor cycling studios cease operations for the immediate future;

WHEREAS, the City recommends that all Bangor restaurants and bars institute and follow the recommended CDC guidance, and further close their establishments to all in-person dining and gathering, and only offer take-out dining options for their customers;

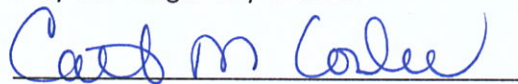
WHEREAS, the risk of community spread throughout Bangor impacts the life, health and safety of the public and public health is imperiled by the person-to-person spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Maine Governor, Janet Mills, declared a State of Civil Emergency for the entire State of Maine in order to address the threat of COVID-19 poses to the health and welfare of residents and visitors to the State of Maine;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me through the statutes of the State of Maine; the Bangor Code of Ordinances, Chapter 28, Section 28-77; the City Charter; and common law authority to protect the public's health, safety and welfare in the event of an emergency, I, Catherine M. Conlow, City Manager for the City of Bangor, in consultation with the Chair of the City Council of the City of Bangor, do hereby declare and order as follows:

1. A civil state of emergency exists within the entire City of Bangor.
2. No business shall host or organize and no person shall be in or remain in any establishment within the City, including, but not limited to, restaurants, bars, movie theaters, museums, dance clubs, music venues, and any other establishment where individuals gather in groups or are in close contact with one another, beginning March 17, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. until March 18, 2020 at 2:00 a.m. and thereafter daily from 8:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.
3. As per Chapter 28, Section 28-78 of the Bangor City Code, this proclamation shall remain in effect for five (5) days unless and until it is renewed by the Bangor City Council.

Dated: Monday, March 16, 2020



Catherine M. Conlow, City Manager