



PROCLAMATION *of the* TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE

DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE, NORTH CAROLINA (P-010)

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control has warned of the high public health threat posed by COVID-19 globally and in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has urged all North Carolinians to take steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper declared a State of Emergency for the state of North Carolina on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Wake County Board of Commissioners Chairman Gregory Ford issued a State of Emergency Proclamation for Wake County on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mayor James Roberson issued a local State of Emergency for the Town of Knightdale on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2020, in an effort to curtail the spread of COVID-19 and protect lives and public health within the Town of Knightdale, the Town Council authorized the Mayor to require all persons to wear face coverings when in public.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Knightdale under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Section 32.03 of the Town of Knightdale Code of Ordinances, I hereby declare that a State of Emergency continues within the jurisdiction of the Town of Knightdale.

Section 1. The emergency area covered by this State of Emergency shall be all areas within the jurisdiction of the Town of Knightdale.

Section 2. I hereby order all Town law enforcement officers and employees, and all other emergency management personnel subject to our control, to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the Town of Knightdale Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 3. I hereby order all town facilities closed to the public with the exception of those listed below.

1. Public Safety Facilities
2. Knightdale Recreation Center
3. Knightdale Community Pool and Clubhouse
4. Harper Park Tennis and Pickleball Courts
5. Knightdale Station Park Playground
6. Mingo Creek Park Playground

Section 4. All persons who are present within the jurisdiction of the Town of Knightdale are required to wear a clean face covering any time they are, or will be, in contact with other people who are not household members in public or private spaces where it is not possible to maintain social distance or where recommended social distancing practices are not being followed. These spaces include grocery stores, pharmacies, business locations, parking lots, sidewalks, and public transit. While wearing the face covering, it is essential to still maintain social distance as this is the best defense against the spread of COVID-19.

A face covering is a material that covers the nose and mouth. It can be secured to the head with ties or straps or simply wrapped around the lower face. It can be made of a variety of materials, such as cotton, silk, or linen. A cloth face covering may be factory-made, sewn by hand, or can be improvised with household items such as scarves, t-shirts, or towels. Social distance, as referenced within this declaration, shall mean the current parameters established by the Governor by Executive Order and by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, including as such parameters may be amended in the future.

It is not required to wear face coverings during individual exercise outdoors, or while walking or exercising with other people from the same household, as long as social distance from others is maintained.

All restaurant, personal care, grooming, tattoo, and retail employees and staff shall wear a face covering while on duty. It is recommended that all businesses require customers to wear a face covering while inside the business. Face coverings are not required:

- For people whose religious beliefs prevent them from wearing a face covering.
- For those who cannot wear a face covering due to a medical or behavioral condition.
- For children under 5 years old.
- For restaurant patrons while they are dining.
- In private, individual offices.
- When complying with directions of law enforcement officers.
- In settings where it is not practical or feasible to wear a face covering, including when obtaining or rendering goods or services, such as the receipt of dental services or while swimming.
- While with members of a family or the same household.

Section 5. The requirements herein are intended to supplement the previous requirements outlined in the Town of Knightdale's COVID-19 State of Emergency declaration. Further, these requirements supplement all other local and State government orders. It is not intended to supersede any declaration or Executive Order issued by the State of North Carolina or Wake County, nor is it intended to create a more stringent standard of conduct.

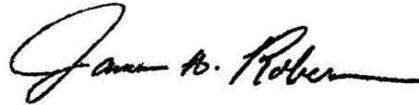
Section 6. The intent of this declaration is to encourage voluntary compliance with the requirements established herein by businesses and persons within the Town of Knightdale. Law enforcement and other public safety and emergency management personnel are strongly encouraged to educate and encourage voluntary compliance with this order.

Section 7. I hereby order this Declaration to be distributed to the news media, to be filed with the Town Clerk, and to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 8. This Declaration shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

This proclamation supersedes Proclamation P-009 issued on July 1, 2020 and will go into effect at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 4, 2020.

DECLARED this the 4th day of September, 2020.



James A. Roberson, Mayor



Heather M. Smith, Town Clerk