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## **Coronavirus update: GoGeo hours, Animal Shelter, trash services, library, municipal court, and local orders**

The City continues daily coordination with public health, school, city, and county officials in response to the Coronavirus outbreak. Although some City offices remain open, people are encouraged to contact those offices via phone or email, rather than coming in person.

These updates listed below to City services include GoGeo transit service, Animal Shelter operations, Texas Disposal Systems, the library, municipal court, public meetings, and local orders.

### **GoGeo transit reduces hours**

GoGeo transit is reducing service hours to Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting Monday, March 23. The new hours are for fixed-route services, as well as paratransit service.

There will be no Saturday service starting March 21 for GoGeo routes or paratransit service. CARTS will continue to provide needed medical trips for dialysis and other critical medical needs for pre-scheduled trips. Rides for qualified paratransit riders can be requested online or through the CARTS Reservation Center by calling (512) 478-7433.

### **Animal Shelter changes operations**

Although the Georgetown Animal Shelter will continue its normal business hours, access by the public will be by appointment only, and the doors will be locked to prevent large gatherings of people inside.

Adopting animals, picking up lost animals, and dropping off stray animals will be scheduled by appointment only. City pet licenses will be sold over the phone, by email, or by mail. Animal Control will conduct business as usual.

The Animal Shelter also is implementing new recommendations for volunteers. For additional details and guidance, visit [pets.georgetown.org](https://pets.georgetown.org).

The Georgetown Animal Shelter, 110 W.L Walden Drive, can be contacted at (512) 930-3592 or at [animalsvc@georgetown.org](mailto:animalsvc@georgetown.org). Hours are 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday; closed on Wednesday, and 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

### **Trash and recycling services**

In order to reduce employees' potential exposure to bacteria, the City is requesting residents bag all landfill trash and keep recyclable items loose. This limits employees' contact with these materials.

Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) continues to operate normally in Georgetown. The transfer station on Walden Drive remains open to the public. TDS staff are collecting landfill trash, recycling, and yard/green items on normal schedules.

If there are any necessary updates or changes to residential services, the City will work with TDS to notify customers. Updates also will come through the TDS [Waste Wizard app](#), which people can download and sign up for through Google Play and the App Store.

### **Library pickup service**

Starting March 18, the Georgetown Public Library will offer curbside pickup of reserved materials. Items must be reserved for pickup ahead of time using the online catalog at [library.georgetown.org](http://library.georgetown.org).

After receiving notification that their items are ready for pickup, patrons can drive into the library's Ninth Street parking lot, where they can receive their materials from the WOWmobile. People with questions about this service can contact (512) 930-3551.

Staff also will offer story times and activities for children on the Georgetown [Public Library Facebook page](#).

### **Municipal Court**

All court dockets currently scheduled in the Georgetown Municipal Court between March 18 and April 3 will be rescheduled. Notices will be mailed to each person prior to their next appearance date advising them of their new appearance date and time.

The Municipal Court also will be reducing the size of future dockets to limit the number of participants in court at a given time. Any person who is unable to

comply with an appearance date or a prior order from the judge is encouraged to contact the court to discuss options for an extension.

Anyone who believes they are sick or is a member of a high-risk group, according to the CDC, is encouraged to address your case online, by phone, or by email rather than coming into the court facility.

Contact Municipal Court at (512) 930-3625 or [court@georgetown.org](mailto:court@georgetown.org) or by fax at (512) 930-8030.

### **Executive local orders**

Georgetown Mayor Dale Ross on Tuesday signed two additional local orders under the disaster declaration. The first appoints City Manager David Morgan as the official emergency management coordinator.

The second ensures the City can enforce social distancing standards at Council meetings. For example, this order would allow the City to limit the number of people in attendance if the number exceeds the room's capacity to allow 6-foot separation among members of the public.

Updates can be found on the City of Georgetown's COVID-19 news page at <https://georgetown.org/coronavirus-information/>.

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