



## **GROCERY STORES, CONVENIENCE STORES, DRUG STORES**

### **MAYORAL SUGGESTED BEST PRACTICES AND PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES**

**WHEREAS**, a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus and continues to spread and to pose an increasing, imminent threat of disaster throughout the City of Levelland and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 31, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-14 superseding Executive Order GA-08, effectively mandating that all travel be restricted except that necessary to obtain essential services and prohibited social gatherings as well as other mandates necessary to more effectively contain the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Levelland, issued Declaration of Local Disaster Order No. 2 - Stay at Home, approved via Resolution No. 2020-14 on April 6, 2020 to help further contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Levelland; and

**WHEREAS**, grocery stores, convenience stores, drug stores, pharmacies and package stores are considered essential businesses and services; and

**WHEREAS**, while it is imperative that the public continue to have the ability to purchase groceries and other essential products, it is also necessary to take those precautionary steps to reduce the continued spread of COVID-19 including following federal and CDC guidelines and taking affirmative steps to ensure that social distancing of 6 feet is maintained; and

**WHEREAS**, the many of the grocery stores, convenience stores, drug stores, pharmacies and package stores have already implemented numerous policies and practices designed to protect its employees and patrons from the continued spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to assist the grocery stores, convenience stores, drug stores, pharmacies and package stores in their efforts to protect their employees and members of the public from the continued spread of COVID-19, the Mayor has developed the following suggested best practices and precautionary measures;

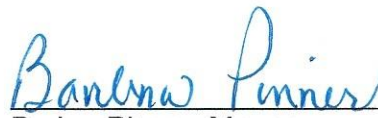
### **BEST PRACTICES AND PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR GROCERY STORES, CONVENIENCE STORES, DRUG STORES, PHARMACIES AND PACKAGE STORES**

1. For larger stores, limit the occupancy of each store so as not to exceed 20% of total permitted occupancy as per City occupancy standards including employees at any given time.

For smaller buildings, limit the occupancy of each store so as not to exceed 10 individuals at any given time including employees.

2. Provide clearly marked floor markers encouraging social distancing of at least six (6) feet as per the CDC guidelines for all areas where customers from lines or are required to wait for assistance including if waiting outside the store.
3. Where feasible, require customers/patrons/members of the public to enter through one door and exit a different door thus minimizing contact between members of the public.
4. Where feasible, designate aisles for one way traffic to improve social distancing.
5. Where feasible, install sneeze guards at cash registers, counters, customer windows or anywhere the public must interact in-person with employees.
6. Implement additional cleanliness measures including sanitizing frequently touched surfaces such as grocery carts, door handles, checkout pin pads, etc.
7. Implement additional cleanliness measures and policies for employees. For example, employees will be given time to wash hands every hour.

As Mayor, I recognize and sincerely appreciate the dedication and hard-work that all of the employees of our retail grocery stores, convenience stores, drug stores, pharmacies and package stores are providing each and every day during this difficult time. I am thankful for your presence and service to the Levelland community. Hopefully these suggested measures will enhance and build upon the policies and practices you have already put in place.



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Barbra Pinner, Mayor