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# City of Blanchard

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## **Press Release**

By the order of Mayor Eddie Odle, the City of Blanchard declared a state of emergency related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak on March 17th, 2020. The City of Blanchard continues to monitor and adhere to guidance from public health officials and the State of Oklahoma to make the best decisions for the well-being of our citizens.

Starting **March 25th at 11:59 pm**, the State of Oklahoma is mandating the closure of all nonessential businesses within the counties having a confirmed COVID-19 case. This includes McClain and Grady County and therefore the City of Blanchard. The closure of nonessential businesses will include the dining areas of restaurants, fitness centers, hair salons, nail salons, clothing stores/boutiques, libraries or any other business where more than 10 people gather in a social setting. **THIS LIST IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

Governor Stitt's order also urged individuals over the age of 60 or in the high risk categories as defined by the CDC to stay home.

A list of essential businesses allowed to remain open during the emergency declaration can be found on the Oklahoma Department of Commerce's website at the following link: <https://www.okcommerce.gov/wp-content/uploads/Oklahoma-Essential-Industries-List.pdf>

If you are looking for more resources regarding COVID-19 or believe that your business should be deemed essential you may find more information and apply for essential status at the following link: <https://www.okcommerce.gov/covid19/>

***Any persons or business that does not comply with the emergency declaration may be subject to fines and prosecution as provided by Oklahoma Statutes.***