

<b>COVID-19 Workforce Policy- 032220</b>	<b>RE: Dallas County Amended Order Issued March 22, 2020</b>
<i>Date effective: 03/23/2020</i>	<i>Date released: 04/29/2020</i>

**COVID-19 WORKFORCE POLICY**

**Background:** On March 22, 2020 Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins issued a shelter in place order in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In accordance with Dallas County Public Order released on March 22, 2020, the following definition applies (<https://www.dallascounty.org/Assets/uploads/docs/judge-jenkins/covid-19/03232020-AmendedOrder.pdf>)

**Policy:** WFSDallas follows the Dallas County Executive Order effective at 11:59 on March 23, 2020. The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is an agency of the state government and is specifically exempt from all municipal and county ("local orders") related to the stay-at-home declaration in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Further, the local orders allow essential government functions necessary to provide services to the citizens of the State of Texas to continue. TWC, Local Workforce Development Boards, contractors and service providers perform such essential services.

**Action:** Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas, a contractor of the Texas Workforce Commission, which provides services for the health, safety, and welfare of the public as described in Chapter 301 of the Texas Labor Code. As such, Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas is an essential business and imperative to the performance of state governmental duties, and the citizens of Dallas County. WFSDallas will provide necessary technology and mobile devices to board staff and workforce system staff to perform workforce functions, as appropriate. Effective March 23, 2020, the workforce centers temporarily closed to the public and offered mobile services to customers through JobsNow!

Although Workforce Centers will not be open to the public, workforce professionals are working with employer and job seeker customers via telework including email, phone and virtual events. Workforce Centers will remain temporarily closed to the public until such time as health conditions allow.

**Questions:** For any questions, related to this policy, please contact Connie Rash, Senior Vice President at 214-290-1008.

**Approved for Content:**

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