

At this time, the Frisco City Council is not taking action to close restaurants, bars or any other businesses, for that matter. We are taking a very measured approach where we process information from all perspectives.

Our medical expert, Dr. Mark Gamber, agrees restaurants pose no greater risk than a gaming store, grocery store or other retail locations. We're choosing to take a tempered approach. While many are looking to government entities for all the answers, we must take personal responsibility to help solve this issue.

This includes individuals taking extreme precautions by self-isolating if sick, washing hands and surfaces, and practicing social distancing. It also calls on private business to take these same measures and create an environment where people can feel safe. In fact, some businesses are already offering special shopping hours for seniors, only.

Businesses that allow public access like grocery stores, retail, and, yes, restaurants, should take extreme precautionary measures to protect those who enter. Our staff has prepared a 'Best Practices and Reminders for Food Establishments' to help guide restaurant operators and employees. Find the full document on our website: <https://bit.ly/2wluiHD>

We do not pretend to have all the answers but we are working around the clock to listen to our residents, as well as the people we trust to advise us. Our response could change at any point based on new information.

We will obviously follow Governor Abbott's statewide plan, which we understand will be released tomorrow. As a council, we have scheduled a Special Call meeting for Friday, March 20. Thank you for your continued support, patience and understanding.

– Mayor Jeff Cheney