



**COUNTY OF REEVES, TEXAS
AMENDED ORDER OF COUNTY JUDGE LEO HUNG
DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
DATE AMENDED ORDER ISSUED: APRIL 4, 2020**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Reeves County Judge Leo Hung issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 20, 2020, due to a novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the on-going evaluation of circumstances related to the virus and the updated recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and the Texas Department of State Health Services warrant the March 20, 2020 Order of County Judge Leo Hung be amended and extended as set forth below;

WHEREAS, on March 16; 2020, President Trump acknowledged the gravity of the COVID-19 pandemic, releasing strict new guidelines to limit people's interactions, including that Americans should avoid groups of more than 10 people;

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the World Health Organization indicated that the United States has the potential to become the center of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, this Emergency Order is necessary because of the propensity of the virus to spread person to person and also because the virus is physically causing property damage due to its proclivity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time;

WHEREAS, this Emergency Order is necessary to protect the lives, health, welfare, and safety of the County's residents from the devastating impacts of this pandemic;

WHEREAS, all local government entities and businesses should be allowed to continue providing essential services during the COVID-19 disaster, and all critical infrastructure should be allowed to remain operational.

WHEREAS, Reeves County orders issued on March 20, 2020 is subject to expiration at 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020.

WHEREAS, Reeves County, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

WHEREAS, by Declaration of Local State of Disaster on March 20, 2020 Reeves County is authorized to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the County, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the County's rules and directives.

THEREFORE, the March 20, 2020 Order of County Judge Leo Hung is hereby AMENDED as follows:

SECTION 1. That this Order hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than 10 people. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled or unscheduled event or common endeavor where 10 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area.

SECTION 2. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance as determined through guidance from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

SECTION 3. That this Order shall require that restaurants, bars, taverns, and liquor stores with or without drive-in or drive-through services only provide take out, delivery, or drive-through services as allowed by law. In-person service is prohibited. Customers may order and pay inside, but are prohibited from waiting inside the restaurant for their food. All food must be brought outside to customers. To allow for increased access to restaurants, this Order hereby suspends all laws and regulations prohibiting people from walking in a drive-through.

SECTION 4. That this Order prohibits persons from visiting gyms, massage establishments, tattoo studios, piercing studios, and cosmetology salons.

SECTION 5. That all commercial amusement facilities, the Reeves County golf course, and private game rooms shall be closed.

SECTION 6. That each person shall minimize social gatherings and in-person contact with people who are not in the same household, except where necessary to obtain or provide essential services. TDEM shall maintain an online list of essential services by visiting www.tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices. This order does not prohibit people from accessing essential services or engaging in essential daily activities, such as going to the grocery store or gas station, providing or obtaining essential services, engaging in physical activities like jogging or bicycling, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

SECTION 7. To the greatest extent possible, all businesses providing essential services shall comply with the Social Distancing Rules attached as Exhibit A, including maintaining six feet social distancing for both employees and the general public and follow the Guidelines from the President and the CDC by practicing good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation, implementing social distancing and working from home, if possible.

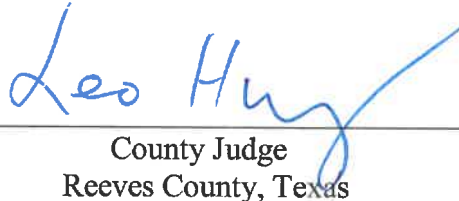
SECTION 8. If someone in a household has tested positive for coronavirus, the household is ordered to isolate at home. Members of the household cannot go to work, school, or any other community function, except for workers included in Essential Healthcare Operations who may continue to work in accordance with CDC guidance.

SECTION 9. Reeves County shall order all persons under investigation of COVID-19 infection (i.e. those who have been tested and are awaiting results) and those who have tested positive for COVID-19 and/or who are under the management of the Texas Department of State of Health Services (DSHS) acting as Reeves County's local health authority to quarantine according to the orders of their physician and/or DSHS.

SECTION 10. The Reeves County Sheriff's Office and other peace officers are hereby authorized to enforce this Order. A violation of this order may be punishable through criminal or civil enforcement. A violation of this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1000 and/or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days.

SECTION 11. That this order shall supersede all previous orders on this matter. This order shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and, shall continue in effect and full force until 11:59 p.m. May 3rd, 2020. Pursuant to this order, additional directives may be issued by the County Judge at any time as deemed necessary.

DECLARED this 4th day of April 2020.



County Judge
Reeves County, Texas

Attest:



Dianne Florez, Reeves County Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Social Distancing Rules

1) Vulnerable Populations: Limit Outings

- Vulnerable populations include people who are:
 - o 60 years old and older.
 - o People with certain health conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease and weakened immune systems.
- For vulnerable populations, don't go to gatherings unless it is essential. Stay home. Avoid people who are sick.

2) Workplace and Businesses: Minimize Exposure

- Suspend nonessential employee travel.
- Ensure employees practice social distancing and do not work within six feet of one another.
- Maximize telecommuting options.
- Persons who need to be at work to provide essential services of great benefit to the community must take steps in their workplace to minimize risk.
- Increase cleaning of vehicles and high touch surface areas.
- Provide hand washing/hand sanitizers and tissues in stations and on vehicles.
- Ensure social distancing are implemented to the full extent possible.

3) Health Care Settings: Avoid as possible, protect the vulnerable

- Long-term care facilities should have a COVID-19 plan in accordance with CDC or state guidelines.
- Long-term care facilities should restrict all visitation except for certain compassionate care situations, such as end of life situations.
- The general public should avoid going to medical settings such as hospitals, nursing homes and long-term care facilities, even if you are not ill.
- If you are ill, call your health care provider ahead of time, and you may be able to be served by phone.
- Do not visit emergency rooms unless it is essential.
- Follow guidance and directions of all facilities.

4) Everyone: Do your part

The best way for all Reeves County residents to reduce their risk of getting sick, as with seasonal colds or the flu, still applies to prevent COVID-19:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Try alternatives to shaking hands, like an elbow bump or wave.
- If you have recently returned from a country, state or region with ongoing COVID-19 infections, monitor your health and follow the instructions of public health officials and CDC guidance.

You can also prepare for the disruption caused by an outbreak. Preparedness actions include:

- Prepare to work from home if that is possible for your job, and your employer.
- Make sure you have a supply of all essential medications for your family.
- Prepare a child care plan if you or a caregiver are sick.
- Make arrangements about how your family will manage school closures.
- Plan for how you can care for a sick family member without getting sick yourself.
- Take care of each other and check in by phone with friends, family and neighbors that are vulnerable to serious illness or death if they get COVID-19.
- Keep common spaces clean to help maintain a healthy environment for you and others. Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned regularly with disinfecting sprays, wipes or common household cleaning products.

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REEVES COUNTY CLERK, REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS
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