

**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY REGARDING COVID-19
FOR LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS
(4-02-2020)**

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to spread and to pose an increasing, imminent threat of disaster throughout **LUBBOCK COUNTY** and beyond; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Honorable Curtis Parrish as County Judge of **LUBBOCK COUNTY** declared a state of disaster for public health emergency pursuant to § 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, based upon the need for extraordinary measures to contain COVID-19 and to prevent its spread throughout **LUBBOCK COUNTY**; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, said state of disaster for a public health emergency was continued and renewed with the consent of the Commissioners Court of **LUBBOCK COUNTY** pursuant to § 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, said state of disaster for a public health emergency was again continued and renewed with the consent of the Commissioners Court of **LUBBOCK COUNTY** pursuant to § 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, as promulgated by United States President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), continue to call upon Americans to take extraordinary but necessary measures to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. GA-14, which is the most recent executive order promulgated by Texas Governor Greg Abbott, relates to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation and includes certain mandates necessary to more effectively contain the continuing spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of **LUBBOCK COUNTY** has determined that additional extraordinary measures must be taken to further contain COVID-19 and prevent its continued spread throughout **LUBBOCK COUNTY**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF LUBBOCK COUNTY:

1. This supplemental declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance, in addition to the continuing declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency, which was issued by the Commissioners Court of **LUBBOCK COUNTY** on March 31, 2020.

2. In accordance with the continuing Guidelines from the President and the CDC and Executive Order No. GA-14 by the Texas Governor, every person in **LUBBOCK COUNTY** shall, except where necessary to provide or obtain essential services, minimize social gatherings and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household.
3. “Essential services” shall consist of everything listed in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 2.0, plus religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship. Other essential services may be added to this list with the approval of the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). TDEM shall maintain an online list of essential services, as specified in the Governor’s Executive Order No. GA-14 and in any approved additions.
4. Work services considered “essential” include:
 - Healthcare, including hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, medical suppliers, mental health and veterinary care;
 - Public infrastructure operations, including water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refinery, waste management, internet, telecommunications, defense, essential manufacturing;
 - Transportation and related repairs;
 - Government functions, including first responders, emergency management personnel, judges and court personnel, law enforcement;
 - School personnel, including families leaving home to get schoolwork and meals;
 - Carry-out and delivery restaurants and liquor stores, including takeout, delivery and drive-through only;
 - Businesses that provide food, shelter and other social services;
 - Newspaper, television and radio services;
 - Gas stations and automotive services;
 - Banks, financial institutions and real estate transactions;
 - Hardware stores, home and business repair and service providers;
 - Business supplies, mailing and shipping services;
 - Laundromats, dry cleaners and related services;
 - Airports, taxis and private transportation services;
 - Legal and accounting services;
 - Home-based care, residential facilities and shelters;
 - Funeral homes and related businesses;
 - Childcare facilities that enable essential employees to work;
 - Hotels, motels and shared rentals;
 - Animal shelters and other live animal businesses, provided there are no visitors;
 - Gun and firearm businesses;
 - Moving services.

The following personal activities are allowed:

- Getting groceries, household supplies, medicine, gasoline, work-from-home supplies, pet and livestock supplies;
- Going to the doctor's office;
- Outdoor activities (such as hiking, biking, running, etc.) while maintaining social distance requirements.

Below is a list of what is considered essential travel:

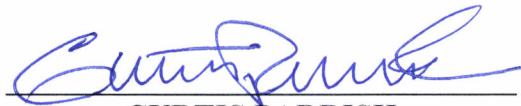
- Travel related to essential personal activities and work services;
 - Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, disabled or vulnerable persons;
 - Travel by clergy, travel to funerals;
 - Travel to and from educational institutions for materials or meals;
 - Travel to residence;
 - Travel required by law enforcement or court order.
5. In providing or obtaining essential services, people and businesses should follow the Guidelines from the President and the CDC and Executive Order No. GA-14 by the Texas Governor, by practicing good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation, implementing social distancing, and working from home if possible. In particular, all services should be provided through remote telework from home unless they are essential services that cannot be provided through remote telework. If religious services cannot be conducted from home or through remote services, they should be conducted consistent with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC and Executive Order No. GA-14 by the Texas Governor by practicing good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation, and by implementing social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
 6. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC and Executive Order No. GA-14 by the Texas Governor, people in **LUBBOCK COUNTY** shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms, massage establishments, tattoo studios, piercing studios, or cosmetology salons; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options for food and drinks is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this declaration.
 7. This declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency 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 other essential services, visiting parks, hunting or fishing, or engaging in physical activity like jogging or bicycling, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and to minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household.

8. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC and Executive Order No. GA-14 by the Texas Governor, people in **LUBBOCK COUNTY** 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.
9. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC and Executive Order No. GA-14 by the Texas Governor, schools in **LUBBOCK COUNTY** shall remain temporarily closed to in-person classroom attendance and shall not recommence before May 4, 2020.

This supplemental declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency does not mandate sheltering in place, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained in order to achieve optimum isolation from COVID-19 and to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. The more that people reduce their public contact, the sooner COVID-19 will be contained and the sooner this declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency will expire.

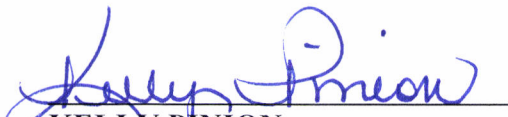
This supplemental declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency supersedes all previous supplemental declarations issued by the County Judge of **LUBBOCK COUNTY** on this matter, and shall remain in effect and in full force until 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2020, subject to being extended, modified, amended, rescinded or superseded under applicable laws.

SO DECLARED AND ORDERED THE 2ND DAY OF APRIL, 2020.



**CURTIS PARRISH,
Lubbock County Judge**

ATTEST:



**KELLY PINION,
Lubbock County Clerk**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



**R. NEAL BURT,
Assistant Criminal District Attorney
and Civil Division Chief**