

## ORDINANCE No. 2020-32

### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS; EXTENDING A DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER; ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE DURATION OF THE DISASTER; RESTRICTING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES; REPEALING ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES; AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.**

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**WHEREAS**, in December 2019 a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and in some cases death; and,

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this epidemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the COVID-19 outbreak should be characterized as pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, President Trump declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, Governor Greg Abbott declared a public health disaster on March 13, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control recommends that citizens stop handshaking, clean hands at the door, schedule regular hand washing, avoid touching faces and cover coughs and sneezes, disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly, increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning, maintain a social distance of six feet between non-family members, and wear face coverings when out in public; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control recommends the use of video-conferencing for meetings when possible, and adjusting or postponing large meetings or gatherings; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control recommends citizens stay home if they are feeling sick or when they have a sick family member in their home; and,

**WHEREAS**, households with vulnerable seniors and persons with underlying health conditions should conduct themselves as if they were a significant risk to the vulnerable senior or person with underlying conditions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the identification of “community spread” cases of COVID-19 in the United States has signaled that transmission of the virus is no longer limited to those who traveled to China, or had contact with travelers who have visited China; and,

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and,

**WHEREAS**, a declaration of local disaster includes the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, and promote the health and safety of Leon Valley residents; and,

**WHEREAS**, the scientific evidence shows that at this stage of the emergency, it is essential to slow virus transmission as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable and to prevent the health care system from being overwhelmed. One proven way to slow the transmission is to limit interactions among people to the greatest extent practicable. By reducing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this Ordinance helps preserve critical and limited healthcare capacity in the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Leon Valley will work collaboratively with Bexar County, and other area agencies and political subdivisions to ensure that all appropriate and necessary measures are taken to limit the development, contraction and spread of COVID-19; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the mayor is designated as the emergency management director of the City of Leon Valley, and may exercise the powers granted to the governor on an appropriate local scale; and,

**WHEREAS**, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, promote health, compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease, including isolation, surveillance, quarantine, or placement of persons under public health observation, including the provision of temporary housing or emergency shelters for persons misplaced or evacuated and request assistance from the governor of state resources; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor, under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, has authorized the use of all available resources of state government and political subdivisions to assist in the City’s response to this situation; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Mayor made a Declaration of Public Health Emergency, and further declared all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat suspended for the duration of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, the City Council of the City of Leon Valley approved an ordinance extending the declaration of local disaster for 30 days; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, Bexar County Commissioners Court issued a county wide “Stay Home, Work Safe Order” directing all persons within incorporated and unincorporated Bexar County to stay home to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 25, 2020, the Leon Valley City Council passed an Ordinance comply with Bexar County’s “Stay Home, Work Safe Order”; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 06, 2020, Bexar County Commissioners Court issued Executive Order NW-05 extending and updating to the county wide “Stay Home, Work Safe Order” directing all persons within incorporated and unincorporated Bexar County to continue to stay home to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 13, 2020, the Leon Valley City Council passed Ordinance 2020-19 to incorporate Texas Governor’s Executive Order GA-14 and Bexar County Commissioners Executive Order NW-03; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 27, 2020, Texas Governor’s Executive Order GA-18 relating to the expanded reopening of services as part of the safe, strategic plan to Open Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster was issued; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 29, 2020, Bexar County Commissioners Court issued Executive Order NW-07 extending and updating to the county wide “Stay Home, Work Safe Order” directing all persons within incorporated and unincorporated Bexar County to continue to stay home to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 05, 2020, the Leon Valley City Council passed Ordinance 2020-20 to incorporate Texas Governor’s Executive Order GA-18 and Bexar County Commissioners Executive Order NW-07; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 05, 2020, Texas Governor’s Executive Order GA-21 relating to the expanded reopening of services as part of the safe, strategic plan to Open Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster was issued; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 18, 2020, Texas Governor’s Executive Order GA-23 relating to the expanded opening of Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster was issued; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 19, 2020, Bexar County Commissioners Court issued Executive Order NW-08 extending and updating to the county wide “Stay Home, Work Safe Order” directing all persons within incorporated and unincorporated Bexar County to continue to stay home to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 03, 2020, Texas Governor's Executive Order GA-26 relating to the expanded opening of Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster was issued; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 4, 2020, Bexar County Commissioners Court chose not to extend Executive Order NW-08, the county wide "Stay Home, Work Safe Order", letting the ordinance expire as of June 4, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 4, 2020, the Leon Valley City Council passed Ordinance 2020-26 to incorporate Texas Governor's Executive Order GA-26 and open all facilities to the public on a phased time-line; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 16, 2020, the Leon Valley City Council passed Ordinance 2020-27 to add changes to the pool hours and fees; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 17, 2020, Bexar County Commissioners Court issued Executive Order NW-10 which required all businesses to create a Health and Safety Policy, making it mandatory for businesses to enforce wearing masks to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2020, Texas Governor's Executive Order GA-28 relating to the targeted response to the COVID-19 disaster as part of the reopening of Texas was issued; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 29, 2020, the Mayor made a second Declaration of Public Health Emergency, and further declared all pools and parks owned by the City of Leon Valley closed due to the extreme spikes in COVID cases in Leon Valley, Bexar County, and throughout Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 1, 2020, Bexar County Commissioners Court issued Executive Order NW-12 which required all businesses to create a Health and Safety Policy, making it mandatory for businesses to enforce wearing masks to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, requiring businesses to post symptoms of COVID-19, and requiring certain business to conduct temperature checks and health questionnaires before allowing people to enter; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 2, 2020, Texas Governor's Executive Order GA-28 was amended relating to the mass gatherings in Texas during the disaster posed by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, on July 2, 2020, Texas Governor's Executive Order GA-29 relating to the use of face coverings during the COVID-19 disaster was issued; and

**WHEREAS**, as of July 3, 2020, there are over 176,000 persons confirmed to have COVID-19 in Texas, and 2,525 Texans have died from COVID-19; and,

**WHEREAS**, as of July 3, 2020, there are 12,878 persons confirmed to have COVID-19 in Bexar County, and 115 people have died due to complications from the virus; and,

**WHEREAS**, as of July 3, 2020, there are 2,741,841 cases of COVID-19 reported in the United States, including 130,841 deaths; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Leon Valley finds that Leon Valley Ordinance 2020-27 must be changed to reflect new COVID-19 guidance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY:**

- Section 1. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the City Council.
- Section 2. The Governor's Executive Order GA-28 relating to the targeted response to the COVID-19 disaster as part of the reopening of Texas is herein adopted for all purposes and attached hereto as Exhibit A. The amendment to GA-28 is herein adopted for all purposes and attached hereto as Exhibit B. The Governor's Executive Order GA-29 relating to the use of face masks during the COVID-19 disaster is herein adopted for all purposes and attached hereto as Exhibit C.
- Section 3. The Bexar County Commissioners Executive Order NW-012 as set forth in the attached Exhibit D is hereby adopted as fully set forth herein for all purposes.
- Section 4. That the local state of disaster and public health emergency as declared by Mayor Chris Riley for the City of Leon Valley pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code is hereby superseded, amended, and extended until rescinded by the Leon Valley City Council pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code, including all rules and regulation attached hereto as Exhibit E.
- Section 5. If any conflict arises between the Governor's Executive Order GA-28 as amended, Governors Order GA-29, Bexar County's Executive Order NW-12, and the attached Exhibit E the Governor's orders applies.
- Section 6. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Government Code, this extension of declaration of a local state of disaster and public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.


- Section 7. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code, this extension of declaration of a local state of disaster and public health emergency maintains in effect the City of Leon Valley emergency management plan.
- Section 8. Pursuant to §418.020(c) of the Government Code, this extension of declaration authorizes the City to commandeer or use any private property, temporarily acquire, by lease or other means, sites required for temporary housing units or emergency shelters for evacuees, subject to compensation requirements.
- Section 9. Pursuant to §122.006 of the Health and Safety Code, this extension of declaration authorizes the City to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress disease, including quarantine, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City, and fining those who do not comply with the City's rules.
- Section 10. All ordinances or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters herein.
- Section 11. This Ordinance shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.
- Section 12. A violation of the Leon Valley specific portions of this ordinance is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2,000. After the second violation a temporary suspension of the businesses certificate of occupancy may occur.
- Section 13. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City Council hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.
- Section 14. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Ordinance, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.
- Section 15. This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage.

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Leon Valley  
this the 7th day of July 2020.

**APPROVED**

  
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**CHRIS RILEY**  
MAYOR

Attest :

  
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**SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC**  
City Secretary



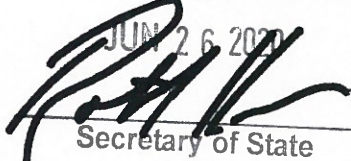
Approved as to Form: City Attorney



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

June 26, 2020

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Secretary of State

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

Executive Order No. GA-28 relating to the targeted response to the COVID-19 disaster as part of the reopening of Texas.

The original executive order is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Davidson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor

GSD/gsd

Attachment



# Executive Order

BY THE  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department  
Austin, Texas  
June 26, 2020

## EXECUTIVE ORDER GA 28

*Relating to the targeted response to the COVID-19 disaster  
as part of the reopening of Texas.*

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WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, in each subsequent month effective through today, I have renewed the disaster declaration for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Dr. John Hellerstedt, has determined that COVID-19 continues to represent a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, I have issued executive orders and suspensions of Texas laws in response to COVID-19, aimed at protecting the health and safety of Texans and ensuring an effective response to this disaster; and

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Order GA-08 on March 19, 2020, mandating certain social-distancing restrictions for Texans in accordance with guidelines promulgated by President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Order GA-14 on March 31, 2020, expanding the social-distancing restrictions for Texans based on guidance from health experts and the President; and

WHEREAS, I subsequently issued Executive Orders GA-16, GA-18, GA-21, GA-23, and GA-26 from April through early June 2020, aiming to achieve the least restrictive means of combatting the threat to public health by continuing certain social-distancing restrictions, while implementing a safe, strategic plan to Open Texas; and

WHEREAS, as Texas reopens in the midst of COVID-19, increased spread is to be expected, and the key to controlling the spread and keeping Texas residents safe is for all Texans to consistently follow good hygiene and social-distancing practices, especially those set forth in the minimum standard health protocols from DSHS; and

WHEREAS, due to recent substantial increases in COVID-19 positive cases, and increases in the COVID-19 positivity rate and hospitalizations resulting from COVID-19, targeted and temporary adjustments to the reopening plan are needed to achieve the

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least restrictive means for reducing the growing spread of COVID-19 and the resulting imminent threat to public health, and to avoid a need for more extreme measures; and

WHEREAS, everyone must act safely, and to that end, this executive order and prior executive orders provide that all persons should follow the health protocols from DSHS, which whenever achieved will mean compliance with the minimum standards for safely reopening, but which should not be used to fault those who act in good faith but can only substantially comply with the standards in light of scarce resources and other extenuating COVID-19 circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the “governor is responsible for meeting ... the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters” under Section 418.011 of the Texas Government Code, and the legislature has given the governor broad authority to fulfill that responsibility; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with any executive order issued during the COVID-19 disaster is an offense punishable under Section 418.173 by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, and may be subject to regulatory enforcement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and in accordance with guidance from DSHS Commissioner Dr. Hellerstedt and other medical advisors, the Governor’s Strike Force to Open Texas, the White House, and the CDC, do hereby order the following on a statewide basis effective at noon on June 26, 2020:

Every business establishment in Texas shall operate at no more than 50 percent of the total listed occupancy of the establishment; *provided, however, that:*

1. There is no occupancy limit for the following:
  - a. any services listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 3.1 or any subsequent version;
  - b. religious services, including those conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship;
  - c. local government operations, including county and municipal governmental operations relating to licensing (including marriage licenses), permitting, recordation, and document-filing services, as determined by the local government;
  - d. child-care services;
  - e. youth camps, including but not limited to those defined as such under Chapter 141 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and including all summer camps and other daytime and overnight camps for youths; and
  - f. recreational sports programs for youths and adults;
2. Except as provided below by paragraph number 5, this 50 percent occupancy limit does not apply to outdoor areas, events, or establishments, except that the following outdoor areas or outdoor venues shall operate at no more than 50 percent of the normal operating limits as determined by the owner:
  - a. professional, collegiate, or similar sporting events;
  - b. swimming pools;
  - c. water parks;
  - d. museums and libraries;
  - e. zoos, aquariums, natural caverns, and similar facilities; and

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- f. rodeos and equestrian events;
3. This 50 percent occupancy limit does not apply to the following establishments that operate with at least six feet of social distancing between work stations:
  - a. cosmetology salons, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons/shops, and other establishments where licensed cosmetologists or barbers practice their trade;
  - b. massage establishments and other facilities where licensed massage therapists or other persons licensed or otherwise authorized to practice under Chapter 455 of the Texas Occupations Code practice their trade; and
  - c. other personal-care and beauty services such as tanning salons, tattoo studios, piercing studios, hair removal services, and hair loss treatment and growth services;
4. Amusement parks shall operate at no more than 50 percent of the normal operating limits as determined by the owner;
5. For any outdoor gathering in excess of 100 people, other than those set forth above in paragraph numbers 1, 2, or 4, the gathering is prohibited unless the mayor of the city in which the gathering is held, or the county judge in the case of a gathering in an unincorporated area, approves of the gathering, and such approval can be made subject to certain conditions or restrictions not inconsistent with this executive order;
6. For dine-in services by restaurants that have less than 51 percent of their gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages, the occupancy limit shall remain at 75 percent until 12:01 a.m. on June 29, 2020, at which time such restaurants may only operate at up to 50 percent of the total listed occupancy of the restaurant, subject to paragraph number 9 below;
7. People shall not visit bars or similar establishments that hold a permit from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) and are not restaurants as defined above in paragraph number 6; provided, however, that the use by such bars or similar establishments of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options for food and drinks is allowed to the extent authorized by TABC;
8. People shall not use commercial rafting or tubing services, including rental of rafts or tubes and transportation of people for the purpose of rafting or tubing;
9. For any business establishment that is subject to a 50 percent “total listed occupancy” limit or “normal operating limit,” and that is in a county that has filed with DSHS, and is in compliance with, the requisite attestation form promulgated by DSHS regarding minimal cases of COVID-19, the business establishment may operate at up to 75 percent of the total listed occupancy or normal operating limit of the establishment;
10. For purposes of this executive order, facilities with retractable roofs are considered indoor facilities, whether the roof is opened or closed;
11. Staff members are not included in determining operating levels, except for manufacturing services and office workers;
12. Except as provided in this executive order or in the minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS, found at [www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus), people should not be in groups larger than ten and should maintain six feet of social distancing from those not in their group;
13. People over the age of 65 are strongly encouraged to stay at home as much as possible; to maintain appropriate distance from any member of the household who has been out of the residence in the previous 14 days; and, if leaving the

home, to implement social distancing and to practice good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation;

14. In providing or obtaining services, every person (including individuals, businesses, and other legal entities) should use good-faith efforts and available resources to follow the minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS;
15. Nothing in this executive order or the DSHS minimum standards precludes requiring a customer to follow additional hygiene measures when obtaining services. Individuals are encouraged to wear appropriate face coverings, but no jurisdiction can impose a civil or criminal penalty for failure to wear a face covering;
16. People shall not visit nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, or long-term care facilities unless as determined through guidance from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). Nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, and long-term care facilities should follow infection control policies and practices set forth by HHSC, including minimizing the movement of staff between facilities whenever possible; and
17. For the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, public schools may resume operations for the summer as provided by, and under the minimum standard health protocols found in, guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Private schools and institutions of higher education are encouraged to establish similar standards. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, schools may conduct graduation ceremonies consistent with the minimum standard health protocols found in guidance issued by TEA.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the governor may by proclamation add to the list of establishments or venues that people shall not visit.

This executive order shall supersede any conflicting order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster, but only to the extent that such a local order restricts services allowed by this executive order, allows gatherings prohibited by this executive order, or expands the list or scope of services as set forth in this executive order. Pursuant to Section 418.016(a) of the Texas Government Code, I hereby suspend Sections 418.1015(b) and 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, Chapter 81, Subchapter E of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and any other relevant statutes, to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not impose restrictions in response to the COVID-19 disaster that are inconsistent with this executive order, provided that local officials may enforce this executive order as well as local restrictions that are consistent with this executive order.

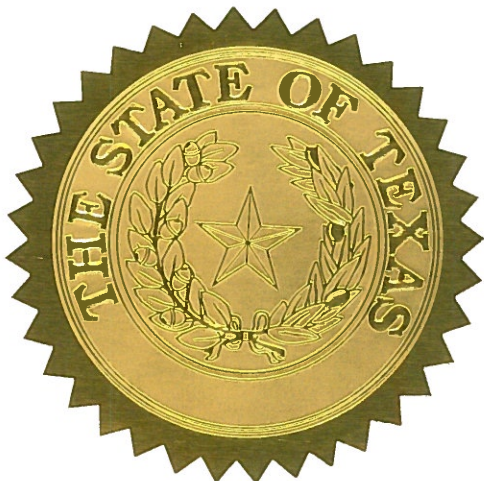
All existing state executive orders relating to COVID-19 are amended to eliminate confinement in jail as an available penalty for violating the executive orders. To the extent any order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster would allow confinement in jail as an available penalty for violating a COVID-19-related order, that order allowing confinement in jail is superseded, and I hereby suspend all relevant laws to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not confine people in jail for violating any executive order or local order issued in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

This executive order supersedes Executive Order GA-26, but does not supersede Executive Orders GA-10, GA-13, GA-17, GA-19, GA-24, GA-25, or GA-27. This

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executive order shall remain in effect and in full force unless it is modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the governor. This executive order may also be amended by proclamation of the governor.



Given under my hand this the 26th  
day of June, 2020.

Handwritten signature of Greg Abbott in black ink.

GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

Handwritten signature of Ruth R. Hughs in black ink.

RUTH R. HUGHS  
Secretary of State

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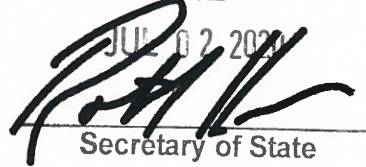


GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

July 2, 2020

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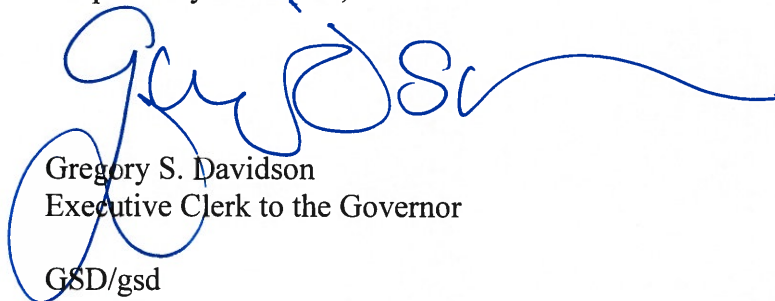
Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation amending Executive Order GA-28 relating to mass gatherings in Texas during the disaster posed by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor  
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# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, in each subsequent month effective through today, I have renewed the disaster declaration for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Order GA-28 on June 26, 2020, relating to the targeted response to the COVID-19 disaster as part of the reopening of Texas; and

WHEREAS, additional measures are needed to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby amend paragraph numbers 5 and 12 of Executive Order GA-28, effective at 12:01 p.m. on July 3, 2020, to read as follows:

5. For any outdoor gathering in excess of 10 people, other than those set forth above in paragraph numbers 1, 2, or 4, the gathering is prohibited unless the mayor of the city in which the gathering is held, or the county judge in the case of a gathering in an unincorporated area, approves of the gathering, and such approval can be made subject to certain conditions or restrictions not inconsistent with this executive order;
12. Except as provided in this executive order or in the minimum standard health protocols recommended by DSHS, found at [www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus), people shall not be in groups larger than 10 and shall maintain six feet of social distancing from those not in their group;

This proclamation shall remain in effect and in full force for as long as Executive Order GA-28 is in effect and in full force, unless otherwise modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the governor.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 2nd day of July, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

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ATTESTED BY:



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RUTH R. HUGHS  
Secretary of State

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GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

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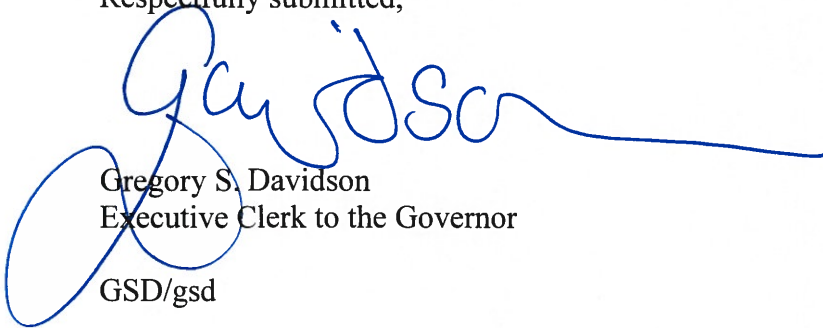
Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

Executive Order No. GA-29 relating to the use of face coverings during the  
COVID-19 disaster.

The original executive order is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gregory S. Davidson  
Executive Clerk to the Governor  
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# Executive Order

BY THE  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department  
Austin, Texas  
July 2, 2020

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**  
**GA 29**

*Relating to the use of face coverings during the COVID-19 disaster.*

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WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, in each subsequent month effective through today, I have renewed the disaster declaration for all Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Dr. John Hellerstedt, has determined that COVID-19 continues to represent a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, I have issued executive orders and suspensions of Texas laws in response to COVID-19, aimed at using the least restrictive means available to protect the health and safety of Texans and ensure an effective response to this disaster; and

WHEREAS, as Texas reopens in the midst of COVID-19, increased spread is to be expected, and the key to controlling the spread and keeping Texans safe is for all people to consistently follow good hygiene and social-distancing practices; and

WHEREAS, due to recent substantial increases in COVID-19 positive cases, and increases in the COVID-19 positivity rate and hospitalizations resulting from COVID-19, further measures are needed to achieve the least restrictive means for reducing the growing spread of COVID-19, and to avoid a need for more extreme measures; and

WHEREAS, I have joined the medical experts in consistently encouraging people to use face coverings, and health authorities have repeatedly emphasized that wearing face coverings is one of the most important and effective tools for reducing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, given the current status of COVID-19 in Texas, requiring the use of face coverings is a targeted response that can combat the threat to public health using the least restrictive means, and if people follow this requirement, more extreme measures may be avoided; and

WHEREAS, wearing a face covering is important not only to protect oneself, but also to avoid unknowingly harming fellow Texans, especially given that many people who go into public may have COVID-19 without knowing it because they have no symptoms; and

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WHEREAS, the “governor is responsible for meeting ... the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters” under Section 418.011 of the Texas Government Code, and the legislature has given the governor broad authority to fulfill that responsibility; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with any executive order issued during the COVID-19 disaster is an offense punishable under Section 418.173 by fine;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby order the following on a statewide basis effective at 12:01 p.m. on July 3, 2020:

Every person in Texas shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when inside a commercial entity or other building or space open to the public, or when in an outdoor public space, wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household; provided, however, that this face-covering requirement does not apply to the following:

1. any person younger than 10 years of age;
2. any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering;
3. any person while the person is consuming food or drink, or is seated at a restaurant to eat or drink;
4. any person while the person is (a) exercising outdoors or engaging in physical activity outdoors, and (b) maintaining a safe distance from other people not in the same household;
5. any person while the person is driving alone or with passengers who are part of the same household as the driver;
6. any person obtaining a service that requires temporary removal of the face covering for security surveillance, screening, or a need for specific access to the face, such as while visiting a bank or while obtaining a personal-care service involving the face, but only to the extent necessary for the temporary removal;
7. any person while the person is in a swimming pool, lake, or similar body of water;
8. any person who is voting, assisting a voter, serving as a poll watcher, or actively administering an election, but wearing a face covering is strongly encouraged;
9. any person who is actively providing or obtaining access to religious worship, but wearing a face covering is strongly encouraged;
10. any person while the person is giving a speech for a broadcast or to an audience; or
11. any person in a county (a) that meets the requisite criteria promulgated by

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the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) regarding minimal cases of COVID-19, and (b) whose county judge has affirmatively opted-out of this face-covering requirement by filing with TDEM the required face-covering attestation form—provided, however, that wearing a face covering is highly recommended, and every county is strongly encouraged to follow these face-covering standards.

Not excepted from this face-covering requirement is any person attending a protest or demonstration involving more than 10 people and who is not practicing safe social distancing of six feet from other people not in the same household.

TDEM shall maintain on its website a list of counties that are not subject to this face-covering requirement pursuant to paragraph number 11. The list can be found at: [www.tdem.texas.gov/ga29](http://www.tdem.texas.gov/ga29).

Following a verbal or written warning for a first-time violator of this face-covering requirement, a person's second violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250. Each subsequent violation shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250 per violation.

Local law enforcement and other local officials, as appropriate, can and should enforce this executive order, Executive Order GA-28, and other effective executive orders, as well as local restrictions that are consistent with this executive order and other effective executive orders. But no law enforcement or other official may detain, arrest, or confine in jail any person for a violation of this executive order or for related non-violent, non-felony offenses that are predicated on a violation of this executive order; provided, however, that any official with authority to enforce this executive order may act to enforce trespassing laws and remove violators at the request of a business establishment or other property owner.

This executive order hereby prohibits confinement in jail as a penalty for the violation of any face-covering order by any jurisdiction.

Executive Order GA-28 is hereby amended to delete from paragraph number 15 the phrase: “, but no jurisdiction can impose a civil or criminal penalty for failure to wear a face covering.”

The governor may by proclamation amend this executive order or add to the list of people to whom this face-covering requirement does not apply.

This executive order does not supersede Executive Orders GA-10, GA-13, GA-17, GA-19, GA-24, GA-25, GA-27, or GA-28 as amended. This executive order shall remain in effect and in full force until modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the governor.

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Given under my hand this the 2nd  
day of July, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth R. Hughs".

RUTH R. HUGHS  
Secretary of State

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BEXAR COUNTY



EXECUTIVE ORDER NW-12 OF COUNTY JUDGE NELSON W. WOLFF  
ISSUED July 1, 2020

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Bexar County Judge Nelson W. Wolff declared a state of local disaster on March 13, 2020 due to imminent threat arising from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), on March 18, 2020, the Bexar County Commissioners Court approved an Order Continuing Declaration of State of Local Disaster for Bexar County and on June 16, 2020, the Bexar County Commissioners Court again approved a Second Order Continuing Declaration of State of Local Disaster for Bexar County (hereafter, the "*Second Order of Continuation of Declaration*");

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), the consent by Commissioners Court authorizes the Bexar County Judge to continue to exercise the powers granted by the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 for the period specified and take such actions as are necessary in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Bexar County by the issuance of executive orders (each, an "*Executive Order*");

WHEREAS, there currently still exists a declaration of public health disaster in and for the State of Texas as declared by Texas Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the transmission of COVID-19 has not dissipated but remains a significant threat to the health and safety of the Bexar County Community and rates of infection are increasing at an alarming exponential rate and the number of people ending up in the hospital, ICU, or on ventilators is also dramatically rising despite efforts by local authorities to control the spread;

WHEREAS, in consultation with local health professionals, the County Judge has determined that additional extraordinary emergency measures must be implemented to try and mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate a response to the public health threat presented by the rapid increase in COVID-19 cases in Bexar County;

WHEREAS, a County Judge is authorized to control ingress to and egress from a disaster area and control the movement of persons and occupancy of premises on an appropriate local scale in accordance with Section 418.108(g) of the Texas Government Code and his authority as Emergency Management Director;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Executive Order to remain as consistent with and to harmonize, to the extent possible, the executive orders of Governor Greg Abbott and the current declaration of the Mayor of the City of San Antonio (as extended or modified); and

WHEREAS, by the authority vested in me as Bexar County Judge and as the Emergency Management Director for the County of Bexar to continue to protect the health and safety of the community and address developing and rapidly changing circumstances when presented by the current public health emergency, I hereby rescind my previous Executive Orders and any Supplemental Executive Orders and issue this revised Executive Order in their place.

**PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS DISASTER ACT OF 1975, BEXAR COUNTY JUDGE NELSON W. WOLFF HEREBY ISSUES THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

Effective as of 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 ("*Effective Date*"), and continuing through 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 unless extended, modified or terminated early by Bexar County Judge Nelson W. Wolff or as otherwise indicated below:

- I. **Public Health Emergency.** That this Executive Order shall continue the local disaster declaration and public health emergency for Bexar County for the period specified in this Executive Order and shall incorporate and adopt the most recent executive order GA-26 issued by Governor Greg Abbott on June 3, 2020, and any subsequent orders by the Governor relating to the response to the COVID-19 disaster.
  
- II. **Health and Safety Policy – Commercial Entities.** From the date of this Executive Order, all commercial entities in Bexar County providing goods or services directly to the public must develop and implement a health and safety policy ("*Health and Safety Policy*"). The Health and Safety Policy must require, at a minimum, 1) that all employees, customers and other visitors to the commercial entity's business premises or other facilities wear face coverings when in an area or performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers or the public where six feet of separation is not feasible, and 2) that the commercial entity prominently display a list of COVID-19 symptoms at or near the public and employee entrances of the premises. The Health and Safety Policy required to be developed and implemented by this Executive Order may also include the implementation of other mitigating measures designed to control and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 such as temperature checks or health screenings. Temperature screening is highly encouraged for employees, customers and for visitors to retail stores with volume and capacity levels that allow for practical implementation. Commercial entities must post the Health and Safety Policy required by this Executive Order in a conspicuous location sufficient to provide notice to employees, customers and visitors of all health and safety requirements. Failure to develop and implement the Health and Safety Policy required by this Executive Order may result in a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation.
  
- III. **Face Coverings – General Public.** That all people 10 years or older shall wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when in a public place where it is difficult to keep six feet away from other people or working in areas that involve close proximity with other coworkers. The CDC advises face coverings for people 2 years or older. Face coverings may include homemade masks, scarfs, bandanas, or a handkerchief. Bexar County

residents should continue to maintain social distancing of at least six feet while outside their home. Bexar County employees are also required to wear face coverings under the same circumstances as the general public.

**IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU NOT OBTAIN OR WEAR MEDICAL MASKS or N-95 RESPIRATORS AS THEY ARE A NEEDED RESOURCE FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS.** Our healthcare workers and first responders on the front-line combating COVID-19 must have priority access to medical masks or other personal protective equipment. Face coverings do not need to be worn in the following circumstances:

- When exercising outside or engaging in physical activity outside
- While driving alone or with passengers of the same household as the driver
- When doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety, or security risk
- While pumping gas or operating outdoor equipment
- While in a building or activity that requires security surveillance or screening, for example, banks
- When consuming food or drink

Please note that face coverings are a secondary strategy to other mitigation efforts. **Face coverings are *not* a replacement for social distancing, frequent handwashing, and self-isolation when sick.** All people should follow CDC recommendations for how to wear and take off a mask. Residents should keep up the following habits while in public:

- washing hands before you leave home and when you return,
- staying at least six feet away from others,
- avoiding touching nose or face,
- not using disposable masks more than three times, and
- washing reusable cloth masks regularly to prevent the spread of the virus.

Consistent with Executive Order GA-26 issued by Governor Greg Abbott, no civil or criminal penalty will be imposed on individuals for failure to wear a face covering.

IV. **Large Gatherings Prohibited.** All large gatherings or events estimated to be in excess of 100 people, whether indoor or outdoor, are prohibited.

Exceptions from this prohibition are listed below in (1) through (13):

1. Any services listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce
2. Religions services
3. Local government operations
4. Child-care services
5. Youth camps
6. Recreational sports programs for youths and adults
7. Professional, collegiate, or similar sporting events
8. Swimming pools



9. Water parks
10. Museums and libraries
11. Zoos, aquariums, natural caverns, and similar facilities
12. Rodeos and equestrian events,
13. Amusement parks and carnivals

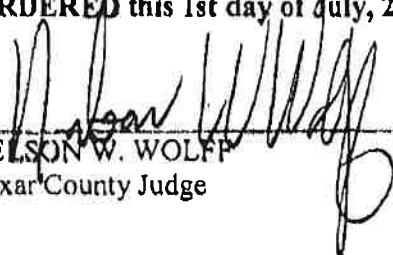
An entity or organizer of any large gathering or event under excepted activities (6) through (13) must implement a health and safety policy which requires that all employees, visitors, or customers to the entity or organizer's premises or other facilities wear face coverings when in an area or performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers or the public where six feet of separation is not feasible, temperature/symptom screening, and protocols for maintaining social distancing during the gathering. These requirements for large gatherings or events are effective Friday, July 3, 2020 beginning at 12:00 p.m.

- V. **Household and Social Gatherings.** Social gatherings, including family gatherings, shall not include more than 10 persons.
- VI. **Restaurants.** For dine-in services by restaurants that have less than 51 percent of their gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages, such restaurants may only operate at up to 50 percent of the total listed occupancy of the restaurant.
- VII. **Bars.** People shall not visit bars or similar establishments that hold a permit from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) and are not restaurants as defined above in paragraph number 6; provided, however, that the use by such bars or similar establishments of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options for food and drinks is allowed to the extent authorized by TABC.
- VIII. **Rafting and Tubing Services.** People shall not use commercial rafting or tubing services, including rental of rafts or tubes and transportation of people for the purpose of rafting or tubing.
- IX. **Hospitals and Surgical Procedures.** Every hospital that is licensed under Chapter 241 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, located in the City of San Antonio, shall postpone all surgeries and procedures that are not medically necessary to diagnose or correct a serious medical condition of, or to preserve the life of, a patient who without timely performance of the surgery or procedure would be at risk for serious adverse medical consequences or death, as determined by the patient's physician; provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply to any surgery or procedure that, if performed in accordance with the commonly accepted standard of clinical practice, would not deplete any hospital capacity needed to cope with the COVID-19 disaster.
- X. **Bexar County Justice Center Complex and Facilities.** That the Bexar County Justice Center Complex shall have limited points of access, subject to modification as deemed necessary by the County Judge: i) the Paul Elizondo Tower Nueva Street entrance; ii) one at the Cadena-Reeves Justice Center Dolorosa Street entrance; iii) the Bexar County Courthouse Bexar Heritage Center entrance; and iv) the County Courthouse South entrance at the Nueva Street entrance, and that all other county-owned or leased buildings have a

single controlled point of entrance. Further, all citizens and employees shall be appropriately screened before entering any Bexar County owned or leased building. At the control points, citizens and employees shall be asked certain risk-related questions and their temperature taken by least obtrusive means. Any individual with a temperature exceeding 100 °F or who fails the screening process will be not be allowed to enter the building. Citizens are encouraged to call the department or office you are attempting to visit prior to visiting a county-owned or leased facility. All social distancing measures must be implemented at the above-described control points and while in any Bexar County facility.

- XIII. **Bexar County Business.** That residents of Bexar County conduct important Bexar County business online or via regular mail to avoid visiting any Bexar County facilities unless absolutely necessary.
- XIV. **Severability.** The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Executive Order are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Executive Order should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court or competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end, the provisions of this Executive Order are severable.
- XV. **Interpretation and Additional Terms.** To the greatest extent possible, this Executive Order shall be interpreted as consistent with and supplemental to any executive order issued by the Texas Governor. All provisions of the executive orders of the Texas Governor either existing or as, if and when issued, which are made applicable to all jurisdictions by law shall be automatically incorporated into and constitute terms of this Executive Order, enforceable as if set forth herein without necessity for the issuance of any further orders.
- XVI. **Enforcement.** Excepting Section III of this Executive Order and in accordance with the limitations contained in the executive orders of Governor Greg Abbott, that any peace officer or other person with lawful authority is hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this Executive Order in accordance with the authority granted under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975.

ORDERED this 1st day of July, 2020

  
NELSON W. WOLFF  
Bexar County Judge

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## EXHIBIT E

### Public Health Emergency Rules and Regulations

Consistent with the Governors Executive Order GA-28 and its amendment, Governor's Order GA-29, and Bexar County Judge Executive Order NW-12, the following rules and regulations are hereby implemented:

To ensure the health and safety of the public and staff, with regards to Leon Valley municipal buildings and facilities it is ordered as follows:

- (i) physical facilities of Municipal Court, library, and the Senior Center of the City of Leon Valley are hereby ordered closed to the public. At the discretion of the Municipal Court Judge, Municipal Court may utilize in-person, teleconferencing and video teleconferencing to hold court. All facilities open for public use will maintain compliance with the health and safety protocols established by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), to include mandatory face masks, social distancing, hand-washing, temperature checks, and a COVID-19 specific health questionnaire; and
- (ii) future City Council and board and commission meetings may be conducted in-person, by telephone conference or video conferencing pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.125 as modified by Governor Greg Abbott on March 16, 2020, suspension of certain sections of the Texas Open Government; and
- (iii) the physical facilities of City Administration, Planning and Zoning, and the City Cashiers are physically closed, but will continue to conduct business via telephone, online, or by mail. The library will continue operating through curbside pick-up. Residents are highly encouraged to continue to use online services at [www.leonvalleytexas.gov](http://www.leonvalleytexas.gov) for processing of payments, fees and permits; and
- (iv) the city parks basketball courts, baseball fields, soccer fields, fitness equipment, playground equipment and the City pools shall remain closed for the duration of this Ordinance. The park restrooms, running and walking trails, and the community garden will remain open; and
- (v) police and fire service responses will continue uninterrupted.