



County of Dimmit
Francisco G. Ponce
County Judge

FILED

DATE June 26, 2020
AT 11:02 O'CLOCK AM
MARIO Z. GARCIA
County Clerk, Dimmit County, Texas
By Ruby Justice Deputy

**06/26 EXECUTIVE ORDER
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-COV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

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

WHEREAS, the Dimmit County Judge, with consent of the Commissioner's Court issued a declaration of local state of disaster due to the public health of its residents, thereby activating the Dimmit County Emergency Management Plan; 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 Texas Government Code Chapter 418; and Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health authorizes Executive Orders by the County Judge for no more than seven days unless extended by Commissioners Court action; and

WHEREAS, Dimmit County has determined that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to respond quickly, prevent and alleviate the suffering of people exposed to and those infected with the virus, as well as those that could potentially be infected or impacted by COVID-19

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF DIMMIT COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for Dimmit County, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

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2. That, pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than (7) seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued, renewed, or modified by the Commissioners Court of Dimmit, Texas.
3. That, pursuant to section 418.108 (c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk at 103 North 5th Street, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834.
4. That, pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Dimmit County emergency management plan.
5. WHEREAS, in association with Governor Greg Abbot, expands the ability of mayors and county judges to impose restrictions. Therefore, it is hereby declared that outdoor gathering is limited to 101 people or less. The outdoor gatherings of 101 or more are hereby prohibited in Dimmit County.
6. WHEREAS, the County will require establishments providing essential services to have markers and/or signage clearly marking 6 feet from the first customer and backward to follow social distancing recommendations; establishments meeting Governor Abbot's definition of essential services providers are required to follow the mass gathering declaration and keep 6 feet distance between all patrons, patrons to employees, employees to employees, and employees to vendors.

IT IS FURTHER REQUIRED THAT THESE ESTABLISHMENTS ONLY ALLOW ONE ADULT PERSON PER FAMILY TO ENTER AND CONDUCT PERSONAL BUSINESS. NO CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 18 WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER PUBLIC ESTABLISHMENTS PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES.

7. WHEREAS, a 24-hour curfew will be in place for children under the age of 18 unless with adult parent, grandparent, guardian or close adult relative, Monday through Sunday except for those adolescent children working at establishments providing essential services to the public.
8. WHEREAS, the County of Dimmit has closed its indoor dining for services provided to its elderly population over 60 years of age but will be providing home delivered meals to elderly patrons of the Dimmit County Elderly Nutrition Center, any elderly without the care of a home provider may contact the Elderly Nutrition Center for home delivered meals during this period of pandemic.
9. WHEREAS, the County of Dimmit has determined that the **MANDATORY** use of masks and/or face covering for residents is in the public's best interest.

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10. WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas has issued prior and current Executive Orders relating to the expanded reopening of services as part of the safe, strategic plan to Open Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster and **WHEREAS** the County of Dimmit therefore incorporates the Governor's Executive Orders that are in effect as if fully set out herein.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ALSO ORDERED, that all Dimmit County residents above the age of 5 years **MUST** wear a mask and/or face covering when entering any establishment providing for the essential needs of the public. This order includes all cooks, waitress, cashiers, and all other personnel operating the establishment.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 418.173, A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY OR INTENTIONALLY VIOLATES THIS ORDER COMMITS AN OFFENSE PUNISHIBLE BY A FINE UP TO \$1000 OR CONFINEMENT IN JAIL FOR A TERM NOT TO EXCEED 180 DAYS.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER IS FOR EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE MEASURES, MITIGATION PROCEDURES AND RESPONSE PLANS TO THIS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, CHRISTINE GUERRERO, IS THE DESIGNATED PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE FOR THE COUNTY OF DIMMIT. (1-830-876-9904 EXT.3).

This Executive Order supersedes the Executive Order 05\01 as set forth above. This Executive Order shall remain in full force until modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by Dimmit County, Texas.

IN TESTIMONEY, WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the County seal to be affixed at my office in the County of Dimmit, Texas this **26** day of **JUNE 2020**.



Honorable Francisco G. Ponce
Dimmit County Judge

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This document to which this certificate is affixed is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file and of record in my office June 26 2020
ATTEST: Mario Z. Garcia
COUNTY CLERK
BY: Ruby Justice

