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**MARIO Z. GARCIA**  
Clerk, County Court  
Dimmit County, Texas

By D. De Leon Deputy

**County of Dimmit**  
Francisco G. Ponce  
County Judge

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**07/16 EXECUTIVE ORDER  
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR  
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-COV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan, China; has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death 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**, on March 2020, Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster in and certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster;

**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 AND ORDERED 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.
2. That, pursuant to section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the Dimmit County Commissioners Court declaring and finding a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue **30** days from this date of this declaration unless continued, renewed, or modified by the Dimmit County Commissioners Court.
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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**In addition, the following restrictions will be enforced:**

1. Outdoor gatherings of 10 or more are hereby prohibited in Dimmit County. Indoor gatherings of 10 or more are hereby prohibited in Dimmit County.
2. 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.**

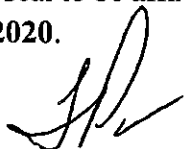
3. A 24-hour curfew will be in place for children under the age of 18 unless accompanied by an adult parent, grandparent, guardian or close adult relative, Monday through Sunday except for those adolescent children working at establishments providing essential services to the public.
4. The County of Dimmit has closed indoor dining services provided by the Elderly Nutrition Center. BUT will be providing home delivered meals to the elderly over the age of 60 years of age. Any elderly person over 60 years of age, without the care of a home provider, may contact the Elderly Nutrition Center for home delivered meals during this pandemic.
5. The County of Dimmit has determined that the **MANDATORY** use of mask and/or face covering for residents is in the public's best interest.

6. IF a resident or member of a household has been tested, the resident or member of the household is ordered to isolate at home until results are received. If a resident or member of a household has tested positive for COVID-19, the household is ordered to isolate at home for a period of at least 14 (fourteen) days from when symptoms first appeared or when the positive test results were obtained, whichever is later. The local health authority may impose a longer period of time for isolation. Members of the household cannot go to work, school, or any other community function until the individual is no longer required to isolate or until cleared by the local health authority.
7. 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.
8. In accordance with the Texas Government Code 418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine. Following a verbal or written warning for a first-time violator of the 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. All other violations of this executive order will be assessed a \$250 fine without warning.
9. Dimmit County Commissioner's Court hereby grants all Law Enforcement Officers in Dimmit County the authority to enforce this order. Law enforcement officers, herein referred to, includes, but is not limited to, the Dimmit County Sheriff's Office, the Dimmit County Constables, the City of Carrizo Springs Marshalls, and any Code Enforcement Officers and any other law enforcement agency with the authority to enforce the laws of the State of Texas, in accordance to the Laws of the State of Texas, and by the authority granted under Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

**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 07/07 as set forth above. This Executive Order shall remain in full force until modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the Commissioner's Court of Dimmit County, Texas.

IN TESTIMONEY, WHEREOF, WE have hereunto signed our name and have officially caused the county seal to be affixed by Commissioner Court in the County of Dimmit, Texas this 16<sup>th</sup> day of JULY 2020.



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Honorable Francisco G. Ponce  
Dimmit County Judge