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County of Dimmit
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County Judge

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ATTEST April 14 2020
Mario Z. Garcia
COUNTY CLERK

BY Ruby Justice Deputy

**04\14 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, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath causing death in some cases; 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;

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Dimmit County, that include the banning of individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional measures that prevent or control the spread of disease;

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; WHEREAS, 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.

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.
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 thirty days from the date of this declaration unless continued, renewed, or modified by the Commissioners Court of Dimmit, Texas on May 11, 2020.



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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.
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 addition to Governor Greg Abbot's declaration providing the closure of all schools, bars, restaurants (except for take-out, delivery and drive-through), all venues that facilitate the gathering of 10 persons or more, gyms, visitation to all nursing homes and long term care facilities and the gathering of 10 persons or more therefore, all venues where 10 people or more can congregate in Dimmit County are hereby prohibited, including but not limited to: Privately operated game rooms, County parks, and county owned practice fields, basketball courts, gyms, skate parks and public swimming pools. Mass gathering events prohibited include both private and social events held on private property and residences;
6. WHEREAS, in working with local business and in order to provide the need to have sufficient essentials for residents during this pandemic, the local grocery stores are hereby required to provide dedicated time from 8:00 am to 9:00 am for senior residents to purchase essentials at the H.E.B. and Walmart. All businesses shall not allow any patron with signs of illness in the store.
7. WHEREAS, the County will require establishments providing essential services to have markers at Cash registers clearly marking 6 feet from the first customer at the cash register 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 a distance of 6 feet between all patrons, patrons and employees, employees and employees, and employees and vendors. Essential establishments include Grocery Stores, Variety Stores offering food, gas and other staples.



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IT IS FURTHER REQUIRED THAT THESE ESTABLISHMENTS ONLY ALLOW ONE ADULT PERSON PER FAMILY TO ENTER THE ESTABLISHMENT TO PURCHASE NECESSARY PRODUCTS, NO CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 18 WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ESTABLISHMENT.

8. 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 with the exception of those working. Children will be allowed to play outside the residence of their adult parent, grandparent or guardian; however, any congregation of children without the adult parent, grandparent or guardian and in groups of more than 10 will not be allowed;
9. 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.

10. That this declaration hereby requires all persons who have traveled international or who have traveled within the United States to an area where the COVID-19 virus has been reported to spreading as per the Center of Disease Control (CDC) to include the states of New York, Washington, California and any additional states the CDC adds to the list; and have returned to Dimmit County are required:
 - a. To stay home or self-quarantine for 14 days from the time your return to the United States or from the time you left an area with widespread, ongoing community spread and practicing social distancing.
 - b. To take these steps to monitor your health and practice social distancing:
 - i. Take your temperature with a thermometer two times a day and monitor for fever. Also watch for cough and trouble breathing
 - ii. Stay home and avoid contact with others. Discuss your work situation with your employer before returning to work.
 - iii. Avoid crowded places as possible and keep your distance from others (6 feet).
 - iv. Avoid contact with others.
11. WHEREAS, the County of Dimmit has determined that the Voluntary use of masks and/or face covering is in the public's best interest.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ALSO PROCLAIMED, by the Commissioners Court that all residents of Dimmit County should voluntarily wear a mask and/or face covering when entering all establishments providing for the essential needs of the public.

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).

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 14th day of April, 2020.



HONORABLE FRANCISCO G. PONCE
DIMMIT COUNTY JUDGE



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