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**AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDER AND RECOMMENDATIONS
RELATED TO THE EXPANDED REOPENING OF
SELECT SERVICES DURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Starr County Judge Eloy Vera issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 17, 2020, due to the imminent threat arising from the Coronavirus (COVID-19); and,

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), the Commissioners Court of Starr County issued an Order of Continuance of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Starr County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster; and,

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2020, Governor Abbott issued an Executive Order to Expand Openings of Certain Businesses and Activities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas and the County of Starr must protect lives while restoring livelihoods, both of which can be achieved with the expert advice of medical and business leaders; and,

WHEREAS, the County Judge has determined that extraordinary emergency measures are necessary to be taken to continue with the mitigation of this public health emergency, facilitate a cooperative response amongst the citizens of Starr County, and reopen the aforementioned business and industrial aspects of the County of Starr;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eloy Vera, Starr County Judge, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and law of the State of Texas, do strongly recommend the following a countywide basis effective immediately, and continuing through June 12, 2020, subject to extension based on current and any subsequent Orders of Governor Abbott:

SHELTER IN PLACE

It is **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** and **RECOMMENDED** that all individuals within Starr County, Texas **CONTINUE TO SHELTER-AT-HOME**, until further orders or recommendations are made, unless obtaining or providing for essential or reopened services as defined herein.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

All persons **SHALL** minimize social gatherings; **AVOID** in-person contact with people who are not in the same household. Individuals should conduct personal activities in compliance with recommended social distancing guidelines that include the following:

- 1) maintaining six feet physical distancing;
- 2) washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds or using hand sanitizer;
- 3) covering coughs or sneezes;
- 4) cleaning high-touch surfaces;
- 5) not shaking hands; and
- 6) covering mouth and nose.

MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND OCCUPANCY OF PREMISES

All public or private gatherings of ten (10) persons or more occurring outside a single household or living unit are **PROHIBITED**, except as specifically exempted under Executive Order EO-GA-18 or EO-GA-21. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.

People over the age of 65, however, 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.

People 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 (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 the HHSC, including minimizing the movement of staff between facilities as appropriate.

FACE COVERINGS OR MASKS

It is **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** and **RECOMMENDED** that all persons over the age of five (5) should wear some form of covering over their mouth and nose, such as a homemade mask, scarf, bandana, or handkerchief, when obtaining or providing essential services or reopened services, entering into any building open to the general public for essential services or reopened services; when on parking lots; when using public transportation, taxis, or ride services; when pumping gas; when providing take-out, curbside, or drive-thru services.

This recommendation shall not apply to persons that are: engaging in a permissible outside physical activity (unless within six feet of another person); persons driving or riding in a personal vehicle during essential or reopened activities; persons that are alone in a separate

single room or office space; persons that are with their own residence, including household members; persons with medical conditions that when covering the nose and mouth may pose a greater health, safety or security risk; persons that are not covering for consumption purposes.

TRAVEL

It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that all unnecessary or non-essential travel be avoided. Individuals engaged in any travel **SHOULD** comply with Social Distancing and wear facial coverings or masks.

EXPANDED REOPENING OF SERVICES ORDER

ESSENTIAL SERVICES: For the purposes of this Order "Essential Services" shall consist of the critical infrastructure sectors and workers, and functions identified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security-Cyber Security and Infrastructure Security Agency's Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience In COVID-19 Response, Version 3.0 or any subsequent versions. [LIST OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES](#)

Requests for additions to "Essential Services" should be directed to the Texas Division of Emergency Management (IDEM) at EssentialServices@tdem.texas.gov, or by visiting the IDEM website at www.tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices.

For the purposes of this Order "Essential Services" shall include religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship. It is highly recommended and encouraged that religious and worship services be provided remotely by video and teleconference. Services that are not conducted remotely should be conducted in compliance with the minimum health protocols in accordance with the joint guidance issued and updated by the Texas Attorney General and the Texas Governor's Office.

For the purposes of this Order, conditions and limitations set out below for Reopened Services, **SHALL NOT APPLY** to Essential Services.

REOPENED SERVICES

REOPENED SERVICES: In accordance with Governor Abbott's Executive Orders GA-18 and GA-21, "Reopened Services" **SHALL** meet **ALL** State of Texas Minimum Standard Health Protocols for each corresponding business and service sector that can be found at <https://www.starrcounty.org/texas-opens-checklists> or that can be requested by phone or email at the Office of the Starr County Judge **PRIOR** to being operational.

"Reopened services" **SHALL** consist of the following to the extent they are not already "essential services:"

1. Retail services that may be provided through pick-up, delivery by mail, or delivery to the customer's doorstep.
2. In-store retail services, for retail establishments that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the retail establishment.
3. Dine-in restaurant services, for restaurants that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the restaurant; provided, however, that
 - a. this applies only to restaurants that have less than 51 percent of their gross receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages;
 - b. the occupancy limits do not apply to customers seated in outdoor areas of the restaurant; and
 - c. valet services are prohibited except for vehicles with placards or plates for disabled parking.
4. Movie theaters that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of any individual theater for any screening.
5. Shopping malls that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the shopping mall; provided, however, that within shopping malls, the food-court dining areas, play areas, and interactive displays and settings **MUST** remain closed.
6. Museums and libraries that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy; provided, however, that
 - a. local public museums and local public libraries may so operate only if permitted by the local government, and
 - b. any components of museums or libraries that have interactive functions or exhibits, including child play areas, **MUST** remain closed.
7. Services provided by an individual working alone in an office, effective until 12:01 a.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020, when this single-person office provision is superseded by the expanded office-based services provision set forth below.
8. Golf course operations.
9. Local government operations, including county and municipal governmental operations relating to permitting, recordation, and document-filing services, as determined by the local government.
10. Wedding venues and the services required to conduct weddings; provided, however, that for weddings held indoors other than at a church, congregation, or house of worship, the facility may operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the facility.
11. Wedding reception services, for facilities that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the facility; provided, however, that the occupancy limits do not apply to the outdoor areas of a wedding reception or to outdoor wedding receptions.
12. **AT 12:01 A.M. ON FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2020 THE FOLLOWING SERVICES WERE PERMITTED:**
 - a. Cosmetology salons, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons/shops, and other establishments where licensed cosmetologists or barbers practice their trade; provided, however, that all such salons, shops, and establishments **MUST** ensure at least six feet of social distancing between operating work stations, follow all aforementioned safety protocols and **MUST**
 - (1) Schedule clients by appointment and **LIMIT** the entry to clients on a one to one ratio per beautician, barber or nail technician. By way of example if there are three (3) employees on duty then only three (3)

- clients **SHALL** be allowed into the establishment at **ANY** time.
- (2) **NO** clients **SHALL** be allowed to wait in **ANY** waiting area within the facility for services.
- b. Tanning salons; provided, however, that all such salons must ensure at least six feet of social distancing between operating work stations.
- c. Swimming pools; provided, however, that (i) indoor swimming pools may operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the pool facility; (ii) outdoor swimming pools may operate at up to 25 percent of normal operating limits as determined by the pool operator; and (iii) local public swimming pools may so operate only if permitted by the local government.
13. Religious services should be conducted in accordance with the joint guidance issued and updated by the attorney general and governor **These restrictions do not violate the religious liberty of houses of worship**. Under the extraordinary circumstances in which we temporarily live, these restrictions do not violate the religious liberty of houses of worship because the government has a compelling interest for implementing the rules (stopping contagion) and the rules are the least restrictive means of burdening religious practice (they allow houses of worship to stay open for ministry, but suggest ways that help stop the spread of COVID-19) . [Revised Guidance for Houses of Worship](#)
14. Local government operations, related to permitting, recordation, and document-filing services, as determined by the governing authority.
- 15. STARTING AT 12:01 A.M. ON MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020 THE FOLLOWING WILL BE PERMITTED:**
- a. Services provided by office workers in offices that operate at up to the greater of (i) five individuals, or (ii) 25 percent of the total office workforce; provided, however, that the individuals maintain appropriate social distancing.
- b. Manufacturing services, for facilities that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the facility.
- c. Gyms and exercise facilities and classes that operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the gym or exercise facility; provided, however, that locker rooms and shower facilities **MUST** remain closed, but restrooms may open.
16. Such additional services as may be enumerated by any future orders or proclamations by the Governor's Office. All Essential Services or activities or Reopened Services shall be provided and/or obtained in compliance the DSHS Minimum Standard Health Protocols at www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/opentexas.aspx, and this Order; with CDC guidelines; with Physical Distancing for employees and the general public; washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds or using hand sanitizer; covering coughs or sneezes; cleaning high-touch surfaces; not shaking hands; covering mouth and nose; and working from home through remote telework, if possible.

The total listed occupancy limits described above refer to the maximum occupant load set by local or state law, but for purposes of this executive order, staff members are not included in determining operating levels except for non-essential manufacturing service providers and services provided by office workers.

CURRENTLY OPERATIONAL BUSINESSES

1) Operational Businesses

- a) “Essential Businesses” means and/or includes:
- i) Healthcare Operations and Essential Infrastructure Operations;
 - ii) (**Grocery stores**, certified farmers’ markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet food and supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products). This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non- grocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences; To the greatest extent possible, essential **ALL retail establishments** shall adhere to the following guidelines:
 - (1) Designate shopping times for at risk individuals;
 - (2) Limit the amount of people in a store at once so that social distancing is possible;
 - (3) Implement an organized system where people are spaced ideally 6 feet apart;
 - (4) Implement purchase limits on high-demand items (toilet paper, soap, hand sanitizer);
 - (5) Offer pick up or deliveries of grocery items and, if delivering, limiting entering residence upon deliveries to the greatest extent possible
 - (6) **STRONGLY ENCOURAGE** and **RECOMMEND** that all employees and customers cover their nose and mouth with a mask or any form of cloth at all times
 - iii) Agriculture, food, and beverage cultivation, processing, and distribution, including but not limited to, farming, ranching, fishing, dairies, creameries, distilleries and breweries in order to preserve inventory and production (not for retail business);
 - iv) Businesses that are necessary to supply agriculture, food, and beverage cultivation, processing, and distribution;
 - v) Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals;
 - vi) Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services;
 - vii) Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair, and related facilities;
 - viii) Banks, insurance, payroll, accounting, bail bondsmen and services related to financial markets;
 - ix) Hardware stores;
 - x) Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, HVAC repairs and other service providers who
 - xi) provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Personal Activities, and Essential Businesses;
 - xii) Landscaping and pool cleaning services;
 - xiii) Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;

- xiv) Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers;
- xv) **Restaurants and other related facilities** are subject to the following **RECOMMENDATIONS**:
 - (1) **SHOULD** strongly **ENCOURAGE** and **RECOMMEND** that all employees cover their nose and mouth with a mask of any form of cloth and wear gloves at all times;
 - (2) Schools and other non-profit entities that typically provide free food services to students or members of the public may continue to do so under this Order on the condition that all parties involved in preparation or distribution of food wear face coverings and gloves, that the food is provided on a pick-up and take-away basis only and that that the food is not allowed to be eaten on site;
 - (3) **SHOULD** not permit the same employees or volunteer who prepare or serve food to handle money.
- xvi) Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home;
- xvii) Businesses that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate;
- xviii) Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences;
- xix) Airlines, taxis, and other private transportation for hire that provide transportation services necessary for Essential Activities and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order;
- xx) Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children;
- xxi) Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children;
- xxii) Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities;
- xxiii) Funeral homes; **MAY** operate at up to 25 percent of the total listed occupancy of the facility and **SHALL** adhere to the following:
 - a. Instruct sick employees, volunteers, and guests to stay home;
 - b. Practice social distancing by maintaining appropriate distance between people;
 - c. Instruct and direct employees, volunteers and guest to follow CDC guidelines and maintain good hygiene by washing hands frequently, using hand sanitizer, using elbows to cover coughs, and not touching their face
 - d. Implement environmental cleanliness and have staff sanitize seats and frequently touched surfaces between services
 - e. Equip ushers and greeters with gloves and masks
 - f. Ensure all attendees sanitize their hands and put on a mask before entering the building
 - g. Ensure attendees sit with their family unit, use social distancing between each unit and dismissing attendees by family unit, maintain social distancing.
 - h. Consider refraining from having common areas open to the public and making memorial keepsakes and items available for the public at large.
 - i. Encourage all attendees who are 65 and above or have an underlying at-risk health condition to stay home
- xxiv) **Religious and worship**; [Revised Guidance for Houses of Worship](#)
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violate the religious liberty of houses of worship because the government has a compelling interest for implementing the rules(stopping contagion) and the rules are the least restrictive means of burdening religious practice (they allow houses of worship to stay open for ministry, but suggest ways that help stop the spread of COVID-19)

- xxv) Pawnshops
- xxvi) Liquor Stores
- xxvii) Furniture Stores
- xxviii) Car Washes

BUSINESSES THAT ARE EXPLICITLY CLOSED

- (1) Businesses that operate coin operated amusement machines
- (2) Tattoo Shops
- (3) Bars and Night Clubs
- (4) Massage establishments
- (5) Piercing studios
- (6) Sexually oriented businesses
- (7) Interactive amusement venues such as
 - a. bowling alleys
 - b. video arcades
 - c. amusement parks
 - d. water parks
 - e. splash pads

WORK SAFE MEASURES:

All Essential Services or Reopened Services operating in unincorporated areas of the County, including, as defined above, may adopt work safe measures and or reopening plans that should comply with the Minimum Standard Health Protocols as recommended by DSHS at www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/opentexas.aspx; CDC guidance and Physical Distancing requirements including maintaining six foot physical distancing for both employees and the general public; washing hands with soap and water least twenty seconds or using hand sanitizer; covering coughs or sneezes; and covering mouth and nose. Work safe measures must be available upon request.

Essential Services or Reopened Services may utilize an existing "Work Safe" plan or "Reopening" plan that has been required by and/or submitted to a municipal jurisdiction to ensure measures are in place to protect the health, safety and welfare of County residents and avoid the continued spread of COVID-19.

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND FACILITIES

In accordance with Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-19 all licensed health care professionals shall be limited in their practice by and must comply with emergency rules

promulgated by their state licensing agencies minimum safe practice standards during the COVID-19 disaster. www.tn.state.tx.us/page/coronavirus#emergencyrules

In accordance with Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-19 all hospitals licensed under Chapter 241 of the Texas Health and Safety Code shall reserve at least fifteen percent (15%) of capacity for treatment of COVID-19 patients, accounting for the range of clinical severity of COVID-19 patients, as determined by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. <https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/coronaviruscovid-19>

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

In accordance with Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-21, schools shall remain temporarily closed to in-person classroom attendance by students and shall not recommence before the end of the 2019-2020 school year, except that a student (accompanied by an adult if needed) may, as allowed by the school consistent with the minimum standard health protocols found in guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), visit his or her school campus

- (a) for limited non-instructional administrative tasks such as cleaning out lockers, collecting personal belongings, and returning school items like band instruments and books; or
- (b) for graduating seniors, to complete post-secondary requirements that cannot be accomplished absent access to the school facility and its resources, excluding any activity or assessment which can be done virtually.

Public education teachers and staff are encouraged to continue to work remotely from home if possible, but may return to schools to conduct remote video instruction, as well as perform administrative duties, under the minimum standard health protocols found in guidance issued by the TEA. Private schools and institutions of higher education should establish similar terms for conducting school activities. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, schools may conduct graduation ceremonies consistent with the minimum standard health protocols found in guidance issued by the TEA.

PRICE CONTROLS

A person and/or business shall not sell any goods or service, including but not limited to the following, for more than the price the person charged for the goods or services on March 28, 2020:

- a. groceries, beverages, toilet articles, ice
- b. construction and building materials and supplies, and earthmoving equipment and machinery
- c. electrical and gas generating and transmission equipment, party and accessories
- d. charcoal briquettes, matches, candles, lamp illumination and heat unit carbides, dry batteries, light bulbs, flashlights, and hand lanterns
- e. hand tools (manual and power), hardware and household supplies, and equipment rental

- f. automotive parts, supplies, and accessories
- g. plumbing and electrical tools and supplies
- h. apartment, duplex, multi-family dwelling, rooming house , hotel and motel rental
- i. gasoline, diesel oil, motor oil, kerosene, grease, and automotive lubricants
- j. restaurant , cafeteria, and boarding-house meals
- k. services of roofing and building contractors, plumbers , electricians, mechanics, tree surgeons, and automobile wrecker companies
- l. medicine, pharmaceutical, and medical equipment and supplies
- m. blankets, quilts, bedspreads, bed linens, mattresses, bedsprings , bedsteads, towels, and toilet paper
- n. furniture and clothing

WAIVER OF FEES/DEADLINES/EVICTIONS AND FORCLOSURES

- a. All fees and service charges associated with telephonic or distance payments to Starr County offices and/or departments are hereby waived.
- b. All deadlines imposed by local law, rule or other regulation shall be suspended for thirty (30) days.
- c. To the extent allowed by law and in accordance with the orders issued by the Texas Supreme Court, no trial, hearings or other proceedings may be had by landlords attempting to evict a tenant for lack of payment for the next thirty (30) days.
- d. To the extent allowed by law, all foreclosure proceedings within Starr County shall be temporarily suspended for the next thirty (30) days to prevent the displacement of occupants during this public health emergency.

ISOLATION OF VULNERABLE POPULATION

- 1. To the extent possible, vulnerable populations should be isolated within their homes and limit their exposure to those leaving their shelter for work or for essential travel.
- 2. The CDC lists the following groups as vulnerable populations considered at higher risk for severe illness:
 - a. People age 65 years or older.
 - b. People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
 - c. People who have serious heart conditions
 - d. People who are immunocompromised including cancer treatment
 - e. People of any age with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] ≥ 40) or certain underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, such as those with diabetes, renal failure, or liver disease might also be at risk

PROTOCOLS FOR REPORTING COVID-19 POSTIVE TEST RESULTS

The established protocols are intended to secure an expedited and effective reporting process that will prevent detrimental communication lapses. Furthermore, the County of Starr or the Starr County Health Authority will be held harmless for any breaches in the mandated process.

1. Any public or private Labs reviewing submitted samples from Starr County is **HEREBY ORDERED** to notify the following entities and agencies of positive results discovered in the County of Starr:

- a. Primary Care Physician of said patient(s).
- b. Texas Department of State Health Services.
- c. Starr County Health Authority

2. As a result of the overwhelming amount of cases and limited resources faced by the Texas Department of State Health Services in response to the COVID-19 virus, all Prescribing Providers receiving positive test results of any resident of Starr County are **HEREBY ORDERED** to notify the following entities and agencies of such results:

- a. Inform said patient(s) of positive test result.
- b. Inform the Texas Department of State Health Services.
- c. Inform the Starr County Health Authority
- d. Required to follow up with the patient(s) about clinical conditions as well as to provide them with instructions on mandatory two (2) week quarantine.
- e. Strongly recommended when possible to evaluate patient(s) close contacts to determine if further testing is necessary within the household or place of employment.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL ORDER

If a member of a household has been instructed by their medical provider to isolate themselves at home pending confirmation of a test result, then all members of the household must isolate at home. **UPON CONFIRMATION** of a novel coronavirus disease, known as COVID-19 based on the reputable testing by a qualified laboratory, if it is then found that, there is reasonable cause to believe that an individual may pose a risk to expose the community to a communicable disease: novel coronavirus disease, known as COVID-19.

THEREAFTER the local health department and/or the INDIVIDUAL(S)'s Primary Physician, and/or the Department of State Health Services is to then possibly:

1. Order that a confirmed individual and all household members remain at a location (which may include the individuals Residence) or cooperate with and be transported to and then remain at a Hospital or another appropriate facility (Facility) as determined by the Department of State Health Services. The INDIVIDUAL(S) will **NOT** be permitted to leave the Residence, Hospital, or Facility for any reason other than to seek medical

evaluation or care, and must first contact the local health department to obtain approval before leaving the premises.

2. No one will be permitted any visitors at the Residence, Hospital, or Facility without the prior approval of either the local health department and/or the INDIVIDUAL's Primary Physician, and/or the Department of State Health Services.
3. The INDIVIDUAL(S) will be monitored by public health personnel at least once a day for 14 days following the last potential exposure to COVID-19. A public health worker will monitor the temperature and check for symptoms, such as fever (measured $\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$ or subjective), chills, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, sore throat, runny nose, muscle aches, fatigue, headache, abdominal pain/discomfort, nausea, diarrhea, vomiting. This monitoring may also be conducted/assisted by local law enforcement if the necessity arises, all the while continuing to maintain all federal Privacy Laws.
4. Failure to comply with these control measures you may be subject the INDIVIDUAL(S) to criminal prosecution under Texas Health and Safety Code §81.087, or civil court proceedings under Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 81, Subchapter G, entitled "Court Orders for Management of Persons with Communicable Diseases."

This Order will remain in effect until the INDIVIDUAL(S) is notified in writing that (1) the incubation period has passed and they are no longer suspected of having the above-stated communicable disease; or (2) you are otherwise notified by the Department of State Health Services.

INCORPORATION AND CONFLICTS

This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the National Emergency Declaration, Governor Abbott's Declaration of Disaster, the Starr County Disaster Declaration, the Emergency Management Orders and Recommendations and all subsequent related orders and guidance from these authorities. This Order is a supplement to all previous orders and not in place of such. In the event of a conflict or apparent conflict between the orders, this Order shall control.

This Order comes after the release of substantial guidance from the Starr County Health Authority, the Texas Department of Health Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other public health officials throughout the United States and around the world, including a variety of prior orders to combat the spread and harms of COVID-19. The Starr County Health Authority and Starr County Judge, in consultation and communication with the Starr County Commissioners Court, other local elected leaders, and will continue to assess the quickly evolving situation and may modify or extend this Order, or issue additional Orders, related to COVID-19 as may be necessary.

If any provision of this Order to the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be

invalid, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

This Order supersedes prior Orders, and in the event of a conflict or apparent conflict between the Orders, this Order shall control.

ENFORCEMENT

Violation of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health. The Sheriff, Constables and all Chiefs of police in the County and command staffs of State Law Enforcement Agencies Operating in the County are hereby requested to assist to ensure compliance with and enforce this Order.


PENALTIES

A person that fails to comply with this Order may be assessed a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per violation or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days in jail. This does not limit or curtail additional civil or criminal penalties under the Texas Health and Safety Code or the Texas Penal Code.

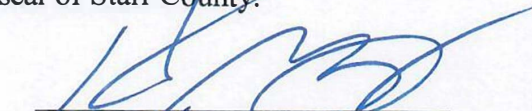
This Amended Order shall become effective at 5:00pm on May 11, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until 11:59pm on June 12, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Starr County Judge.

ORDERED this the 11th of May, 2020, in the COUNTY OF STARR, TEXAS, in witness whereof I subscribe my name and cause to be affixed the seal of the COUNTY OF STARR.

STARR COUNTY


Eloy Vera
Starr County Judge

Filed with me, the County Clerk of Starr County, this the ____ day of May, 2020, by Judge Eloy Vera, whose signature I hereby attest under my hand the seal of Starr County.


Humberto "Bert" Gonzalez, Jr.
Starr County Clerk

