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STARR COUNTY RECOMMENDATIONS 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, the County Judge has determined that measures are necessary 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 on a countywide basis effective immediately:

It is **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** and **RECOMMENDED** that all individuals within Starr County, Texas **CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING**:

SOCIAL DISTANCING

All persons **ARE RECOMMENDED TO** 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.

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.

FUNERAL HOMES AND SERVICES

It is **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** and **RECOMMENDED** that all Funeral homes; operate at up to 75 percent of the total listed occupancy of the facility and adhere to the following:

- 1) Instruct sick employees, volunteers, and guests to stay home;
- 2) Practice social distancing by maintaining appropriate distance between people;
- 3) 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
- 4) Implement environmental cleanliness and have staff sanitize seats and frequently touched surfaces between services
- 5) Equip ushers and greeters with gloves and masks
- 6) Ensure all attendees sanitize their hands and put on a mask before entering the building
- 7) Prohibit the attendance of children under the age of five (5)
- 8) Prohibit the consumption or delivery of any food on the premises.
- 8) Ensure attendees sit with their family unit, use social distancing between each unit
- 9) Consider refraining from having common areas open to the public
- 10) Encourage all unvaccinated attendees who are 65 and above or have an underlying at-risk health condition to stay home

These **RECOMMENDATIONS** shall become effective at 5:00pm on April 1, 2021 and will continue to be in effect until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Starr County Judge.

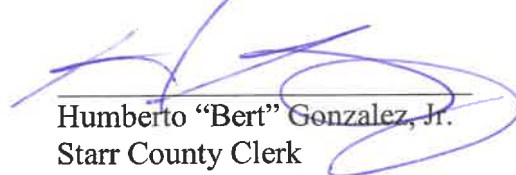
ORDERED this the 1st April, 2021, in the COUNTY OF STARR, TEXAS, in witness whereof I subscribe my name and cause to be affixed the seal of the COUNTY OF STARR.

STARR COUNTY



Eloy Vera
Starr County Judge

Filed with me, the County Clerk of Starr County, this the 1st day of April, 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