

City of Rockport



**Honorable Mayor
Patrick R. Rios**

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Rockport, TX 78382
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Aransas County



**Honorable Judge
C.H. Burt Mills, Jr.**

Aransas County Court House
2840 Highway 35 N.
Rockport, TX 78382
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Town of Fulton



**Honorable Mayor
Jimmy Kendrick**

City Hall
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AMENDED ORDER TO STAY AT HOME

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Aransas County Judge C.H. Burt Mills, Jr issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 16, 2020, due to a novel corona virus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, the City of Rockport Mayor Patrick R. Rios issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 16, 2020, due to a novel corona virus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, the Town of Fulton Mayor Jimmy Kendrick issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 17, 2020, due to a novel corona virus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Donald Trump acknowledged the gravity of the COVID-19 pandemic, releasing strict new guidelines to limit people's interactions, including that Americans should avoid groups of more than 10 people;

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Aransas County Judge issued an Extension of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Aransas County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster until rescinded by order of the Commissioners' Court; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the City Council of the City of Rockport issued an Extension of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Rockport Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster until rescinded by order of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Town Council of the Town of Fulton issued an Extension of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Fulton Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster until rescinded by order of the Town Council; and

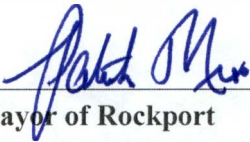
WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued an order to Re-Open Texas allowing for certain types of businesses to re-open with limited capacities and specific guidelines and restrictions.

WHEREAS, the on-going evaluation of circumstances related to the corona virus and the updated recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and the Texas Department of State Health Services warrant further Order.

NOW THEREFORE, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 418.108, ARANSAS COUNTY JUDGE, CITY OF ROCKPORT MAYOR, AND TOWN OF FULTON MAYOR ORDERS:

1. Effective as of 12:00 a.m. on May 1, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on May 17, 2020:
 - (a) All individuals currently living, renting, staying (long-term or short-term) within Aransas County, the city limits of Rockport, and the town limits of Fulton are recommended to shelter at their place of residence, rental, or area of stay. For the purposes of this Order, residences, rentals, and areas of stay include homes, condominiums, townhomes, apartments, duplexes, hotels, motels, shared rentals, recreational vehicles, motor homes, and similar facilities. To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times as reasonable as possible maintain social distancing of at least six (6) feet from any other person when they are outside their residence.
 - (b) All short-term rental locations can return to normal business as long as they are in compliance with CDC and Texas DHS guidelines.
 - (c) All Retailers, Restaurants, Movie Theaters, Libraries, Museums, Churches, and Offices operating within Aransas County, the city limits of Rockport, and the town limits of Fulton are allowed to open at 50% capacity as long as they are in compliance with Texas Governor Greg Abbott's GA-18 and Phase I of The Governor's Report to Open Texas.
 - (d) All public or private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited, except as otherwise provided herein. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.
 - (e) Texas Governor Greg Abbott's GA-19 allows elective medical, surgical and dental procedures to continue with at least 15% of the hospitals capacity for treatment of COVID-19 patients.
 - (f) All public beaches, boat launches, boat ramps, bulkheads, docks, piers, and wharfs within the geographic boundaries of Aransas County, the city limits of Rockport, and the town limits of Fulton are now open.
 - (g) Beginning May 4, the Aransas County Courthouse will open to the public with certain limitations. Please visit the website for information. The offices of the City of Rockport and Town of Fulton will remain closed to the public.
 - (h) All City of Rockport parks are closed to the public. All Town of Fulton parks are open with limited equipment as a safety precaution.
 - (i) There is no curfew at this time.
2. Due to the public health emergency, the Offices of the Aransas County Judge, hereby advises the Aransas County Justices of the Peace to suspend eviction hearing and writs of possession for at least the next sixty (60) days to prevent renters from being displaced, except as otherwise authorized by the Texas Supreme Court Order of March 19, 2020. Moreover, as authorized by the issuing court the Offices of the Aransas County Judge, Rockport Mayor, and Fulton Mayor hereby advises the Aransas County Sheriff, Rockport Police, and Fulton Police to suspend all extraditions for at least the next thirty (30) days to further deter the spread of the virus.
3. If someone in a household has tested positive for coronavirus, the household is ordered to isolate at home for a period of at least 14 days after the person has tested negative for coronavirus or left the household or such longer period as determined by the Health Department. Members of the household cannot go to work, school, or any other community function.

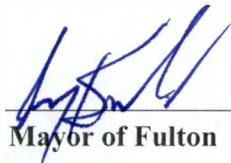
4. Nursing homes, retirement, and long-term care facilities are instructed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott to prohibit non-essential visitors from accessing their facilities unless to provide critical assistance or for end-of-life visitation.
5. Additionally, the Offices of the Aransas County Judge, Mayor of Rockport, and Mayor of Fulton, instructs all employees to remain at home if sick, and to promptly communicate with an appropriate health care professional.
6. This Order shall be effective until 11:59 p.m. on May 17, 2020, or until it is either rescinded, superseded, or amended pursuant to applicable law.
7. The County of Aransas, City of Rockport, and the Town of Fulton must promptly provide copies of this Order by posting in front of their respective posting locations, posting on their respective websites and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.
8. This Order of Aransas County Judge C.H. Burt Mills, Jr., Rockport Mayor Patrick R. Rios, and Fulton Mayor Jimmy Kendrick applies to all incorporated and unincorporated areas of their respective County/City/Town. To the extent of a conflict between decisions of Aransas County Judge C.H. Burt Mills, Jr., and a Mayor of any city within the geographic boundaries of Aransas County, the decisions set forth in this Order prevail (to the fullest extent allowed by law pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108(h)).
9. A violation of this Order to Stay At Home is a violation of the emergency management plans of Aransas County, the City of Rockport, and the Town of Fulton. A violation by any person of any provision of this Order to Stay At Home is punishable by a fine of up to \$500 per violation and separate day of violation, and additional amount as authorized by law. A second offense after warning in which intent to commit all elements of an act prohibited herein is proven may result in a fine of up to \$1,000 per violation or separate day of violation or up to 180 days in jail.



Mayor of Rockport
Patrick R. Rios



Aransas County Judge
C.H. Burt Mills, Jr.



Mayor of Fulton
Jimmy Kendrick

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AT 4:09 P.M.
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COUNTY CLERK, ARANSAS CO., TEXAS