

Hugh Coleman

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**Denton County Commissioners Court
Judge Andy Eads**

**DISASTER DECLARATION
AND
EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE DENTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Denton County Judge Andy Eads issued the first Executive Order on March 13, 2020, due to a novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, County Commissioners have renewed and extended the initial Executive Order and Disaster Declarations to maintain the safety and security of the public while working to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the authority of Texas Governor Greg Abbott through the use of his Executive Orders to protect Texas from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, an innovative response is required to mitigate the future spread of COVID-19 to protect the citizens and businesses of Denton County and all incorporated and unincorporated areas; and

THEREFORE, the April 14, 2020, Executive Order of the Denton County Commissioners Court is hereby CONTINUED as follows:

Summary: The virus that causes 2019 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) is easily transmitted through person to person contact, making it essential to slow the spread of the virus. Denton County has had over 725 positive cases and 20 deaths related to COVID-19 in 33 of the 45 municipalities and the unincorporated areas of Denton County.

**UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE
SECTION 418.108, DENTON COUNTY JUDGE ANDY EADS AND DENTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDERS:**

1. Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2020, this Disaster Declaration shall continue through May 15, 2020, by Order of the Denton County Commissioners Court unless rescinded by the County Judge, pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code:
2. The Denton County Emergency Operations Plan and the Denton County Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Plan shall remain activated through the end of the COVID-19 disaster.
3. As allowed by Local Government Code 262.024, exempt bidding requirements for the purpose of purchasing items necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the residents of the county. This exemption shall remain in effect until a time when the Disaster Declaration is lifted.
4. Nothing in this Order is intended to impose restrictions inconsistent with Order GA-18 or any other subsequent order issued by the Governor in effect relating to COVID-19. Please visit www.gov.texas.gov/news to read the current Executive Orders of the Governor.
5. To the greatest extent possible, all businesses and residents shall comply with the Social Distancing Guideline set forth by the CDC and Governor's Report to Open Texas dated April 27, 2020. (www.gov.texas.gov/opentexas)
6. Texas Commissioned Peace Officers are hereby authorized to enforce this Order. A violation of this Order may be punishable through criminal or civil enforcement. A violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500. Violators of the Order will be issued a citation. The citation will contain written notice of the time and place the person must appear before a magistrate of this state, the name and address of the person charged, and the offense charged.
7. The County of Denton must promptly provide copies of this Order by posting on dentoncounty.gov. 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.

The purpose of this Order is for emergency protective measures, mitigation procedures and response plans to the current public health emergency;

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 28th day of April 2020, upon motion made by:

Hugh Coleman and seconded by Dianne Edmondson, and five members of the court being present and voting.



ANDY EADS, COUNTY JUDGE



HUGH COLEMAN,
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1



RON MARCHANT,
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2



BOBBIE J. MITCHELL,
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3



DIANNE EDMONDSON,
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4

ATTEST:

JULI LUKE, County Clerk and Ex-Officio
Clerk of the Commissioners Court of Denton County

BY: 

