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RESOLUTION NO. 16.050

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS,  
AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO CONTAIN AND PREVENT THE  
SPREAD OF COVID-19 FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE  
COMMUNITY AND ITS CITIZENS; EXTENDING PREVIOUS RELATED ORDER;  
AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**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**, a State of Disaster was declared by the Texas Governor on March 13, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, President 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**, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. In some cases the virus has caused death;

**WHEREAS**, the Hunt County Commissioners Court declared a state of emergency on March 16, 2020, and County Judge Stovall issued an Order on that same day;

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020 County Judge Stovall and the Hunt County Commissioners Court amended the County's Disaster Resolution and included an order that all residents of Hunt County shelter in the place of their residence. On April 3, the Commissioners Court approved a similar Resolution, which is currently in place through April 17, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator have stated that the spread of COVID-19 can be reduced by minimizing social gatherings;

**WHEREAS**, on March 28, 2020, the US Department of Homeland Security issued its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 2.0, which provides an advisory list of critical-infrastructure sectors, workers, and functions that should continue during the COVID-19 response;

**WHEREAS**, on March 29, 2020, to avoid scenarios that could lead to hundreds of thousands of deaths, the President announced that, based on advice from Dr. Anthony Fauci and Dr. Deborah Birx, the restrictive social-distancing Guidelines should be extended through April 30, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, on March 31, 2020 Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order No. GA-14 relating to statewide continuity of essential services and activities during the COVID-19 disaster;



**WHEREAS**, The virus that causes COVID-19 is easily transmitted through person to person contact, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety. Because of the risk of the rapid spread of the virus, and the need to protect the most vulnerable members of the community, this Resolution requires all individuals anywhere in Hunt County to shelter in place – that is, stay at home – except where necessary to provide or obtain Essential Services (as defined in Paragraph 3 hereinbelow) minimize social gatherings and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household. This Order takes effect immediately and will continue through 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2020, under the terms and conditions more particularly set forth below; and

**WHEREAS**, Failure to Comply with any order issued during a state of emergency is an offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days;

**THEREFORE**, the April 3, 2020, Order of County Judge Stovall and the Commissioners Court Disaster Resolution are **AMENDED** as follows, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108:

1. *That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is in effect for Hunt County, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108 (a) of the Texas Government Code, and to the extent applicable under current State law the Hunt County Emergency Management Plan has been activated and is in effect.*
2. *Effective immediately, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2020:*
  - (a) All individuals currently living within Hunt County are ordered to shelter at their place of residence and, except where necessary to provide or obtain Essential Services (as defined in paragraph 3 hereinbelow), minimize social gatherings and minimize in person contact with people who are not in the same household. For the purposes of this Order, residences include hotels, motels, shared rentals, and similar facilities. To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times as reasonably as possible maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person when they are outside their residence. All persons may leave their residences to provide or obtain Essential Services.
  - (b) All businesses operating within Hunt County, except businesses providing Essential Services (as defined in paragraph 3 hereinbelow), are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the County. For clarity, businesses that do not provide Essential Services (as defined in paragraph 3 hereinbelow) may continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e. working from home).
  - (c) In providing or obtaining Essential Services (as defined in paragraph 3 hereinbelow), people and businesses should follow the guidelines from the President and the CDC by practicing good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation, implementing the attached Social Distancing Guidelines, which include maintaining six foot social distancing for both employees and the general public, and working from home if at all possible. *In particular, all*



*services (including Essential Services) should be provided through remote telework from home unless they are Essential Services that cannot be provided through remote telework.*

- (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) In accordance with the guidelines from the President and the CDC:
  - (i) Restaurants with or without drive-in or drive-through services and microbreweries, micro-distilleries, or wineries may only provide take out, delivery, or drive-through services as allowed by law. The use of drive-through, pickup and/or delivery options for food and drinks is allowed and highly encouraged;
  - (ii) Gyms, massage establishments, tattoo studios, piercing studios and/or cosmetology studios are not Essential Services and are prohibited during this time; and
  - (iii) 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.
- (f) All elective medical, surgical, dental and veterinary procedures are prohibited anywhere in Hunt County. Hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, dental offices, veterinary offices and other medical facilities are directed to identify procedures that are deemed "elective" by assessing which procedures can be postponed or cancelled based on patient risk considering the emergency need for redirection of resources to COVID-19 response.
- (g) Nothing herein prohibits people from providing or accessing Essential Services (as defined in paragraph 3 hereinbelow) or engaging in essential daily activities, such as the following, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and to minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household:
  - i. To perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family, household members or pets (for example, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies need to work from home).
  - ii. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves, their family or household members, and pets, or to deliver those services or supplies to others (for example, food, pet supply, and any other household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences).
  - iii. To engage in outdoor activity, provided that: (a) the individuals comply with social distancing requirements of six feet (for example, walking, biking, hiking, running, fishing or hunting) and (b) any equipment touched by more than one person (i.e., rental golf carts) must be fully sanitized after each user comes into contact with the equipment.
  - iv. To care for a family member or pet in another household.



### 3. Definitions:

- a. For purposes of this Order, “Essential Services” means:
- i. **Essential Critical Infrastructure.** Everything listed by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 2.0 (attached) which essential critical services fall into the following general categories:
    1. Healthcare/Public Health (which does not include elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures as established in accordance with Subsection 2(f) of this Order and the Governor’s Executive Order GA-09);
    2. Law Enforcement, Public Safety and Other First Responders;
    3. Food and Agriculture;
    4. Energy (Electricity Industry/Petroleum Industry/Natural Gas, Propane and other Liquid Fuels);
    5. Water and Wastewater;
    6. Transportation and Logistics;
    7. Public Works and Infrastructure Support Services;
    8. Communications and Information Technology;
    9. Other Community or Government Based Operations and Essential Functions;
    10. Critical Manufacturing;
    11. Hazardous Materials;
    12. Financial Services;
    13. Chemical;
    14. Defense Industrial Base;
    15. Commercial Facilities;
    16. Residential/Shelter Facilities and Services; and
    17. Hygiene Products and Services.
  - ii. **Services Deemed Essential by TDEM.** Any other services that may be deemed essential by the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) according to the TDEM online list maintained at [www.tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices](http://www.tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices), or other portion of the general TDEM website.
  - iii. **Religious Services.** Houses of worship must, whenever possible, conduct their activities at home or through remote audio or video services. Religious services conducted in churches, congregations and houses of worship are permitted only if the same cannot be conducted remotely due to lack of capability and only if they are conducted in accordance with the guidelines from the President and the CDC by practicing good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation, and by implementing social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
  - iv. **Essential Retail.** Food service providers, including grocery stores, warehouse stores, big-box stores, bodegas, liquor stores, gas stations and



convenience stores, farmers' markets that sell food products and household staples. Food cultivation, including farming, fishing, and livestock. Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out. Schools and other entities that typically provide free services to students or members of the public on a pick-up and take-away basis only. The restriction of delivery or carry out does not apply to cafes and restaurants located within hospital and medical facilities. Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers. Gas stations, auto-supply, auto and bicycle repair, hardware stores, and related facilities. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home.

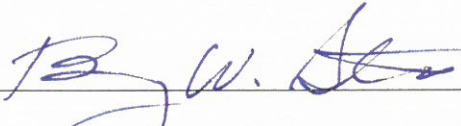
- v. **Providers of Basic Necessities to Economically Disadvantaged Populations.** Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals.
  - vi. **Essential Services Necessary to Maintain Essential Operations of Residences or Other Essential Businesses.** Trash and recycling collection, processing and disposal, mail and shipping services, building cleaning, maintenance and security, warehouse/distribution and fulfillment, storage for essential businesses, funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of residences and Essential Businesses. Professional services, such as legal or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities. Businesses that supply other essential businesses with support or supplies needed to operate.
  - vii. **News Media.** Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.
  - viii. **Childcare Services.** Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted.
  - ix. **Auto Sales.** Auto-dealerships, for in-person mechanical services or to complete an online transaction on an appointment-only basis provided that the same be carried out in compliance with the rules for essential retail establishments set out in Exhibit A of the Dallas County Order, accessible here: <https://www.dallascounty.org/Assets/uploads/docs/covid-19/orders-media/040220-AmendedOrder.pdf>. Exhibit A to that Dallas County Order is adopted and incorporated into this Resolution.
4. Any manufacturer who retools so that a substantial part of their business is for the purpose of manufacturing and producing ventilators may apply to TDEM for an "essential service" exemption under this Order.
  5. Grocery stores, supermarkets, warehouse stores, hospitals, and medical facilities are experiencing high levels of demand for a large number of products, requiring more deliveries from manufacturers and distribution centers to serve their customers. A number of Texas cities and local associations have implemented restrictions on delivery hours to stores to mitigate truck noise and traffic. Due to the need to deliver products as quickly and efficiently as possible during this critical timeframe, this Order hereby suspends all

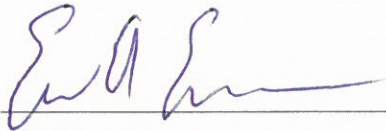


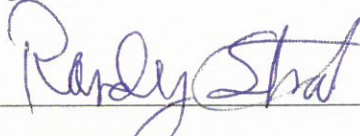
delivery hour restrictions for transport to or from any entity involved in the selling or distribution of food products, medicine, or medical supplies in Hunt County for the next 60 days.

6. Due to increased demand for bath or toilet tissue resulting from stock up buying and individuals who purchase for resale, a mandatory limit on toilet paper sales is instituted until the supply chain meets the demand or two weeks, whichever comes first. All sales of bath or toilet tissue occurring in Hunt County are limited to the greater of: (a) twelve (12) rolls per purchase or (b) one (1) package per purchase.
7. Due to the public health emergency, the Office of the Hunt County Judge hereby advises the Hunt County Justices of the Peace to suspend eviction hearings and writs of possession for at least the next 60 days to prevent renters from being displaced. Because the Courthouse is closed for all non-essential business, no foreclosure sales may take place on the Courthouse property until after April 30, 2020.
8. If someone in a household has tested positive for COVID-19, that person and all members of the household are ordered to isolate at home. Members of the household may not go to work, school, or any other community function until: (1) all members of the household have been fully recovered for at least 14 days; and (2) all individuals who tested positive of COVID-19 have been cleared in writing to return to work or other activities outside the home by a physician or the Hunt County Health Department.
9. In accordance with guidelines from the President and the CDC, schools shall remain temporarily closed to in-person classroom attendance and shall not recommence before May 4, 2020. Public and private schools and institutions of higher education are instructed by this order to provide a safety plan to Hunt County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management 72 hours before students return to a classroom settings.
10. Additionally, the Office of the Hunt County Judge instructs all employees to remain at home if sick. Employees of private businesses and nonprofits with six or more employees in the Hunt County may use their paid sick leave when they are sick or to care for sick family members.
11. This Order shall be effective until 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2020, or until it is either rescinded, superseded, or amended pursuant to applicable law.
12. The County must promptly provide copies of this Order by posting on the Hunt County website. 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 and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy.
13. To the extent that any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Order conflicts with an Executive Order issued by the Governor of Texas, the Executive Order controls. 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 in conflict with an Executive Order issued by the Texas Governor, or held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such conflict or decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.
14. Pursuant to section 418. 108 (c) of the 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.
15. This Resolution shall be in full force upon its passage and approval.

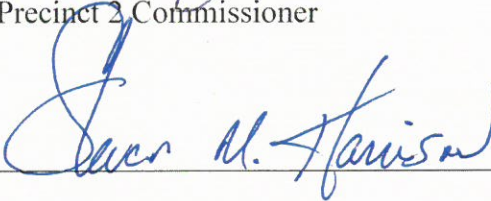
PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.

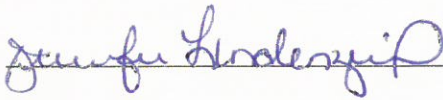
  
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Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Clerk





# Social Distancing Recommendations

## 1) Vulnerable Populations: Limit Outings

- Vulnerable populations include people who are:
  - 60 years old and older.
  - People with certain health conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease and weakened immune systems.
- For vulnerable populations, don't go to gatherings unless it is essential. Stay home. Avoid people who are sick.

## 2) Workplace and Businesses: Minimize Exposure

- Suspend nonessential employee travel.
- Ensure employees practice social distancing and do not work within six feet of one another.
- Urge essential employees to stay home when they are sick and maximize flexibility in sick leave benefits.
- Do not require a doctor's note for employees who are sick.
- Maximize telecommuting options.
- Persons who need to be at work to provide essential services of great benefit to the community must take steps in their workplace to minimize risk.

## 3) Cancel Non-essential Events

- Cancel non-essential events.
- Do not attend any events or gatherings if sick.
- For events that aren't cancelled, we recommend:
  - Having hand washing capabilities, hand sanitizers and tissues available.
  - Frequently cleaning high touch surface areas like counter tops and hand rails.
  - Finding ways to implement social distancing..

## 4) Schools: Safety First

- Do not have your child attend school if sick.
- If you have a child with chronic health conditions, consult the child's doctor about school attendance.
- Schools should equip all classrooms with hand sanitizers and tissues.
- Recommend rescheduling or cancelling events that are not essential.
- Explore remote teaching and online options to continue learning.
- Schools should develop a plan for citywide school closures, and families should prepare for further closures.

## 5) Transit: Cleaning and Protection

- Increase cleaning of vehicles and high touch surface areas.
- Provide hand washing/hand sanitizers and tissues in stations and on vehicles.
- Ensure social distancing practices are implemented to the full extent possible.



## **6) Health Care Settings: Avoid as possible, protect the vulnerable**

- Long-term care facilities should have a COVID-19 plan in accordance with CDC or state guidelines.
- Long-term care facilities should restrict all visitation except for certain compassionate care situations, such as end of life situations.
- The general public should avoid going to medical settings such as hospitals, nursing homes and long-term care facilities, even if you are not ill.
- If you are ill, call your health care provider ahead of time, and you may be able to be served by phone.
- Do not visit emergency rooms unless it is essential.
- Follow guidance and directions of all facilities.

## **7) Everyone: Do your part**

The best way for all Hunt County residents to reduce their risk of getting sick, as with seasonal colds or the flu, still applies to prevent COVID-19:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Try alternatives to shaking hands, like an elbow bump or wave.
- If you have recently returned from a country, state or region with ongoing COVID-19 infections, monitor your health and follow the instructions of public health officials and CDC guidance.

You can also prepare for the disruption caused by an outbreak. Preparedness actions include:

- Prepare to work from home if that is possible for your job, and your employer.
- Make sure you have a supply of all essential medications for your family.
- Prepare a child care plan if you or a caregiver are sick.
- Make arrangements about how your family will manage school closures.
- Plan for how you can care for a sick family member without getting sick yourself.
- Take care of each other and check in by phone with friends, family and neighbors that are vulnerable to serious illness or death if they get COVID-19.
- Keep common spaces clean to help maintain a healthy environment for you and others. Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned regularly with disinfecting sprays, wipes or common household cleaning products.



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**  
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**GUIDANCE ON ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKFORCE (V2)**