



**ORDER BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF LEE COUNTY
RELATING TO THE DECLARATION REGARDING COVID-19**

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, a Declaration of State of Disaster was issued by Governor Abbott to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Texans; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 virus is contagious and spreads through person-to-person contact, especially in group settings; and

Whereas, on March 15, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended that organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States; and

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; and

Whereas, on March 19, 2020, Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA 08 Relating to COVID-19 Preparedness and Mitigation stating people shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people and closed all schools until April 3, 2020; and

Whereas, on March 31, 2020 Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA 14 relating to the statewide continuity of essential services and activities during the COVID-19 disaster;

Whereas, Lee County has confirmed cases of COVID-19 and needs to fully incorporate authority allowed by Executive Order GA 14 and Public Health Disaster Declaration by Dr. John Hellerstedt dated March 19, 2020 that specifically requires that individuals known to have or are under or monitoring for COVID-19 should adhere to direction provided by duly authorized persons, including public health official.

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NOW THEREFORE, I, PAUL E FISCHER COUNTY JUDGE OF LEE COUNTY, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, AND CONSISTENT WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER GA 14 HEREBY FIND AND ORDER THAT:

SECTION 1. Stay at Home or Place of Residence for COVID-19 Positive Individuals, Suspected Positive, Those Being Tested, and Household Members.

Effective as of 7:00 p.m. on April 1, 2020, and continuing until terminated or modified by a subsequent Order, the County Judge of Lee County, Texas, deems it in the public interest to issue this Order and **ORDERS** that all individuals currently living within Lee County who have tested positive for COVID-19, suspected positive individuals, those being tested, and household members, comply with orders of duly authorized persons, including public health officials including Lee County Health Official Requirements and Recommendations as set out in the Texas Department of State Health Services Public Health Region 7 Requirements attached as Exhibit A and incorporated in this Order by reference.

SECTION 2. Non-Essential Business and Operations Must Cease.

All businesses or operations with a facility in Lee County, except Essential Businesses and Essential Government Functions as outlined in Executive Order GA 14, are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the County.

SECTION 3. Prior Order.

That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this ORDER are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the County Judge and made a part hereof for all purposes. This ORDER rescinds and replaces any prior ORDERS issued by the County Judge except that where any such previous ORDERS or DECLARTATIONS are in conflict with this ORDER, this ORDER prevails.

SECTION 4. That the Lee County Sheriff and other 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 misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both fine and confinement. A violation of this order may be enforced by the filing of a probable cause affidavit alleging the criminal violation

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with the appropriate court or by issuing a citation to the person violating, that contains 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.

SECTION 5. Lee County will post this Order on their 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. 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 remainder of this Order and its application.

SECTION 6. Savings Clause. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, then 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.

SECTION 7. This Order incorporates by reference the following:

Exhibit A: Recommendations and Requirements by the County Health Official

ORDERED this the 1st day of April, 2020, in the County of Lee, Texas.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul E Fischer", written over a horizontal line.

Paul E Fischer
Lee County Judge



Exhibit A: Lee County Health Official Requirements and Recommendations

- 1) COVID-19 Positive Individuals, Suspected Positives, those being tested, and Household Members
 - COVID-19 Positive individuals, Suspected Positives, those currently being tested, and Untested Individuals with cough and/or fever:
 - Prohibited from leaving residence without a surgical or similar mask to prevent the spread to others.
 - The following activities are permitted while wearing a mask:
 - Seeking emergency medical care related or unrelated to COVID-19. In doing so, you shall notify first responders at the time of the call to 9-1-1 or prior to presentation to other healthcare resources.
 - Walking or exercising alone in the immediate vicinity of your residence.
 - Shall practice social distancing within the residence, observe hygiene practices for prevention of household spread in accordance with CDC guidelines
 - Shall remain in home quarantine for no less than 14 days following the onset of their illness and at least three day (72 hours) after the conclusion of their illness (resolution of fever without medications and improvement in cough and shortness of breath).
 - Household Members of COVID-19 Positive Individuals, Suspected Positives, those currently being tested, or Untested Individuals with cough and/or fever.
 - Prohibited from leaving residence without a surgical or similar mask to prevent the spread to others.
 - The following activities are permitted while wearing a mask:
 - Seeking emergency medical care related or unrelated to COVID-19. In doing so, you shall notify first responders at the time of the call to 9-1-1 or prior to presentation to other healthcare resources.

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- Walking or exercising alone in the immediate vicinity of our residence.
 - Shall practice social distancing within the residence, observe hygiene practices for prevention of household spread in accordance with CDC guidelines
 - Shall notify your Primary Care Provider if you develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19 as defined by the CDC.
 - Shall remain in home quarantine for no less than 14 days following the last exposure to individuals with confirmed or suspected COVID-19.