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AMENDED ORDER OF DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR SABINE COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Sabine County Judge Daryl Melton issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 17, 2020, due to a novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, March 23, 2020 the Sabine County Commissioners Court ratified and consented to that Order, and

WHEREAS, the on-going evaluation of circumstances related to the virus and the updated recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Texas Department of State Health Services, and local public health authority warrant the March 17, 2020 Order of County Judge Daryl Melton be amended; 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.

NOW THEREFORE, the March 17, 2020, Order of County Judge Daryl Melton is hereby AMENDED as follows:

Summary: The virus that causes 2019 Coronavirus Disease (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 Amended Order requires all individuals anywhere in Sabine County to, stay at home – except for certain essential activities and work to provide essential business and government services or perform essential public infrastructure construction, including housing. This Amended Order takes effect at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 and will continue through 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2020, unless otherwise extended or terminated by further order of the County Judge of Sabine County.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 418.108, SABINE COUNTY JUDGE DARYL MELTON ORDERS:

- 1. That this Amended Order under Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and filed with the County Clerk. This Amended Order incorporates all provisions provided in the previous Disaster Order issued on March 17, 2020 and ratified by the Sabine County Commissioners Court on March 23, 2020.
- 2. That, regardless of any other provision of this Amended Order, if a person residing in Sabine County is being tested or has tested positive for COVID-19 ("COVID-19 Patient") or is a Person Under Investigation ("PUI"), that person plus all other individuals living at the same address¹ of a COVID-19 Patient or PUI are ordered to isolate at home until testing shows the COVID-19 Patient or PUI has either (i) tested negative (ii) is released back to work by a medical doctor, or (iii) is no longer an active PUI according to the Local Health Authority, whichever occurs first. Individuals identified in this paragraph shall not go to work, school, or any other community function until the COVID-19 Patient or PUI has either (i) tested negative (ii) is released back to work by a medical doctor, or (iii) is no longer an active PUI according to the Local Health Authority, whichever occurs first. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent any individual from seeking health care services or treatment for themselves or assisting any family member.
 - a. COVID-19 Patient includes an individual who (i) has tested positive or (ii) has been tested for COVID-19 and is still awaiting a result.
 - b. Person Under Investigation ("PUI") is defined as an individual who the local public health authority has reason to believe is or may be infected in accordance with Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 81, Subchapters D, E, & G, and has been informed that they are a "Person Under Investigation."
 - c. This provision of this Amended Order in no way impedes the local public health authority or state public health authority from issuing or seeking any Control Measure Order under Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 81, Subchapter E.
- 3. That all individuals currently living in Sabine County, Texas, (the "County") are ordered to stay in their place of residence. To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times as reasonably possible maintain physical distancing of at least six feet from any other person when outside their residence. All persons may leave their residences only for Essential Activities, Essential Government Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses or Locked Businesses, as defined below. Individuals experiencing homelessness are exempt from this Section, but are strongly urged to obtain shelter, and entities are strongly urged to make such shelter available as soon as possible and to the maximum extent practicable, and to utilize Social Distancing Requirements in their operations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this order shall restrict the rights of any citizen of the County provided for by the Constitution of the United States or of the State of Texas.

¹ For apartment complexes or other multi-family units, the term "address" is intended only to mean those living in the same apartment number or housing unit.

- 4. That all businesses² with a facility in the County, except Essential Businesses or Locked Businesses as defined below, are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the County except Minimum Basic Operations, as defined below. For clarity, all businesses (regardless of whether they are an Essential Business or Locked Business or otherwise) may also continue operations consisting exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e., working from home, teleworking, or telecommuting). All Essential Businesses are encouraged to determine essential staff necessary to operate, and send all non-essential staff to their respective homes. To the greatest extent feasible, Essential Businesses and Locked Businesses shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined below, including but not limited to when any customers are standing in line.
- 5. All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a household or living unit are prohibited, except for the limited purposes as expressly permitted in below. Nothing in this Amended Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit.
- 6. All travel, except Essential Travel and Essential Activities as defined below is prohibited. People must use public transit only for purposes of performing Essential Activities or to travel to and from work to operate Essential Businesses or Locked Businesses, or maintain Essential Governmental Functions. People riding on public transit must comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined below, to the greatest extent feasible. This Amended Order allows travel into or out of the County to perform Essential Activities, operate Essential Businesses or Locked Businesses, or maintain Essential Governmental Functions.

7. Definitions and Exemptions.

a. Essential Activities. For purposes of this Amended Order, individuals may leave their residence only to perform any of the following "Essential Activities:"

i. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (including, but not limited to, pets), such as, by way of example only and without limitation, obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies they need to work from home;

ii. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as, by way of example only and without limitation food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, 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 the individuals comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined below, such as, by way of example and without limitation, fishing, boating, hunting, exercising, walking, hiking, running, or riding a bicycle:

iv. To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business or Locked Business or to otherwise carry out activities performed by "Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers" in support of Critical

²For the purposes of this Order, covered businesses include any for-profit, or non-profit, regardless of the nature of the service the function they perform, or its corporate or entity structure.

³ For identification of workers who fit within the definition of "Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers," see the guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security

Infrastructure or as otherwise specifically permitted in this Amended Order, including Minimum Basic Operations; and

v. To care for a family member or pet in another household.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING PERMITTED ACTIVITIES, PEOPLE AT HIGH RISK OF SEVERE ILLNESS FROM COVID-19 AND PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK ARE URGED TO STAY IN THEIR RESIDENCE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE EXCEPT AS NECESSARY TO SEEK MEDICAL CARE.

- b. Healthcare Operations. For purposes of this Amended Order, individuals may leave their residence to work for or obtain services at any "Healthcare Operations." The term "Healthcare Operations" includes the activities of hospitals, clinics, private practice physicians, dentists, chiropractors, pharmacies, pharmaceutical companies, and biotechnology companies, other healthcare providers, healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. "Healthcare Operations" also includes veterinary care and all healthcare services provided to animals. This exemption shall be construed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of healthcare, broadly defined. "Healthcare Operations" does not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities.
- c. Critical Infrastructure. For purposes of this Amended Order, individuals may leave their residence to provide any goods or services or perform any work necessary to the operations and maintenance of "Critical Infrastructure," as more particularly identified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CIS) as the following 16 critical infrastructure sectors: (1) Chemical Sector, (2) Commercial Facilities Sector (3) Communications Sector, (4) Critical manufacturing Sector (5) Dams Sector (6) Defense Industrial base Sector (7) Emergency Services Sector (8) Energy Sector (9) Financial Services Sector (10) Food and Agriculture Sector (11) Government Facilities Sector (12) Healthcare and Public Health Sector (13) Information Technology Sector (14) Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector, (15) Transportation Systems Sector and (16) Water and Wastewater Systems Sector, provided that they carry out those services or they work in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements as defined below, to the extent possible. See https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19.
- d. Emergency Personnel, Law Enforcement, and the Judiciary. Nothing in this Amended Order shall prohibit the activities of any first responder, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatcher, detention officer, court personnel, or law enforcement personnel.
- e. Essential Governmental Functions. Nothing in this Amended Order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing "Essential Governmental Functions," as determined by the governmental entity performing those functions. Each governmental entity shall identify and designate appropriate employees or contractors to continue providing and carrying out any Essential Governmental Functions. All Essential Governmental Functions shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Amended Order, to the extent possible.

Agency (CIS) https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19, which is incorporated by reference.

- f. Schools. Nothing in this Amended Order shall restrict the school-related activities of any public, private, or charter school, or any homeschool association, including without limitation the delivery or pick-up of meals, supplies, or homework assignments.
- g. Essential Businesses. For the purposes of this Amended Order, the term "Essential Businesses" means:

i. Healthcare Operations;

- ii. Businesses engaged in activities necessary for the operation, maintenance, or support of Critical Infrastructure through the use of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers;
- iii. Grocery stores, farmers' markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, and any other household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products), and liquor stores. This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences. This also includes facilities that provide warehouse and shipping services for the above mentioned products;

iv. Food cultivation, including farming, livestock; and fishing;

v. Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise indigent individuals;

vi. Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services;

vii. Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair, and related facilities;

viii. Banks and related financial institutions;

ix. Hardware and construction supply stores;

x. Firearms and ammunition manufacturer, sales, or repair;

- xi. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences and businesses;
- xii. Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;

xiii. Laundromats, drycleaners, and laundry service providers;

xiv. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery, drive through or carry out. Patrons may not wait inside a restaurant for their food orders, unless physical distancing of 6-feet is observed at all times. Restaurants are urged to create a system that does not involve such lines or gatherings of people waiting to order or waiting to receive their order;

xv. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home;

xvi. Businesses that supply other Essential Businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate;

xvii. Businesses that warehouse, ship, or deliver groceries, food, goods, or services directly to residences or to Essential Businesses or Locked Businesses;

xviii. Airlines, taxis, and other private transportation providers providing transportation services necessary for Essential Activities and other purposes expressly authorized in this Amended Order;

xix. Home-based care for seniors, adults, or children;

xx. Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children;

xxi. Professional services: legal, accounting, insurance, real estate services

(including appraisal, survey, and title services);

xxii. Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Amended Order to work as permitted; provided, however, that to the extent possible, childcare facilities must operate under the following mandatory conditions: All Childcare must be carried out in accordance with guidelines provided by and under the direction of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, or any other State or Federal regulatory agency or department:

xxiii. Utilities, telecommunications, trash collection and disposal, law enforcement, EMS/ambulance, corrections, dispatch, animal shelters/animal control, and any other governmental employees who have been deemed essential by the

respective governmental agency or department;

xxiv. Janitorial and maintenance services, defense industry, space and technology industry, technology support, and scientific research; and

xxv. Mortuary services, including funeral homes, crematoriums, and cemetery workers.

- h. Locked Businesses. For the purposes of this Amended Order, the term "Locked Businesses" means any business that: (i) operates with ten (10) or fewer employees, contractors, or subcontractors at any one time in a single physical facility; (ii) fully restricts public access to the inside of their business premises during the term of this Amended Order; and (iii) at all times, enforces Social Distancing Requirements among its employees, contractors, or subcontractors while they are performing services for the business at the business premises.
- i. Minimum Basic Operations. For the purposes of this Amended Order, "Minimum Basic Operations" include the following, provided that employees comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined below, to the extent possible, while carrying out such operations: The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business' inventory, ensure security, process payroll, and employee benefits or for related functions; and the minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences. Customers may be seen by non-essential businesses provided that they are limited to not more than two at one time, all social distancing requirements are met, all employees wear protective mask and gloves, and for businesses such as barbershops, hair and nail salons where the employer and all employees, as well as customers wear protective masks, gloves, and clothing to prevent the spread of the infection, and if these requirements can not be met to safely prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection, the barbershop, hair or nail salon shall cease operations.
- j. Essential Travel. For the purposes of this Order, the term "Essential Travel" includes travel for any of the following purposes:
 - i. Any travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Businesses, or Minimum Basic Operations;

ii. Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons;

iii. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services:

- iv. Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction;
- v. Travel required by law enforcement or court order; or
- vi. Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence⁴ outside the County. Individuals are strongly encouraged to verify that their transportation out of the County remains available and functional prior to commencing such travel. Individuals engaged in any Essential Travel must comply with all Social Distancing Requirements as defined below.
- k. Social Distancing Requirements. For purposes of this Amended Order, the term "Social Distancing Requirements" means maintaining at least six-foot physical distancing from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using an alcohol based hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.
- 8. Non-essential businesses shall shut down except for maintaining Minimum Basic Operations as defined herein. Essential Businesses and Locked Businesses exempted from shut-down are encouraged to determine staff who are essential to operations and to send non-essential staff home.
- 9. When people need to leave their places of residence, whether to obtain or perform vital services or to otherwise facilitate authorized activities necessary for continuity of social and commercial life, they should at all times as reasonably as possible comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Amended Order.
- 10. It is further ORDERED that a twenty-four (24) hour curfew shall be in place immediately throughout Sabine County for all individuals under the age of 18, who
 - a. Are not in school or at a school-sponsored event; or
 - b. Are not accompanied by school personnel, a parent, guardian, caregiver, or a family member 18 years of age or older, or
 - c. Are not going directly to their place of employment or going directly home from that place of employment; or
 - d. Are not traveling for emergency medical purposes.

This order does not apply to special needs students during the times local school districts are required by federal law to provide those student services.

- 11. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Amended Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health. The penalty for violating this Amended Order, in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 418.173, shall be a fine of no more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), confinement in the county jail for a term up to 180 days, or both such fine and confinement. Each day a violation occurs is a separate and distinct violation. This Amended Order also authorizes a licensed peace officers with local county or state jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this Amended Order.
- 12. All provisions of this Amended Order should be interpreted to effectuate its intent. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Amended Order or any application of it

⁴ For purposes of this Amended Order, the term "residence" includes single-family or multi-family residential structures, duplexes, hotels, motels, shared rental units, and similar facilities.

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 Amended Order.

13. This Order remains in effect from 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, March 31, 2020 until 11:59 p.m., Friday, April 10, 2020, unless otherwise terminated or extended by order of the County Judge of Sabine County, Texas.

This Order is adopted to be effective as of March 31, 2020 at 1:05p.m.

DARYL MELTON SABINE COUNTY JUDGE

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency Office of the Director Washington, DC 20528



March 19, 2020

MEMORANDUM ON IDENTIFICATION OF ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKERS DURING COVID-19 RESPONSE

FROM:

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Director

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

As the Nation comes together to slow the spread of COVID-19, on March 16th, the President issued updated Coronavirus Guidance for America. This guidance states that:

"If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule."

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) executes the Secretary of Homeland Security's responsibilities as assigned under the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide strategic guidance, promote a national unity of effort, and coordinate the overall federal effort to ensure the security and resilience of the Nation's critical infrastructure. CISA uses trusted partnerships with both the public and private sectors to deliver infrastructure resilience assistance and guidance to a broad range of partners.

In accordance with this mandate, and in collaboration with other federal agencies and the private sector, CISA developed an initial list of "Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers" to help State and local officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list can also inform critical infrastructure community decision-making to determine the sectors, sub-sectors, segments, or critical functions that should continue normal operations, appropriately modified to account for Centers for Disease Control (CDC) workforce and customer protection guidance.

The attached list identifies workers who conduct a range of operations and services that are essential to continued critical infrastructure viability, including staffing operations centers, maintaining and repairing critical infrastructure, operating call centers, working construction, and performing management functions, among others. The industries they support represent, but are not necessarily limited to, medical and healthcare, telecommunications, information technology systems, defense, food and agriculture, transportation and logistics, energy, water and wastewater, law enforcement, and public works.

We recognize that State, local, tribal, and territorial governments are ultimately in charge of implementing and executing response activities in communities under their jurisdiction, while the Federal Government is in a supporting role. As State and local communities consider COVID-19-related restrictions, CISA is offering this list to assist prioritizing activities related to continuity of operations and incident response, including the appropriate movement of critical infrastructure workers within and between jurisdictions.

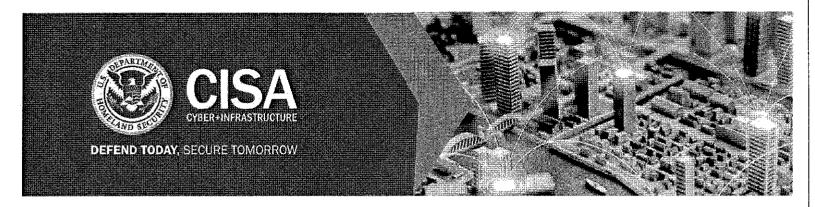
Accordingly, this list is advisory in nature. It is not, nor should it be considered to be, a federal directive or standard in and of itself.

In addition, these identified sectors and workers are not intended to be the authoritative or exhaustive list of critical infrastructure sectors and functions that should continue during the COVID-19 response. Instead, State and local officials should use their own judgment in using their authorities and issuing implementation directives and guidance. Similarly, critical infrastructure industry partners will use their own judgment, informed by this list, to ensure continued operations of critical infrastructure services and functions. All decisions should appropriately balance public safety while ensuring the continued delivery of critical infrastructure services and functions.

CISA will continue to work with you and our partners in the critical infrastructure community to update this list as the Nation's response to COVID-19 evolves. We also encourage you to submit how you might use this list so that we can develop a repository of use cases for broad sharing across the country.

Should you have questions about this list, please contact CISA at CISA.CAT@cisa.dhs.gov.

Attachment: "Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response"



Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response

Version 1.1 (March 23, 2020)

THE IMPORTANCE OF ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKERS

Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the COVID-19 emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Certain critical infrastructure industries have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations.

This guidance and accompanying list are intended to support State, Local, and industry partners in identifying the critical infrastructure sectors and the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and that need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response.

This document gives guidance to State, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions and the private sector on defining essential critical infrastructure workers. Promoting the ability of such workers to continue to work during periods of community restriction, access management, social distancing, or closure orders/directives is crucial to community resilience and continuity of essential functions.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS

This list was developed in consultation with federal agency partners, industry experts, and State and local officials, and is based on several key principles:

- 1. Response efforts to the COVID-19 pandemic are locally executed, State managed, and federally supported
- 2. Everyone should follow guidance from the CDC, as well as State and local government officials, regarding strategies to limit disease spread.
- 3. Workers should be encouraged to work remotely when possible and focus on core business activities. Inperson, non-mandatory activities should be delayed until the resumption of normal operations.
- 4. When continuous remote work is not possible, businesses should enlist strategies to reduce the likelihood of spreading the disease. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, separating staff by off-setting shift hours or days and/or social distancing. These steps can preserve the workforce and allow operations to continue.

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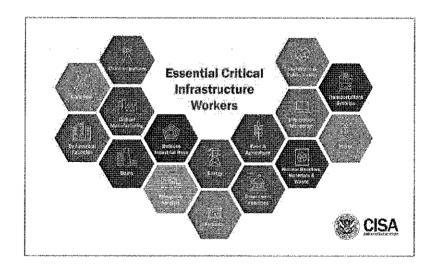


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- 5. All organizations should implement their business continuity and pandemic plans, or put plans in place if they do not exist. Delaying implementation is not advised and puts at risk the viability of the business and the health and safety of the employees.
- 6. In the modern economy, reliance on technology and just-in-time supply chains means that certain workers must be able to access certain sites, facilities, and assets to ensure continuity of functions.
- 7. Government employees, such as emergency managers, and the business community need to establish and maintain lines of communication.
- 8. When government and businesses engage in discussions about critical infrastructure workers, they need to consider the implications of business operations beyond the jurisdiction where the asset or facility is located. Businesses can have sizeable economic and societal impacts as well as supply chain dependencies that are geographically distributed.
- 9. Whenever possible, jurisdictions should align access and movement control policies related to critical infrastructure workers to lower the burden of workers crossing jurisdictional boundaries.

IDENTIFYING ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKERS

The following list of sectors and identified essential critical infrastructure workers are an initial recommended set and are intended to be overly inclusive reflecting the diversity of industries across the United States. CISA will continually solicit and accept feedback on the list (both sectors/sub sectors and identified essential workers) and will evolve the list in response to stakeholder feedback. We will also use our various stakeholder engagement mechanisms to work with partners on how they are using this list and share those lessons learned and best practices broadly. We ask that you share your feedback, both positive and negative on this list so we can provide the most useful guidance to our critical infrastructure partners. Feedback can be sent to <u>CISA.CAT@CISA.DHS.GOV</u>.



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HEALTHCARE / PUBLIC HEALTH

- Workers providing COVID-19 testing; Workers that perform critical clinical research needed for COVID-19 response
- Caregivers (e.g., physicians, dentists, psychologists, mid-level practitioners, nurses and assistants, infection control and quality assurance personnel, pharmacists, physical and occupational therapists and assistants, social workers, speech pathologists and diagnostic and therapeutic technicians and technologists)
- Hospital and laboratory personnel (including accounting, administrative, admitting and discharge, engineering, epidemiological, source plasma and blood donation, food service, housekeeping, medical records, information technology and operational technology, nutritionists, sanitarians, respiratory therapists, etc.)
- Workers in other medical facilities (including Ambulatory Health and Surgical, Blood Banks, Clinics, Community Mental Health, Comprehensive Outpatient rehabilitation, End Stage Renal Disease, Health Departments, Home Health care, Hospices, Hospitals, Long Term Care, Organ Pharmacies, Procurement Organizations, Psychiatric Residential, Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers)
- Manufacturers, technicians, logistics and warehouse operators, and distributors of medical equipment, personal protective equipment (PPE), medical gases, pharmaceuticals (including materials used in radioactive drugs), blood and blood products, vaccines, testing materials, laboratory supplies, cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting or sterilization supplies, and tissue and paper towel products
- Public health / community health workers, including those who compile, model, analyze and communicate public health information
- Blood and plasma donors and the employees of the organizations that operate and manage related activities
- Workers that manage health plans, billing, and health information, who cannot practically work remotely
- Workers who conduct community-based public health functions, conducting epidemiologic surveillance, compiling, analyzing and communicating public health information, who cannot practically work remotely
- Workers performing cybersecurity functions at healthcare and public health facilities, who cannot practically work remotely
- Workers conducting research critical to COVID-19 response
- Workers performing security, incident management, and emergency operations functions at or on behalf of healthcare entitles including healthcare coalitions, who cannot practically work remotely
- Workers who support food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals, such as those residing inshelters
- Pharmacy employees necessary for filling prescriptions
- Workers performing mortuary services, including funeral homes, crematoriums, and cemetery workers
- Workers who coordinate with other organizations to ensure the proper recovery, handling, identification. transportation, tracking, storage, and disposal of human remains and personal effects; certify cause of death; and facilitate access to mental/behavioral health services to the family members, responders, and survivors of an incident

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LAW ENFORCEMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRST RESPONDERS

- Personnel in emergency management, law enforcement, Emergency Management Systems, fire, air medical, and corrections, including front line and management
- Emergency Medical Service Technicians
- 911 call center employees
- Fusion Center employees
- Hazardous material responders from government and the private sector.
- Workers including contracted vendors who maintain, manufacture, or supply digital systems infrastructure supportinglaw enforcement emergency service, and response operations.

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

- Workers supporting groceries, pharmacies, convenience stores, and other retail that sells human food, animal/pet food, and beverage products
- Restaurant carry-out and quick serve food operations Carry-out and delivery food employees
- Food manufacturer employees and their supplier employees—to include those employed in food processing (packers, meat processing, cheese plants, milk plants, produce, etc.) facilities; livestock, poultry, seafood slaughter facilities; pet and animal feed processing facilities; human food facilities producing by-products for animal food; beverage production facilities; and the production of food packaging
- Farm workers to include those employed in animal food, feed, and ingredient production, packaging, and distribution; manufacturing, packaging, and distribution of veterinary drugs; truck delivery and transport; farm and fishery labor needed to produce our food supply domestically
- Farm workers and support service workers to include those who field crops; commodity inspection; fuel ethanol facilities; storage facilities; and other agricultural inputs
- Employees and firms supporting food, feed, and beverage distribution, including warehouse workers, vendor-managed inventory controllers and blockchain managers
- Workers supporting the sanitation of all food manufacturing processes and operations from wholesale to retail
- · Company cafeterias in-plant cafeterias used to feed employees
- · Workers in food testing labs in private industries and in institutions of higher education
- Workers essential for assistance programs and government payments
- Employees of companies engaged in the production, storage, transport, and distribution of chemicals, medicines, vaccines, and other substances used by the food and agriculture industry, including pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, minerals, enrichments, and other agricultural production aids
- Animal agriculture workers to include those employed in veterinary health; manufacturing and distribution of
 animal medical materials, animal vaccines, animal drugs, feed ingredients, feed, and bedding, etc.;
 transportation of live animals, animal medical materials; transportation of deceased animals for disposal;
 raising of animals for food; animal production operations; slaughter and packing plants, renderers, and
 associated regulatory and government workforce
- Workers who support the manufacture and distribution of forest products, including, but not limited to timber, paper, and other wood products
- Employees engaged in the manufacture and maintenance of equipment and other infrastructure necessary to agricultural production and distribution

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ENERGY

Electricity industry:

- Workers who maintain, ensure, or restore, or are involved in the development, transportation, fuel procurement, expansion, or operation of the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric power. including call centers, utility workers, reliability engineers and fleet maintenance technicians
- Workers needed for safe and secure operations at nuclear generation
- Workers at generation, transmission, and electric blackstart facilities
- Workers at Reliability Coordinator (RC), Balancing Authorities (BA), and primary and backup Control Centers (CC), including but not limited to independent system operators, regional transmission organizations, and balancing authorities
- Mutual assistance personnel
- IT and OT technology staff for EMS (Energy Management Systems) and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems, and utility data centers; Cybersecurity engineers; cybersecurity risk management
- Vegetation management crews and traffic workers who support
- Environmental remediation/monitoring technicians
- Instrumentation, protection, and control technicians

Petroleum workers:

- Petroleum product storage, pipeline, marine transport, terminals, rail transport, roadtransport
- Crude oil storage facilities, pipeline, and marine transport
- Petroleum refinery facilities
- Petroleum security operations center employees and workers who support emergency responseservices
- Petroleum operations control rooms/centers
- Petroleum drilling, extraction, production, processing, refining, terminal operations, transporting, and retail for use as end-use fuels or feedstocks for chemical manufacturing
- Onshore and offshore operations for maintenance and emergency response
- Retail fuel centers such as gas stations and truck stops, and the distribution systems that support them

Natural and propane gas workers:

- Natural gas transmission and distribution pipelines, including compressorstations
- Underground storage of natural gas
- Natural gas processing plants, and those that deal with natural gas liquids
- Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facilities
- Natural gas security operations center, natural gas operations dispatch and control rooms/centers natural gas emergency response and customer emergencies, including natural gas leak calls
- Drilling, production, processing, refining, and transporting natural gas for use as end-use fuels, feedstocks for chemical manufacturing, or use in electricity generation
- Propane gas dispatch and control rooms and emergency response and customer emergencies, including propane leak calls
- Propane gas service maintenance and restoration, including call centers

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- Processing, refining, and transporting natural liquids, including propane gas, for use as end-use fuels or feedstocks for chemical manufacturing
- Propane gas storage, transmission, and distribution centers

WATER AND WASTEWATER

Employees needed to operate and maintain drinking water and wastewater/drainage infrastructure, including:

- · Operational staff at water authorities
- Operational staff at community water systems
- Operational staff at wastewater treatment facilities
- Workers repairing water and wastewater conveyances and performing required sampling or monitoring
- Operational staff for water distribution and testing
- Operational staff at wastewater collection facilities
- Operational staff and technical support for SCADA Control systems
- Chemical suppliers for wastewater and personnel protection
- Workers that maintain digital systems infrastructure supporting water and wastewater operations

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

- Employees supporting or enabling transportation functions, including truck drivers, bus drivers, dispatchers, maintenance and repair technicians, warehouse workers, truck stop and rest area workers, and workers that maintain and inspect infrastructure (including those that require cross-jurisdiction travel)
- Employees of firms providing services that enable logistics operations, including cooling, storing, packaging, and distributing products for wholesale or retail sale or use.
- Mass transit workers
- Workers responsible for operating dispatching passenger, commuter and freight trains and maintaining rail
 infrastructure and equipment
- Maritime transportation workers port workers, mariners, equipment operators
- Truck drivers who haul hazardous and waste materials to support critical infrastructure, capabilities, functions, and services
- Automotive repair and maintenance facilities
- Manufacturers and distributors (to include service centers and related operations) of packaging materials, pallets, crates, containers, and other supplies needed to support manufacturing, packaging staging and distribution operations
- Postal and shipping workers, to include private companies
- Employees who repair and maintain vehicles, aircraft, rail equipment, marine vessels, and the equipment and infrastructure that enables operations that encompass movement of cargo and passengers
- Air transportation employees, including air traffic controllers and maintenance personnel, ramp workers, aviation and aerospace safety, security, and operations personnel and accident investigations
- Workers who support the maintenance and operation of cargo by air transportation, including flight crews, maintenance, airport operations, and other on- and off- airport facilities workers

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PUBLIC WORKS

- · Workers who support the operation, inspection, and maintenance of essential dams, locks and levees
- Workers who support the operation, inspection, and maintenance of essential public works facilities and
 operations, including bridges, water and sewer main breaks, fleet maintenance personnel, construction of
 critical or strategic infrastructure, traffic signal maintenance, emergency location services for buried utilities,
 maintenance of digital systems infrastructure supporting public works operations, and other emergent issues
- Workers such as plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that
 are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences
- Support, such as road and line clearing, to ensure the availability of needed facilities, transportation, energy and communications
- Support to ensure the effective removal, storage, and disposal of residential and commercial solid waste and hazardous waste

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Communications:

- Maintenance of communications infrastructure- including privately owned and maintained communication systems- supported by technicians, operators, call-centers, wireline and wireless providers, cable service providers, satellite operations, undersea cable landing stations (including cable marine depots and submarine cable ship operators), Internet Exchange Points, and manufacturers and distributors of communications equipment
- Workers who support radio, television, and media service, including, but not limited to front line news reporters, studio, and technicians for newsgathering and reporting
- Workers at Independent System Operators and Regional Transmission Organizations, and Network Operations staff, engineers and/or technicians to manage the network or operatefacilities
- Engineers, technicians and associated personnel responsible for infrastructure construction and restoration, including contractors for construction and engineering of fiber opticcables
- Installation, maintenance and repair technicians that establish, support or repair service as needed
- Central office personnel to maintain and operate central office, data centers, and other network office facilities
- Customer service and support staff, including managed and professional services as well as remote providers
 of support to transitioning employees to set up and maintain home offices, who interface with customers to
 manage or support service environments and security issues, including payroll, billing, fraud, and
 troubleshooting
- Dispatchers involved with service repair and restoration

Information Technology:

- Workers who support command centers, including, but not limited to Network Operations Command Center,
 Broadcast Operations Control Center and Security Operations Command Center
- Data center operators, including system administrators, HVAC & electrical engineers, security personnel, IT managers, data transfer solutions engineers, software and hardware engineers, and database administrators
- Client service centers, field engineers, and other technicians supporting critical infrastructure, as well as

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- manufacturers and supply chain vendors that provide hardware and software, and information technology equipment (to include microelectronics and semiconductors) for critical infrastructure
- Workers responding to cyber incidents involving critical infrastructure, including medical facilities, SLTT governments and federal facilities, energy and utilities, and banks and financial institutions, and other critical infrastructure categories and personnel
- Workers supporting the provision of essential global, national and local infrastructure for computing services (incl. cloud computing services), business infrastructure, web-based services, and critical manufacturing
- Workers supporting communications systems and information technology used by law enforcement, public safety, medical, energy and other critical industries
- Support required for continuity of services, including janitorial/cleaning personnel

OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND ESSENTIAL **FUNCTIONS**

- Workers to ensure continuity of building functions
- Security staff to maintain building access control and physical security measures
- Elections personnel
- Federal, State, and Local, Tribal, and Territorial employees who support Mission Essential Functions and communications networks
- Trade Officials (FTA negotiators; international data flowadministrators)
- Weather forecasters
- Workers that maintain digital systems infrastructure supporting other critical government operations
- Workers at operations centers necessary to maintain other essential functions
- Workers who support necessary credentialing, vetting and licensing operations for transportation workers
- Customs workers who are critical to facilitating trade in support of the national emergency response supply
- Educators supporting public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing other essential functions, if operating under rules for social distancing
- Hotel Workers where hotels are used for COVID-19 mitigation and containment measures

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

Workers necessary for the manufacturing of materials and products needed for medical supply chains, and for supply chains associated with transportation, energy, communications, food and agriculture, chemical manufacturing, nuclear facilities, the operation of dams, water and wastewater treatment, emergency services, and the defense industrial base. Additionally, workers needed to maintain the continuity of these manufacturing functions and associated supply chains.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- Workers at nuclear facilities, workers managing medical waste, workers managing waste from pharmaceuticals and medical material production, and workers at laboratories processing test kits
- Workers who support hazardous materials response and cleanup
- Workers who maintain digital systems infrastructure supporting hazardous materials management operations

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FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Workers who are needed to process and maintain systems for processing financial transactions and services (e.g., payment, clearing, and settlement; wholesale funding; insurance services; and capital markets activities)
- Workers who are needed to provide consumer access to banking and lending services, including ATMs, and to move currency and payments (e.g., armored cashcarriers)
- Workers who support financial operations, such as those staffing data and security operations centers

CHEMICAL

- Workers supporting the chemical and industrial gas supply chains, including workers at chemical manufacturing
 plants, workers in laboratories, workers at distribution facilities, workers who transport basic raw chemical
 materials to the producers of industrial and consumer goods, including hand sanitizers, food and food
 additives, pharmaceuticals, textiles, and paper products.
- Workers supporting the safe transportation of chemicals, including those supporting tank truck cleaning facilities and workers who manufacture packaging items
- Workers supporting the production of protective cleaning and medical solutions, personal protective equipment,
 and packaging that prevents the contamination of food, water, medicine, among others essential products
- Workers supporting the operation and maintenance of facilities (particularly those with high risk chemicals and/ or sites that cannot be shut down) whose work cannot be done remotely and requires the presence of highly trained personnel to ensure safe operations, including plant contract workers who provide inspections
- Workers who support the production and transportation of chlorine and alkali manufacturing, single-use
 plastics, and packaging that prevents the contamination or supports the continued manufacture of food, water,
 medicine, and other essential products, including glass container manufacturing

DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE

- Workers who support the essential services required to meet national security commitments to the federal
 government and U.S. Military. These individuals, include but are not limited to, aerospace; mechanical and
 software engineers, manufacturing/production workers; IT support; security staff; security personnel;
 intelligence support, aircraft and weapon system mechanics and maintainers
- Personnel working for companies, and their subcontractors, who perform under contract to the Department of Defense providing materials and services to the Department of Defense, and government-owned/contractor-operated and government-owned/government-operated facilities

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Executive Order

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department Austin, Texas March 29, 2020

EXECUTIVE ORDER GA 12

Relating to roadway screening and self-quarantine during the COVID-19 disaster.

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services has determined that COVID-19 represents a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Order GA-08 on March 19, 2020, Executive Order GA-09 on March 22, 2020, Executive Order GA-10 on March 24, 2020, and Executive Order GA-11 on March 26, 2020, all in response to the COVID-19 disaster; and

WHEREAS, many cases of COVID-19 in the State of Texas were caused by people who transmitted the virus to Texans after traveling here from other states and countries; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order GA-11 imposed a mandatory self-quarantine of 14 days for air travelers flying to Texas from certain areas experiencing substantial community spread of COVID-19, including the City of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Texas shares a border with Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, the Governor of Louisiana proclaimed that "the COVID-19 outbreak in Louisiana has expanded significantly;" and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Governor of Florida extended his quarantine to cover people traveling from Louisiana by roadways; and

WHEREAS, the "governor is responsible for meeting ... the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters" under Section 418.011 of the Texas Government Code, and the legislature has given the governor broad authority to fulfill that responsibility; and

WHEREAS, under Section 418.012, the "governor may issue executive orders ... hav[ing] the force and effect of law;" and

state government and of political subdivisions that are reasonably necessary to cope with a disaster;" and

WHEREAS, under Section 418.018(c), the "governor may control ingress and egress to and from a disaster area and the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in the area;" and

WHEREAS, under Section 418.173, failure to comply with any executive order issued during the COVID-19 disaster is an offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both fine and confinement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby order the following on a statewide basis effective at noon on March 30, 2020:

Every person who enters the State of Texas through roadways from Louisiana, or from any other state as may be proclaimed hereafter, shall be subject to mandatory self-quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into Texas or the duration of the person's presence in Texas, whichever is shorter. This order to self-quarantine shall not apply to people traveling in connection with commercial activity, military service, emergency response, health response, or critical-infrastructure functions, as may be determined by the Texas Division of Emergency Management. Each person covered by this order to self-quarantine shall be responsible for all associated costs, including transportation, lodging, food, and medical care.

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) shall enforce this executive order along the Texas-Louisiana border. Using a form to be prescribed by DPS, each covered person shall designate a quarantine location in Texas, such as a residence or a hotel, and provide a full name, date of birth, home address, telephone number, and driver license or passport information. DPS Troopers, or other approved peace officers, will collect a completed form from a covered person and verify it against the person's driver license or passport. Providing false information on this form is a criminal offense under Section 37.10 of the Texas Penal Code. Questions about this form should be directed to DPS by calling (800) 525-5555.

A covered person shall proceed directly to the designated quarantine location entered on the DPS form. Any covered person exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 shall be escorted to the designated quarantine location by a DPS Trooper.

A covered person shall remain in the designated quarantine location for a period of 14 days or the duration of the person's presence in Texas, whichever is shorter, leaving only to seek medical care or to depart from Texas. During that period, a covered person shall not allow visitors into or out of the designated quarantine location, other than a health department employee, physician, or health care provider, and shall not visit any public spaces.

DPS Special Agents will conduct unannounced visits to designated quarantine locations to verify compliance by confirming the physical presence of covered

for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both.

This executive order shall remain in effect and in full force until modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by the governor.



Given under my hand this the 29th day of March, 2020.

GREG APBOTT Governor

ATTESTED BY

RUTH R. HUGHS Secretary of State