

COUNTY OF VAL VERDE
STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE
400 Pecan Street
Del Rio, Texas 78840

EXECUTIVE ORDER

CLARIFYING ORDER

SUPPLEMENT AND ADDENDUM TO

SECOND AMENDED
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Stay Home • Stay Safe

On this the 15th day of April, 2020, Val Verde County Judge Lewis G. Owens, Jr. issued this Order clarifying Section 10 of the Supplement and Addendum to the Second Amended Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency.

This order does not conflict with Governor Gregg Abbott's Executive Order Implementing Essential Services and Activities Protocols issued on March 31, 2020 because it does not restrict essential services allowed by the Governor not does it allow gatherings prohibited by the Governor.

This order incorporates the language of the Supplement and Addendum to the Second Amended Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency except as follows:

Section 10.

Due to concern over the spread of the COVID-19 virus, an individual must wear a face covering to avoid the transfer of the coronavirus to other members of the public as follows:

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a. Requirements.

- i. The face covering can be scarves (dense fabric, without holes), bandanas, neck, gaiter, or other fabric face coverings.
- ii. The mask must be large enough to cover the nose and mouth of the wearer so as to assure the inhale or exhale of oxygen through the mask or covering.
- iii. The masks must be worn each time a person leaves his place of residence and remain in place until he returns.
- iv. All individuals five-years-old and older shall wear a face covering at all times except as otherwise specified
- v. The face covering can be scarves (dense fabric, without holes), bandanas, neck, gaiter, or other fabric face coverings.
- vi. As per CDC recommendations, try to avoid purchasing medical grade masks if a shortage of supply exists in Val Verde County to allow health professionals and law enforcement officers access to appropriate Personal Protection Equipment.

A person who knowingly or intentionally violates section 10(a)(i-v) commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

b. YOU DO NOT NEED TO WEAR A MASK IF:

- i. the only people you anticipate to come in contact with or be in close proximity are members of your own household;
- ii. you are exercising outdoors you are either alone or with members of your household, and you respect the social distancing requirements upon the approach of a member of the public who is not a member of your household;
- iii. you are in your own home or on your own property;
- iv. you are alone in your office; you are in your vehicle alone or with members of your household;
- v. not wearing a mask is necessary for purposes of a health emergency or for identification purposes;
- vi. not wearing a mask is necessary for consumption purposes; or
- vii. you are law enforcement or a first responder who shall utilize their standard operation procedures for the use of this equipment in conformance with policy and practice and as authorized by their agencies.

c. EFFECTIVE USE OF MASK

- i. Each should be worn for only a short period of time and regularly replaced with new ones because of the increased possibility of microscopic holes.
- ii. Masks must FULLY COVER both the mouth and the nose.
- iii. Mask must be worn consistently and as early as possible.
- iv. Frequent hand washing and other hygienic measures should also be used.
- v. Six foot distancing should also be used.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER IS FOR EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE MEASURES, MITIGATION PROCEDURES AND RESPONSE PLANS TO THIS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

IN TESTIMONY, WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the county seal to be affixed at my office in the City of Del Rio, Texas, this the 15th day of April, 2020.

Attested by:



Hon. Lewis G. Owens, Jr.
Val Verde County Judge



Hon. Generosa G. Ramon
Val Verde County Clerk

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