

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

EXECUTIVE ORDER

SUPPLEMENT AND AMENDMENT TO

**FIRST AMENDED
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

Stay Home • Stay Safe

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code §418.108, Val Verde County Judge Lewis G. Owens, Jr. issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 16, 2020, due to a novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, Judge Owens, under the authority granted to the Governor pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, may use all available local government resources to respond to the disaster and temporarily suspend statutes and rules, including those relating to purchasing and contracting, if compliance would hinder or delay actions necessary to cope with a disaster; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Judge Owens issued an Order in furtherance of his authority to protect the safety and welfare of the public by slowing the spread of the virus; and,

WHEREAS, the on-going evaluation of circumstances related to the virus and the updated recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and the Texas Department of State Health Services warrant the March 16, 2020 Order of County Judge Lewis G. Owens, Jr. be amended;

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, on March 18, 2020, the Val Verde County Commissioners Court issued an Order of Continuance of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Val Verde County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster until 11:59 p.m. on April 6, 2020, unless rescinded by order of the Commissioners Court.

WHEREAS, Val Verde County Judge Lewis G. Owens, Jr. with authority granted him by the Val Verde County Commissioners Court on March 18, 2020, issued a Supplement and Amendment to First Amended Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that **supplements and amends, BUT DOES NOT REVOKE, the Declaration of Local Disaster that expires at 11:59 p.m. on April 6, 2020**, unless rescinded by order of the Commissioners Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF VAL VERDE COUNTY, TEXAS:

Under the authority of Texas Government Code §418.108, Val Verde County Judge Lewis G. Owens, JR. ORDERS that the present order supplements and amends the Executive Order NUNC PRO TUNC First Amended Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency issued on April 2nd, 2020 which is incorporated in its entirety safe and except the following:

1. Due to increased traffic in grocery stores and supermarkets and any retailer that stocks household items for essential use, and to ensure the public health and safety, the establishment of the following routine is hereby ORDERED to:
 - a. Establish controls to require a minimum distance of six feet or more between patrons in lines queuing in front of and inside the establishment, using controls that may include, but are not limited to, a requirement that each person in the que possess a shopping cart or by placing markers to control the movement of patrons.
 - b. Establish controls that require reasonable supervision of minors by the adults accompanying them that include, but are not limited to, appropriate social distancing, restricting access to products and inventory, and appropriate hygiene like covering one's mouth when coughing or sneezing and using germ killing products whenever possible as outlined in the attachment hereto.

- c. Limit shopping to residents aged 65 and over during a specified date and time that will be widely publicized by the establishment to give notice to the public that these hours are in place, and the establishment shall notice of the designated date and time to the County of Val Verde and the City of Del Rio, as well as any other news releasing entity such as newspapers, radio, or social media.
- d. Shall limit the number of patrons (excluding employees) as follows:
 - i. HEB located at 200 Veterans Blvd, Walmart located at 2410 Dodson Ave, as well as other qualified establishments that are the same size or larger, shall limit the number of patrons to 75 at any given time.
 - ii. HEB located at 500 Pecan Street as well other as well as other qualified establishments that are the same size or larger, shall limit the number of patrons to 25 at any given time.
 - iii. All other qualified establishments shall limit the number of patrons to 10 at any given time.

In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

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 2nd day of April, 2020.

Attested by:

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

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 Hon. Generosa G. Ramon
 Val Verde County Clerk



Filed with the Clerk of Val Verde County on April 2, 2020.

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 VAL VERDE COUNTY CLERK
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**ATTACHMENT TO AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENT
TO FIRST AMENDED DECLARATION OF
LOCAL DISASTER FOR
PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY DCHHS
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.

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7. Everyone: Do your part

The best way for all Val Verde 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.
- There is no recommendation to wear masks at this time to prevent yourself from getting sick.

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.

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VAL VERDE COUNTY CLERK

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