



BEXAR COUNTY



EXECUTIVE ORDER OF COUNTY JUDGE NELSON W. WOLFF
ISSUED March 18, 2020

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Bexar County Judge Nelson declared a state of local disaster on March 13, 2020 due to imminent threat arising from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the County Judge may declare a local state of disaster in and for the County, and may exercise the powers granted therein on an appropriate local scale;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), of even date herewith, the Bexar County Commissioners Court approved an Order Continuing Declaration of State of Local Disaster for Bexar County (hereafter, the "*Order of Continuation of Declaration*");

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 418.108(b), the consent by Commissioners Court authorizes the Bexar County Judge to continue to exercise the powers granted by the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 for the period specified in the Order of Continuing Declaration;

WHEREAS, a continuation of a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, promote health, compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease, including isolation, surveillance, quarantine, or placement of persons under public health observation, including the provision of temporary housing or emergency shelters for persons misplaced or evacuated and request assistance from the governor of state resources; and

WHEREAS, the Order of Continuation of Declaration further reserved all other authority and powers conferred by or under the laws of the State of Texas and authorized the Bexar County Judge to respond as necessary to the situation made the subject of this Order of Continuation of Declaration by issuance of executive order as necessary.

PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS DISASTER ACT OF 1975, BEXAR COUNTY JUDGE NELSON W. WOLFF HEREBY ISSUES THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

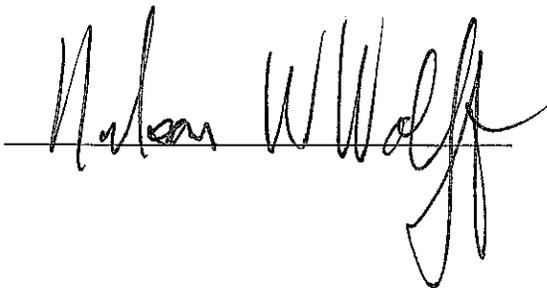
1. Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, and continuing until 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2020:
 - (a) That all indoor public and private gatherings and outdoor gatherings (“*Mass Gatherings*”) within an enclosed space of 50 persons or more anywhere in the incorporated and unincorporated territory of Bexar County is hereafter prohibited beginning 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 and continuing for 90 days thereafter, unless extended consistent with requirements of state law;
 - (b) That Bexar County rental property owners temporarily suspend evictions for at least the next 30 days to prevent renters from being displaced due to the public health emergency;
 - (c) That foreclosure proceedings within Bexar County be temporarily suspended for at least the next 30 days to prevent the displacement of occupants during the public health emergency;
 - (d) That constituents and residents of Bexar County are encouraged to conduct essential business online or via regular mail to avoid visiting any Bexar County facilities unless absolutely necessary;
 - (e) That no temporary health permit for activities that are known to attract more than the established maximum of 50 persons as defined in “Mass Gathering” in 2(a) be approved for at least the next 30 days and would encourage meetings of 10 or less;
 - (f) Direct local restaurants and bars to follow all Center for Disease Control guidelines to include
 - i. limit the amount of people on their premises at one time to half of the designated seating maximum occupancy and ensure that tables are at least 6 feet apart from each other;
 - ii. Disinfect and sanitize commonly touched surface and non-food contact surfaces at least once every hour;
 - iii. Not allow parties of more than six (6) people at one table;
 - iv. Encourage curbside food-to-go programs or deliveries;
 - v. Adopt and implement a screening policy for food handlers and all employees, and establish protocols for employees exclusion if they develop the following symptoms
 - a. Fever greater than 100.3 degree F
 - b. Cough and shortness of breath
 - vi. Make available and visible COVID-19 prevent print materials within the restaurant; and
 - (g) That courts consider a reduction in the size of the docket and number of cases called to less than 10 defendants or otherwise consider options to reduce the

number of individuals present in any courtroom within the Bexar County Justice Center Complex for the health and safety of staff, attorneys and visitors.

2. Definitions and further guidance:

- (a) For purposes of this Executive Order, a "Mass Gathering" is any event or convening, subject to the exceptions and clarifications below, that brings together or is likely to bring together fifty (50) or more persons at the same time in a single room or other single confined or enclosed space, such as , by way of example and without limitation, an auditorium, theater, stadium (indoor or outdoor), arena or event center, meeting hall, conference center, large cafeteria, or any other confined indoor or confined outdoor space.
 - (b) A "Mass Gathering" includes events in confined outdoor spaces which means an outdoor space that (i) is enclosed by a fence, physical barrier, or other structure and (ii) where people are present and they are within arm's length of one another for extended periods.
 - (c) This Executive Oder does not prohibit gatherings of people in multiple, separate enclosed spaces in a single building such as multiplex movie theater, so long as 50 people are not present in any single space at the same time.
 - (d) For purposes of clarity, a "Mass Gathering" does not include the following: (i) San Antonio International Airport; (ii) public or private schools and places of worship; (iii) museums (so long as visitor are generally not within arm's length of one another for extended periods); (iv) spaces where 50 or more persons may be in transit or waiting for transit such as bus stops; (v) office space, hotels, or residential buildings; (vi) grocery stores, shopping malls, outdoor markets, or other retail establishments where large numbers of people are present but it is unusual for them to be within arm's length of one another for extended periods; (vii) hospitals, medical facilities and shelters; and (viii) jails and detention centers.
3. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Executive Order are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Executive Order should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court or competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end, the provisions of this Executive Order are severable

DECLARED this 18th day of March, 2020



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