

General Information Regarding Essential Matters

In Bexar County Justice of the Peace Courts During the Covid-19 Pandemic

During the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Texas Supreme Court has issued several orders mandating courts to operate only in a manner which protects the health and safety of all parties having business with the courts. Notwithstanding these orders, the Texas Supreme Court has authorized courts to proceed on essential matters even when in person proceedings have been suspended under Texas Supreme Court Orders. Essential matters are generally emergency types of proceedings. The Bexar County Justice of the Peace Courts have treated the following types of cases as essential matters:

1. Evictions for threats to persons or for criminal activity,
2. Writs of restoration of utilities,
3. Writs of re-entry after unlawful lockout, and
4. Writs of retrieval.

For more information regarding these types of essential matters please visit the [Self-Help Packets page](#) on the Justice of the Peace website.