



AMENDED DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, beginning in December, 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated as COVID-19, was detected in mainland China, and has since spread throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic on March 11th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Hopkins County; and

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

1. That a state of disaster is declared for Hopkins County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418 of the Texas Government Code.
2. That the County's Emergency Management Plan has been implemented.
3. That this state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days of the date hereof, unless the same is continued by consent of the Commissioners Court of the County of Hopkins, Texas.
4. Pursuant to Section 418 of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of the local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
5. Pursuant to the Texas Government Code, the Hopkins County Judge, Office of Emergency Management and Local Health Authority strongly urges compliance with the following:
 - a) As attached hereto, the Court adopts all measures of the March 31, 2020 Executive Order of Governor Greg Abbott which includes, "In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms, massage establishments, tattoo studios, piercing studios, or cosmetology salons; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options for food and drinks is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order."
 - b) In addition, all individuals currently living within Hopkins County are ordered to stay home and stay safe at their place of residence unless traveling for essential activities, providing essential governmental function, or operating essential businesses. All individuals are to maintain a space of 6 feet or more of social distancing from all persons outside their residence except for family/household members. Definitions of essential businesses is attached hereto.
 - c) Religious and worship services of more than ten people may only be provided by video, radio or teleconference. Religious institutions must limit numbers of individuals to ten people or less when preparing for or conducting worship services, video, or teleconference services.
6. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately.

ORDERED this _____ day of _____, 2020

Robert Newsom, Hopkins County Judge

ATTEST: Tracy Smith, County Clerk