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County Clerk, Blanco County, Texas
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BLANCO COUNTY SUBSEQUENT ORDER PURSUANT TO DISASTER DECLARATION

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the CDC lowered the recommended number of persons at mass gatherings to 10 persons; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued orders, prohibiting social gatherings in excess of 10 people; and

WHEREAS, after that date, Governor Abbott issued numerous executive orders and suspensions of Texas laws in response to COVID-19, aimed at protecting the health and safety of Texans and ensuring an effective response to this disaster; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order GA-14, issued on March 31, 2020, mandated certain social-distancing restrictions and other obligations for Texans that were aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19 according to federal guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order GA-14 succeeded in its purpose, along with many local Stay-at-Home and Stay-in-Place orders by suppressing the number of active COVID-19 cases below the worst estimates; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2020 Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA-16 to replace Executive Order GA-14, and generally continued to mandate the same social-distancing restrictions and other obligations for Texans according to federal guidelines but began the first step to Open Texas by permitting, starting on Friday, April 24, 2020, retail pick-up and delivery services under the strict conditions required by DSHS, and also allowed teachers and staff to return to schools to conduct remote video instruction and perform administrative duties under certain restrictions; and

WHEREAS, I issued the original local COVID-19 Disaster Declaration on March 18, 2020 which was ratified by the Blanco County Commissioners' Court on March 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, I subsequently issued a Stay-in-Place Order and Curfew on April 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Blanco County have shown remarkable courage, restraint and patience which has been borne out by few reported cases of COVID-19 for the past 4 weeks; and

WHEREAS, there is now a need to simplify directives so as to avoid confusion between State and Local orders; and

WHEREAS, the actions herein are NOT intended to approve of or suggest that we reduce our vigilance to combat this virus.

NOW, THEREFORE PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS DISASTER ACT OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, AND THE AUTHORIZATION BY THE BLANCO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT ON MARCH, 24, 2020, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF BLANCO COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this **Order** are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Blanco County Judge and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. The County April 7, 2020, **Stay in Place Order** is rescinded and the Governor's statewide orders now control in Blanco County with the additions below. **THIS ACTION SHOULD NOT BE MISINTERPRETED AS AN "ALL CLEAR". TO THE CONTRARY, THE GOVERNOR'S ORDERS CONCERNING SOCIAL DISTANCING AND WHAT BUSINESSES ARE ESSENTIAL AND MAY PROVIDE SERVICE AND THOSE THAT ARE YET TO BE AUTHORIZED TO OPEN REMAINS FULLY IN EFFECT AND WILL BE ENFORCED BY BLANCO COUNTY, JOHNSON CITY AND CITY OF BLANCO AUTHORITIES.**

SECTION 3. Even though the Local Stay-in-Place order and the Curfew are rescinded, certain provisions remain in place and continue under my original disaster declaration.

SECTION 4. Health Care individuals who reside outside of Blanco County, but work inside of Blanco County, and who have direct, face-to-face patient contact, are **ORDERED** to notify the Blanco County Local Health Authority with positive COVID-19 virus testing **OR** believing to be positive for the COVID-19 virus. Said individuals shall immediately report this information to the Blanco County Local Health Authority or designee by calling (844) 868-8308.

SECTION 5. QUARANTINE: IF SOMEONE AT A HOUSEHOLD HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, THE ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD IS ORDERED TO ISOLATE AT HOME UNTIL RELEASED BY THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER

RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARE OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO TESTED POSITIVE. MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD CANNOT GO TO WORK, SCHOOL, OR ANY OTHER COMMUNITY FUNCTION. FURTHERMORE, ANY PERSON WHO DISPLAYS SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 SHALL SELF-ISOLATE AT HOME AND CALL THEIR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER OR THE TOLL-FREE BLANCO COUNTY COVID-19 HOTLINE AT 844-868-8308.

SECTION 6. All employers will assure hand sanitizer or soap and water is immediately available to employees in order to assure appropriate hand washing hygiene while at work. Business owners who interface with the public will provide hand sanitizer and prominently display hand sanitizer for members of the public while their business is open to the public.

SECTION 7. The EMS Agencies of Blanco County (North Blanco County EMS and Blanco County Emergency Services District No. 2) are **authorized to consult with, inspect and ensure** that each Business is operating in conformity with this order and in a safe manner. This provision of service is in addition to and not in place of any state or local health authority activity. Each Business shall allow properly identified representatives to enter and review procedures and activities and cooperate in providing adequate infection control processes.

SECTION 8. AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 418.173 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE AND AS ADOPTED IN BLANCO COUNTY'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN, A FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE BLANCO COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN OR WITH ANY RULE, ORDER OR ORDINANCE ADOPTED UNDER SAID PLAN, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THIS ORDER, SHALL BE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE PUNISHABLE BY A FINE THAT DOES NOT EXCEED \$1,000.00 OR CONFINEMENT IN JAIL FOR A TERM NOT TO EXCEED 180 DAYS. THE BLANCO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, BLANCO COUNTY CONSTABLES, AND OTHER LICENSED PEACE OFFICERS ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ENFORCE THIS ORDER AND ORDERS REFERENCED HEREIN.

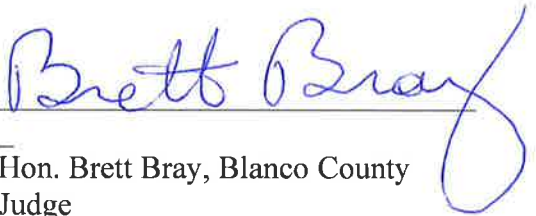
SECTION 9. This **Order** will be posted on Blanco County's website at www.co.blanco.tx.us and filed with the Blanco County Clerk. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this **Order** is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this **Order** onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy.

SECTION 10. If any provision of this **Order** or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of the **Order**, including the

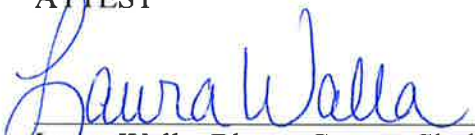
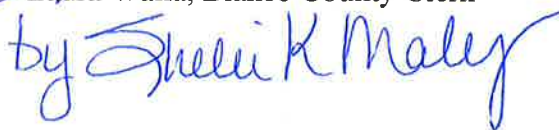
application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this **Order** are severable.

SECTION 11. This **Order** shall become effective at **11:59 pm on April 20, 2020** and will continue to be in effect until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Blanco County Judge.

This Order is adopted on this the **20th day of April, 2020** to be effective as of the date and time set out herein.


Hon. Brett Bray, Blanco County
Judge

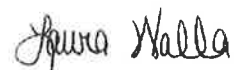
ATTEST


Laura Walla, Blanco County Clerk
by 

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BLANCO
I hereby certify that this instrument was FILED in File Number Sequence on the date and the time stamped hereon by me and was duly RECORDED in Official Public records of Blanco County, Texas on

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COUNTY CLERK
BLANCO COUNTY, TEXAS