

EMERGENCY DECLARATION

BY

THE COUNTY JUDGE

NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS

March 23, 2020

Relating to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation

WHEREAS the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been declared to be an internationally dangerous, contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS the virus continues to spread through the United States and the State of Texas, posing an increasing, imminent threat of disaster to the People of Nolan County; and

WHEREAS President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency due to COVID-19 on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS the Texas Department of State Health Services determined on March 19, 2020 that COVID-19 posed a public health disaster under Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and

WHEREAS Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-08 on March 19, 2020 calling for all persons in the state to abide by the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Judge Whitley May, by the authority given me by the Texas Government Code §418.108, find that Nolan County, Texas is experiencing a Local Disaster as defined by Law, due to the virus known as COVID-19;

BE IT KNOWN BY ALL That, pursuant to Texas Government Code § 418.173, a violation of any these provisions is a violation of Criminal Law, and may be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1000 and / or incarceration up to 180 days.

The following is **ORDERED and DECLARED** on countywide basis effective immediately through the end date and time below:

- 1) In accordance with federal and state proclamations, there shall be no gatherings of more than ten (10) people unless such gathering is mandated by law;
- 2) In accordance with federal and state proclamations, there shall be no "dining in" at restaurants, bars or other food service establishments (although use of take out and curbside delivery are

strongly encouraged). All fitness centers, gyms, game rooms and similar establishments are ordered closed;

- 3) In accordance with federal and state proclamations, visits to nursing homes, retirement, or long-term care facilities are prohibited unless to provide critical or compassionate care;
- 4) In accordance with federal and state proclamations, all schools are closed.

This Order does not prohibit necessary trips to obtain groceries, medical care, fuel, or for banking; however, it is strongly advised that persons making such trips practice appropriate social distancing and hygiene.

This Order does not prohibit use of parks and outdoor recreational areas, provided however, that there shall not be a gathering of more than ten people as mentioned above.

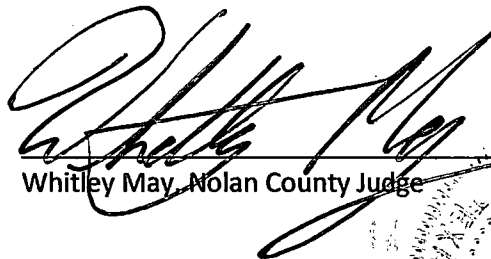
All critical workplaces SHALL remain open; however, employees and those conducting business there are expected to practice social distancing and do all in their power to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This includes staying home if ill, covering any cough or sneeze, and practicing good hygiene.

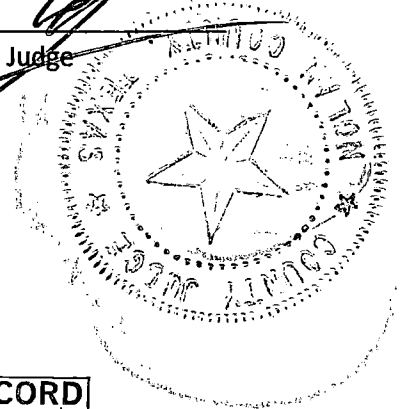
All powers enumerated in law shall be available to the County Judge for his use during this time, whether or not enumerated in this Declaration;

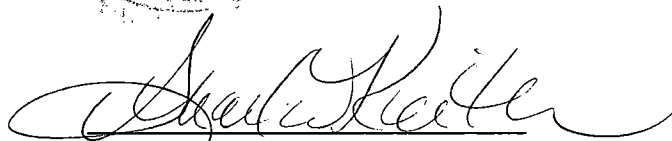
Any violation of the orders given under this Declaration may be punishable in the Criminal Courts.

Signed this 23rd day of March, 2020 as approved in Commissioners Court, sitting in regular session, and shall expire at noon, April 13, 2020 unless renewed and extended by the Commissioners Court of Nolan County.




Whitley May, Nolan County Judge




Sharla Keith, Nolan County Clerk

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SHARLA KEITH
NOLAN COUNTY CLERK