

# EMERGENCY DECLARATION

BY

THE COUNTY JUDGE

NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS

MARCH 20, 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;

The following is **ORDERED and DECLARED** on a countywide basis from midnight, March 20, 2020 through the end date and time below, unless renewed and extended by the Nolan County Commissioners Court:

- 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, 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.

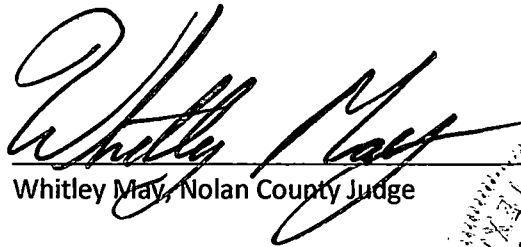
This Order does not prohibit use of parks and outdoor recreational areas, provided however, that there shall not be a gathering of more than ten people as mentioned above.

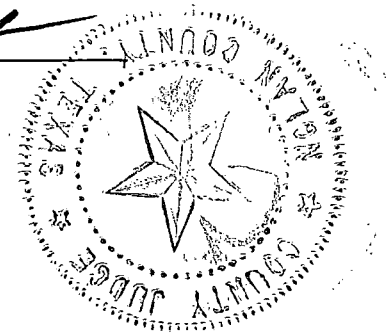
All critical workplaces SHALL remain open; however, employees and those conducting business there are expected to practice social distancing and do all in their power to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This includes staying home if ill, covering any cough or sneeze, and practicing good hygiene.

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;

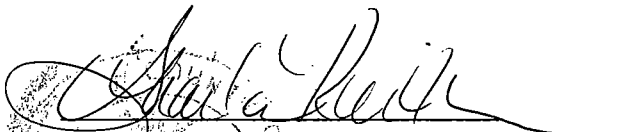
Any violation of the orders given under this Declaration may be punishable in the Criminal Courts.

Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 at 11:59 A. M. and shall expire March 27, 2020 at 11:58 A.M. unless renewed and extended by the Commissioners Court of Nolan County.

  
Whitley May, Nolan County Judge



**ATTEST**

  
Sharla Keith, Nolan County Clerk

**FILED FOR RECORD**  
Time 11:59 o'clock a/m  
**MAR 20 2020**  
SHARLA KEITH  
NOLAN COUNTY CLERK