

CORYELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
ORDER NO. 2020-17

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF CORYELL §

ORDER EXTENDING DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Coryell County issued a Declaration of Local Disaster on March 13, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Coryell County approved and extended an amended Declaration of Local Disaster on March 23, April 3, April 27, May 26, and June 23, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the threat of a widespread outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) still exists within Coryell County and presents a threat to the health, welfare and safety of all County residents; and,

WHEREAS, the number of cases of COVID-19 within Coryell County continues to rise, increasing by more than 120% in the month of July, and has hit a peak number of active cases within the past week; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to re-energize our local economy, get people back to work, and re-establish a sense of normalcy in a safe and responsible manner while being ever mindful of the serious nature of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is still under a Disaster Proclamation originally issued by Governor Abbott on March 13, 2020 and renewing the proclamation on April 12 and May 12, 2020; and,

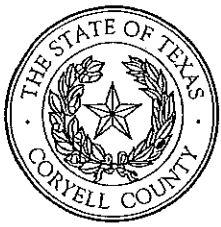
WHEREAS, Governor Abbott has issued 29 Executive Orders, to date, in an effort to manage the fluid dynamics this historic pandemic has presented; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 418, the Commissioners Court of the County must consent to the continuance of a Declaration of Local Disaster; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Coryell County that the Declaration of a Local Disaster is hereby continued until 11:59pm on August 24, 2020; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Court that:

1. All previous orders of the Coryell County Judge and this Court, relating to the Coronavirus pandemic, are superseded by this order, except that the order authorizing postmortem testing for COVID-19, the order limiting access to the Coryell County Courthouse, and Court Order 2020-07 shall remain in effect.



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2. All citizens residing in, visiting, or traveling through Coryell County shall comply with this order and the Executive Orders issued by the Governor of the State of Texas. And, except where necessary to provide or obtain Covered Services, shall minimize social gatherings, and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household. People over the age of 65 are strongly encouraged to stay at home as much as possible. For the purpose of this order, "Covered Services" shall be defined in the same manner as specified in Executive Order GA-23, or any subsequent Executive Order.
3. All citizens residing in, visiting, or traveling through Coryell County should comply with the guidelines for personal and public health standards as defined by the National Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). These guidelines stress three core elements – wear a face covering in public, maintain social distancing, wash your hands frequently.
4. Every business, service provider, and organization operating in Coryell County shall retain the right to refuse service to any customer or patron who they feel is not in compliance with the minimum standard health protocols recommended by the DSHS or CDC. Businesses, service providers, and organizations may require customers to follow additional hygiene measures or protocols.
5. Religious services, as defined by Executive Orders, conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship are not subject to the conditions and limitations set forth for other Covered Services. Religious services should be conducted in a manner that addresses the needs of individual congregations while minimizing the risk of spreading the virus. Additional precautions should be taken to protect the health of persons over the age of 65 or anyone with an underlying health condition.
6. All citizens are encouraged to participate and engage in outdoor/recreational activities so long as necessary precautions are taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household.
7. This order is consistent with the Executive Orders issued by the Governor of the State of Texas and does not prohibit people from safely engaging in daily activities and accessing Covered Services.

APPROVED this 27th day of July 2020 by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

APPROVED:



COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:



COUNTY CLERK