

BASTROP COUNTY COVID-19 ORDER #1 A

Effective: April 9, 2020, 11:59 p.m. through April 30, 2020, 11:59 p.m.

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV2, which causes the disease 2019 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) is primarily transmitted through person to person contact, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private healthcare providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, the Bastrop County Judge issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 16, 2020, activating the Bastrop County Emergency Management Plan to protect the safety and welfare of the public; and,

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Trump released strict guidelines to limit people's interactions during the COVID-19 pandemic, including that Americans should avoid being in groups of more than 10 people and other social distancing measures; and,

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor of Texas Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA 08, limiting the size of gatherings anywhere in the state to 10 or fewer people, closing all dine-in restaurants and bars, and closing all schools temporarily; and,

WHEREAS, the on-going evaluation of circumstances related to the virus, along with updated recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and the Texas Department of State Health Services warranted the Bastrop County Judge's original Declaration be amended; and,

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Bastrop County Judge issued Bastrop County Declaration of Disaster Due To Public Health Emergency, First Amended, that authorizes the County Judge to issue written Orders or Directives to promote public health and welfare and to suppress the spread of the virus, and extends the Declaration of Disaster indefinitely until rescinded by order of the County Judge upon the recommendation of the County Health Authority and briefing of the County Commissioners Court,

WHEREAS, under the authority of Texas Government Code, Section 418.108, the Bastrop County Judge issued Bastrop County COVID—19 Order #1 on March 19, 2020, the same day Texas Governor Abbott issued Order GA-14 superceding some of the items in the County Judge's Order:

THEREFORE, under the authority of Texas Government Code, Section 418.108, the Bastrop County Judge issues this **Bastrop County COVID—19 Order #1A**, with amendments and additions to his Executive Order:

1.0 This Order is **effective** as of 11:59 p.m. on April 9, 2020 and will lapse at 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2020, unless extended, amended, or terminated by the Bastrop County Judge.

2.0 **Stay Home – Stay Safe.** *[See Governor's Order GA 14 regarding staying at home, except to provide or obtain Essential Services.]*

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3.0 General Orders to slow the spread of COVID-19.

3.1 All **persons who are sick** with symptoms that may indicate COVID-19 (such as fever of 99.6 or higher, dry cough, tightness in lungs) shall remain at home, except to seek pre-arranged medical care or emergency medical treatment.

3.2 Anyone **tested positive** for COVID-19, or anyone issued a presumptive positive diagnosis by a Medical Doctor and ordered to self-isolate, shall self-isolate under this Order and **all the members of their household** are Ordered to self-isolate at home for a minimum of fourteen (14) days, unless released by a Medical Doctor. **No member of such household** may go to work, school, daycare, social or religious gathering, shopping, or to any other community function until released by a Medical Doctor.

3.3 Each business serving the public shall **develop and implement protocols** to limit the spread of the virus for shoppers, including daily checking and monitoring the health of all staff and employees, general sanitation, and social distancing. Businesses must also designate a person on each shift to monitor and enforce the protocols. Records of these actions must be made available to the Local Health Authority upon request.

3.4 **Religious Organizations** [*See Governor's Order GA 14 regarding religious organizations and services.*]

3.5 Due to increased demand for certain products, a **mandatory limit** is placed on the sale or purchase of the following items, per store visit: The greater of the number listed below or the number of items in a single package: (a) toilet tissue, two (2) rolls; hand sanitizer, two (2) items; face tissue, two (2) boxes; sanitizing wipes, two (2) items. This regulation does not apply to a single purchase representing more than one household, with proof there of (such as a photo ID), or for licensed group caregivers.

3.6 **Bastrop County parks** at Stoney Point, Cedar Creek, and the Nature Park on the Colorado River are temporarily closed to the public.

3.7 In each of the following scenarios, all persons shall follow the CDC guidelines to Prevent Getting Sick, including **social distancing and face coverings** (See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/>):

3.7.1 When entering any government or public building, or conversing with a governmental official, staff, or employee in person; or,

3.7.2 When with other members of the public outside of a household (i.e, office, store, business, sidewalk, parking lot, etc); or,

3.7.3 Pursuant to Section 3.3 of this Order, all employees or staff of any business when open to the public.

4.0 If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a

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decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such portion shall be **severed** and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

5.0 Bastrop County and the media shall promptly **publicize** this Order by posting and publication.

6.0 Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, **penalties** for violating this Order are as follows: LGC 418.173. Penalty for Violation of Emergency Management Plan

(a) A state, local, or interjurisdictional emergency management plan may provide that failure to comply with the plan or with a rule, order, or ordinance adopted under the plan is an offense.

(b) The plan may prescribe a punishment for the offense, but may not prescribe a fine that exceeds \$1,000 or confinement in jail for a term up to 180 days.

BE IT SO ORDERED, this the 8th day of April, 2020.

Signed:



Paul Pape
Bastrop County Judge

Attest:



Rose Pietsch
Bastrop County Clerk

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