



# Third Supplemental Emergency Management Order with Mandatory Countywide Shelter in Place

Effective March 23, 2020, Cameron County Judge Eddie Trevino Jr. has ordered and mandated a county-wide shelter in place to protect the significant threats of COVID-19 to life, health and property of residents in Cameron County.

**This Order shall become effective at 12:01a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday April 8, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Cameron County Judge.**

**Please keep informed of further media notices at: <http://cityofsanbenito.com/>**

Except as otherwise directed in this order, all individuals currently living within Cameron County, Texas **SHALL SHELTER AT THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR A PERIOD OF 14 DAYS**. All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a household or living unit are prohibited, except for the limited purposes as expressly permitted herein. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or residence, which includes hotels, motels, shared rental units, shelters, and similar facilities.

Except as otherwise directed in this order, all employees of Cameron County who do not reside in Cameron County are **ORDERED** to shelter in their place of residence.

To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times as reasonably possible maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person when they are outside their residence.

The Shelter in Place does not apply to the person(s) engaging in the following activities:

## **Essential Personal Activities**

- 1) Obtaining medical supplies or medicines, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies needed to work from home.
- 2) To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family, household members, and pets, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as, by way of example only and without limitation, canned food, dry good, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet food and supply, fresh meats, fish and poultry, and any other household consumer

products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.

- 3) To engage in outdoor activity, provided you maintain the six-foot Social Distancing Requirements, such as walking, hiking, biking, or running.
- 4) To perform work providing essential products and services at an essential business or to otherwise carry out activities specifically permitted in this order.
- 5) Minimum basic operations consisting with employees or contractors working from home.
- 6) To care for a family member or pet in another household.

### **Obtaining Healthcare Operation Services**

1) Healthcare providers or facilities including hospitals, clinics, dentist, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, suppliers, providers, mental health providers or any and/or ancillary healthcare services and veterinary care and healthcare services provided to animals.

### **Performing Essential Infrastructure Operations**

- 1) Any services or performance work necessary to the operations and maintenance of public works construction, construction of housing, airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet and telecommunications systems and support.
- 2) Carry out these services or work in compliance with the Social Distancing Requirements.
- 3) Transportation, maintenance, repairs of all transportation related equipment including but not limited to vehicles.

### **Performing or Accessing Essential Government Functions**

- 1) First responders,
- 2) Emergency management personnel
- 3) Emergency dispatchers
- 4) Cameron County District Attorney and staff
- 5) Court personnel
- 6) Law enforcement personnel
- 7) School personnel as determined essential by individual school systems.
- 8) Families of school aged children for the limited purpose of obtaining meals and instructional packets for the children from the school district.
- 9) Others who the County Judge deems necessary

EACH GOVERNMENT AGENCY SHALL IDENTIFY AND DESIGNATE APPROPRIATE EMPLOYEES OR CONTRACTORS TO CONTINUE PROVIDING AND CARRYING OUT ANY ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS. ALL MUST STILL COMPLY WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE.

## **To Operate Essential Business**

- 1) Healthcare Operations and Essential Infrastructure Operations
- 2) Grocery stores, farmer's markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet food and supply, fresh meats, fish and poultry and any other household consumer products.
- 3) Agriculture, food and beverage cultivation, processing and distribution
- 4) Businesses that are necessary to supply agriculture, food and beverage cultivation, processing and distribution
- 5) Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services
- 6) Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services.
- 7) Gas stations and auto-supply, auto repair and related facilities.
- 8) Banks and related financial institutions
- 9) Hardware stores
- 10) Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, HVAC repairs and other service providers that are necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential operation of residences.
- 11) Landscaping and pool cleaning services.
- 12) Businesses providing mailing and shipping services including post office boxes.
- 13) Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers
- 14) Restaurants and other related facilities are subject to the following restrictions.
  - a) May only prepare and serve food for drive thru, delivery, or carry out  
NO DINING IN
  - b) May not operate later than 10 p.m.
  - c) Schools and other entities that provide free food services on a pick up and take away basis only.
- 15) Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home.
- 16) Business that supply other essential businesses with the support or supplies needed to operated.
- 17) Businesses that ship or deliver groceries, food, goods or services directly to residences
- 18) Airlines, taxis and other private transportation for hire that provide services necessary for Essential Activities.
- 19) Home based care for seniors, adults, or children
- 20) Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children.
- 21) Professional services such as legal or accounting services
- 22) Funeral homes

23) Childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted.

a) Childcare facilities must comply with CDC and State Dept. of Health Services guidelines

b) Adult daycare must adhere to CDC, Federal Medicare and Texas Dept. of Health Services guidelines.

**Except for Essential businesses, all operating businesses located within, or using a facility in Cameron County shall cease all business activities other than minimum basic operations.**

#### **BASIC MINIMUM OPERATIONS-**

Comply with Social Distancing Requirements to the extent possible, while carrying out such operations: The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business' inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions; and/or the minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.

People at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and people who are sick are urged to stay in their residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care. For the purpose of this Order "people at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 are people who meet the CDC definition of high risk.

#### **Essential Travel**

Travel to care for the elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons.

Travel to and from educational institutions for purpose of picking up educational materials and receiving meals is permitted.

Travel to return to or head out to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction.

Travel for first responders

Public Transit only for the purpose of performing Essential Personal Activities or to travel to and from work.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

**Violation of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health. The Sheriff, Constables and all Chiefs of Police in the County and command staffs of State Law Enforcement Agencies Operating in the County are hereby requested to assist to ensure compliance with and enforce this Order.**

## **PENALTIES**

**A person that fails to comply with this Order may be assessed a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per violation or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days in jail. This does not limit or curtail additional civil or criminal penalties under the Texas Health and Safety Code or the Texas Penal Code.**