

**BANDERA COUNTY DISASTER DECLARATION**

**NO. 20-0407-01**

**COUNTY JUDGE DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER  
DUE  
TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Bandera County, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY  
RICHARD A. EVANS, BANDERA COUNTY JUDGE, BANDERA COUNTY ,  
TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for BANDERA COUNTY, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

**SECTION 2.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration, unless approved by the Commissioners Court of Bandera County, Texas.

**SECTION 3.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.

**SECTION 4.** That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Bandera County, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

**SECTION 5.** That this declaration authorizes the County to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the County, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the County's rules and directives.

**SECTION 6.** That this declaration as hereby implemented by the following  
**Emergency Orders:**

Emergency Order No. 1 In agreement with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, every person in Texas shall avoid gatherings in groups of more than 10 people and shall practice social distancing.

Emergency Order No. 2 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, however the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order. People shall avoid visiting gyms or massage establishments, tattoo studios, piercing studios, or cosmetology salons.

Emergency Order No. 3 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.

Emergency Order No. 4 In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, schools shall temporarily close.

Emergency Order No. 5 Medina Lake County Park shall be temporarily closed.

Emergency Order No. 6 All persons who come in contact with a person diagnosed, or later diagnosed with COVID-19 shall self-quarantine for a period of fourteen days

Emergency Order No. 7 River crossings at state and county roads are closed to the public. This Emergency Order No. 7 does not prevent private land owners from accessing the river adjacent or within their property.

Emergency Order No. 8 People shall comply with all declarations and Executive Orders issued by Texas Governor Greg Abbott, presently in place or that may be issued in the future.

**SECTION 7.** In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

**SECTION 8.** That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

**SECTION 9.** That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and, upon approval by the Commissioners Court, shall continue in effect until terminated by the County Judge. Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the County Judge at any time as deemed necessary.

This Declaration does not prohibit people from visiting a variety of places, including grocery stores, gas stations, parks (except those parks closed by Emergency Order No. 5), and banks, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. This Declaration does not mandate sheltering in place. All critical infrastructure will remain operational, domestic travel will remain unrestricted, and government entities and businesses will continue providing essential services. For offices and workplaces that remain open, employees should practice good hygiene and, where feasible, work from home in order to achieve optimum isolation from COVID-19. The more that people reduce their public contact, the sooner COVID-19 will be contained and the sooner this executive order will expire.

**DECLARED** this 7th day of April 2020.

  
Richard A. Evans Bandera County Judge

**FILED**  
AT 2:09 O'CLOCK P. M. ON

APR 07 2020

TANDIE MANSFIELD, COUNTY CLERK  
BANDERA COUNTY, TEXAS

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