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STANDING ORDER REGARDING VULNERABLE PERSONS COUNTY COURT, WHARTON COUNTY

Individuals who are over age 65 and individuals with serious underlying health conditions, such as high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune systems are compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer or other conditions requiring such therapy are considered to be vulnerable individuals.

Vulnerable individuals who are scheduled for court will be accommodated by 1) allowing the vulnerable person to attend the hearing virtually, or by 2) rescheduling the hearing, or by 3) providing appropriate additional personal protective equipment to the vulnerable person, in the court's discretion.

Vulnerable individuals shall request accommodation by calling the Court Coordinator at 979-532-4612 or by email <u>rosemary.rodriguez@co.wharton.tx.us</u>

It is the responsibility of counsel and pro-se litigants to attach a copy of this standing order to all notices of hearing and other scheduling correspondence so as to inform all potentially vulnerable persons, including all litigants and witnesses, of the contents of this order.

This order shall continue in force until the earlier of 30 days after the state of disaster in the county is lifted or until further order of this court.

JUDGE PHILLIP SPENRATH
Wharton County Court Judge