

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF CORYELL §

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER RELATED TO**

**Coronavirus (COVID – 19) (Amended)**

WHEREAS, Coryell County has experienced a confirmed positive test of a person who works in Coryell County and up to an additional 6 persons exhibiting signs of illness; and

WHEREAS, Coronavirus (COVID – 19) poses the threat of broad range sickness; and possible death to those with pre-existing conditions, the aged and those with a weakened immune system; and

WHEREAS, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020 certifying that COVID – 19 poses an imminent threat of disaster to all counties in the state of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of State Health Services issued a Declaration of a Public Health Disaster in the State of Texas on March 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Government Code Chapter 418 gives the county judge the power to declare a local disaster within the county “if the threat of disaster is imminent”; and

WHEREAS, the magnitude of the potential damage and the rapidity with which COVID – 19 could escalate constitute an imminent threat of disaster; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of such a disaster authorizes the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of injury to the public; and

WHEREAS, such controls, once implemented, have the potential of protecting lives and property by mitigating the threat of spread of COVID – 19; and

WHEREAS, a local disaster declaration expires seven days after its issuance, unless the commissioners court consents to its renewal or continuance; now

BE IT THEREFORE PROCLAIMED that I, Roger A. Miller, County Judge of Coryell County, declare a local state of disaster based on the threat of COVID-19 in Coryell County, Texas.

Under the authority granted to me by Chapter 418, Texas Government Code, an amended disaster declaration, with the approval of the Coryell County Commissioners Court, has been issued effective on March 23, 2020. Additionally, pursuant to Section 418.108(g), Texas Government Code, I hereby issue the following orders.

- 1) All citizens of Coryell County, and those passing through the territorial boundaries of Coryell County, shall comply with Executive Order GA 08, issued by Governor Gregg Abbott, effective 11:59pm on March 20, 2020, and continuing until 11:59pm on April 3, 2020;
  - a. Every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings of more than 10 people.
  - b. People shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of the executive order.
  - c. People shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
  - d. Schools shall temporarily close.
- 2) Convenience stores, gas stations, restaurants, and similar establishments shall cease providing self-serve food items, except when food items are individually wrapped or packaged.
- 3) Every business or service provider shall take extraordinary measures to clean and sanitize their facilities in order to protect the health and safety of their employees and clients. In-home and on-site service providers such as satellite TV installers, electricians, plumbers, and repair persons shall also take extraordinary measures to prevent exposure to and spread of COVID-19.
- 4) All County Government functions will remain open and accessible to the public; however, each Elected or Appointed Official or Department Head may limit or restrict direct contact with the general public, and may impose reasonable control measures to ensure the health and safety of County employees while serving the public.
  - This order does NOT extend to law enforcement activities or emergency responses within the jurisdiction of Coryell County.
  - All Coryell County Employees must report for work as required by their supervisors.
  - Effective immediately and through the duration of this order, all Coryell County employees shall cease any work-related travel.

BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above cited statute; and

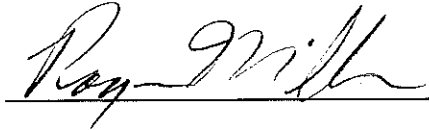
BE IT ALSO PROCLAIMED that a violation of this Disaster Declaration is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or as authorized

by Government Code §418.173 and adopted in the county's emergency plan by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, whichever is greater.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Commissioners Court of Coryell County on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2020, by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

This declaration shall be promptly publicized and filed with the County Clerk.

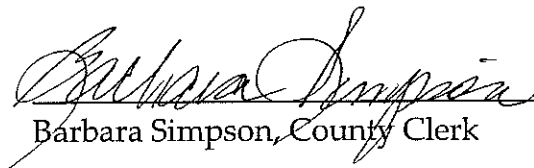
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my signature this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2020.

  
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Roger A Miller, County Judge

Filed with the County Clerk of Coryell County on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2020.

Attest:

  
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Barbara Simpson, County Clerk

