

ORDER BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS

JULY 1, 2020

REQUIREMENT FOR COMMERCIAL ENTITIES PROVIDING GOODS OR SERVICES DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC TO MANDATE THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS IN THEIR FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Liberty County Judge Jay Knight signed a Declaration of Disaster for Liberty County, Texas related to COVID-19 pursuant to § 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Commissioners Court of Liberty County voted unanimously to continue the Declaration of a Local Disaster related to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2020, County Judge Jay Knight adopted the provisions of any current or future Executive Orders issued by Governor Greg Abbott as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, related to the movement of persons or occupancy of premises; and

WHEREAS, there continues to exist a declaration of public health disaster for the State of Texas as previously declared by Governor Greg Abbott; and

WHEREAS, the transmission of COVID-19 has significantly increased in recent days and remains a threat to the health and safety of the County's residents; and the rates of infection and hospitalizations continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, the County of Liberty must continue to protect lives while restoring livelihoods, both of which can be achieved with the expert advice of medical professionals and business leaders; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge has determined that extraordinary emergency measures must be taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge is authorized to control the occupancy of premises within the County in accordance with Section 418.08(g) of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, each of the Mayors of the three largest cities in the County of Liberty concur with the findings contained in this Order and agree that this Order is necessary to protect the health and safety of the citizens of their cities, as evidenced by their signatures below; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent that this Order remain consistent and in harmony with previous Executive Orders issued by Texas Governor Greg Abbott.

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Lee H. Chambers
County Clerk, Liberty County, Texas
By Charlott Macos Deputy

NOW, THEREFORE, I, COUNTY JUDGE JAY KNIGHT FOR THE COUNTY OF LIBERTY, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER THAT:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Order are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the County Judge and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. Effective as of 12:00 a.m. on July 2, 2020 (the "Effective Date"), and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on July 15, 2020, unless terminated, modified or extended by a subsequent order, the County Judge of the County of Liberty, Texas, deems it in the public interest to order that:

Mandatory Health and Safety Policy for Commercial Entities. From the Effective Date of this Order, all commercial entities in the County of Liberty that provide goods and services directly to the public must develop and implement a health and safety policy ("Policy"). The Policy must require, at a minimum, that all employees, customers, vendors and visitors, 10 years or older, wear face coverings when accessing areas of the commercial entity's premises that involve close contact or proximity to other employees or members of the public, where six feet of separation is not feasible. Face coverings required by this Order may include, but are not limited to, surgical masks, industrial masks, homemade masks, scarfs, bandanas, or handkerchiefs. The Policy required to be developed and implemented by this Order may include implementation of other measures designed to control and reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

Commercial entities must post the Policy required by this Order in a conspicuous location sufficient to provide notice to employees, customers, vendors, and visitors of all health and safety requirements.

A commercial entity which posts and implements the sample Commercial Entity Health and Safety Policy attached to this Order as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein shall be determined to be in compliance with this Order.

Failure of a commercial entity to develop, post and implement the Policy required by this Order by 12:00 a.m. on July 6, 2020 may result in a fine, not to exceed \$500.00 for each violation.

Consistent with Executive Order GA-28 issued by Governor Greg Abbott, no civil or criminal penalty will be imposed on individuals for failure to wear a face covering.

SECTION 3. The County must promptly provide notice of this Order to the public by posting on the County website and filing a copy of this Order with the County Clerk. 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 decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

SECTION 4. In accordance with the limitations set forth in the Executive Orders of Governor Greg Abbott, any law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in the County of Liberty is hereby authorized to enforce this Order by the authority granted under Section 418.173 of the Texas Government Code.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES AN IMMINENT THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

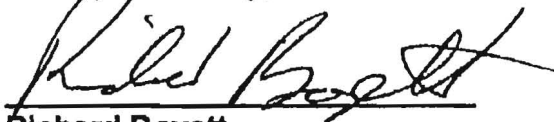
ORDERED THIS 1st DAY OF JULY 2020, at 3:00 p.m.



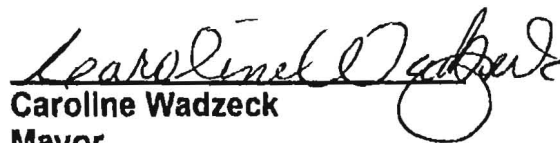
Jay Knight
County Judge
County of Liberty, Texas



Attest: Lee Chambers
Liberty County Clerk



Richard Boyett
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