

ORDER BY

PRESIDIO COUNTY COMMISSONER'S COURT

NOW THEREFORE, I, PRESIDIO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, AND THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER ENTERED ON MARCH 25, 2020 HEREBY DETERMINE THAT THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER ISSUED ON 03-31-2020 WILL CONTINUE UNTIL TERMINATED AND THAT THE STAY SAFE STAY HOME ORDER WILL EXPIRE ON 04-30-2020 AT 11:59 P.M. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ORDERS REGULATING HOTELS, MOTELS, AND SHORT TERM RENTALS. THE ORDERS REGARDING HOTELS, MOTELS, AND SHORT TERM RENTALS WILL EXPIRE ON 05-15-2020:

ORDER NO. 10. IN ADDITION TO ORDER NO.2, HOTELS, MOTELS AND SHORT-TERM RENTALS. Hotels, motels and short-term rentals are also allowed to accommodate occupancy to individuals who provide support to essential operations at the Presidio/Ojinaga Port of Entry that include **farming or agriculture industry** who must travel to Marfa or Presidio in furtherance of such work. Also individuals engaged in official government or diplomatic travel who support the movement of cargo between the US and Mexico.

ORDER NO. 11. REGULATION OF ALL RENTALS IN THE COUNTY OF PRESIDIO. In order to prevent the introduction and spread of COVID-19 within Presidio County, the county shall immediately begin regulating both short and long term rental properties within the county.

A. For the duration of this Order, long term rental (longer than 30 days) may be advertised and rented only to:

1. Individuals who are essential personnel or actively engaged in essential business, as specified by the Texas Department of Emergency Management and the U. S. Department of Homeland Security; and
2. Local residents: For purposes of this section, "local residents" is defined as a permanent resident of the tri -county area (Brewster, Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties) and/or his/her caregiver.
3. Upon request by the County, lessors/landlords must provide a copy of their lease agreement(s), driver's license(s) of lessees/tenants, and documentation of local resident status of essential personnel/business.

B. Any advertisement for a rental property (long or short-term) within Presidio County must contain the following language, in all caps and in legible and readable font:

PURSUANT TO THE FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION OF THE PRESIDIO COUNTY JUDGE CINDERELA GUEVARA DATED APRIL 3, 2020. DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THIS PROPERTY MAY ONLY BE RENTED TO LOCAL RESIDENTS OF PRESIDIO, BREWSTER OR JEFF DAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS AND TO ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL OF ESSENTIAL BUSINESS PERSONNEL AS SPECIFIED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

C. Failure to provide this mandatory notice within an advertisement for a long or short-term rental is a violation with the penalty: The Presidio County Sheriff's Office, Presidio County Constables Offices and other peace officers, are hereby authorized to enforce this order, with their discretion. A person who willfully disregards or conspires to willfully disregard this order is considered to have violated an order authorized by Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code and is subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.00 (cannot exceed \$1000.00) for each violation.

PRESIDIO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT ALSO DETERMINES THAT FURTHER ORDERS ARE NECESSARY TO PREVENT THE IMMINENT THREAT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY FROM THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND ORDER THE FOLLOWING:

The US Border Patrol Big Bend Sector EMS personnel is hereby authorized to act under the direction of the Local Emergency Director (Presidio County Judge Cinderela Guevara), Emergency Management Coordinator, (Gary Mitchke), the Presidio County Health Authority (Dr. John Schwartz), and the Texas Department of State Health Services pursuant to Local Government Code Chapter 121, Subsection B, Section 121.022 to perform nasopharyngeal swabbing of its agents in support of a local comprehensive emergency management plan.


Now, therefore, Presidio County will follow the restrictions and guidelines established by Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-18 and hereby make the following recommendations:

- Stay home if you can.**
- Wash hands often and for 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.**
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue away.**
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.**
- Disinfect surfaces, buttons, handles, doorknobs, and other places touched often.**
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.**
- Coming to Presidio County from another state or from any area, county, or city in Texas that has active COVID-19 cases, should self-quarantine for 14 days.**
- Continue to practice Social Distancing.**
- Avoid crowds, and limit physical contact.**
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also recommends using simple cloth face coverings in public to help slow the spread of the virus.**

Presidio County will continue to monitor the state of the local disaster and issue any necessary orders to prevent any threat to the health and safety of the citizens of Presidio County.

This Order shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and continue in effect and continue unless terminated or modified by a subsequent Order.

Declared this 30th day of April, 2020.


Cinderela Guevara
Presidio County Judge
Presidio County, Texas

