

COUNTY OF ZAVALA



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JOE LUNA, ESQ
COUNTY JUDGE

FILED
This 17th day of March, 2020
At 10:25 o'clock, A M
MICHELLE BONILLA
County Clerk, Zavala County, Texas
By Vanessa Puente

EXECUTIVE ORDER
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS , beginning in December, 2019, a novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath causing death in some cases: and

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

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Zavala County, that include the banning of individuals, groups of individuals, or property to undergo additional measures that prevent or control the spread of disease;

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 Texas Government Code Chapter 418:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF ZAVALA COUNTY, TEXAS:

1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for Zavala County, Texas, pursuant to section 418.108 (a) of the Texas Government Code.
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

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ATTEST March 18, 2020
MICHELLE BONILLA, County Clerk
Zavala County, Texas
By Vanessa Puente, Deputy

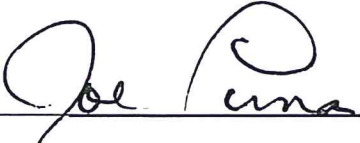
seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Zavala, Texas.

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.
4. That, pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Zavala County emergency management plan.
5. That gathering where 15 people or more are expected to attend are hereby suspended or cancelled.
6. That this executive order takes effect immediately from and after its issuance.

In accordance with Texas Government Code 418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER IS FOR EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE MEASURES, MITIGATION PROCEDURES AND RESPONSE PLANS TO THIS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

IN TESTIMONY, WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the County seal to be affixed at my office in the County of Zavala, Texas this 18th day of March, 2020.



HONORABLE JOE LUNA
ZAVALA COUNTY JUDGE



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NEWS RELEASE CORONAVIRUS

While there are currently no confirmed cases of the coronavirus in Zavala County, the City of Crystal City, La Pryor and Batesville and the County of Zavala are taking action as a precautionary measure. Citing public health, safety and welfare, Zavala County Judge Joe Luna on Wednesday jointly issued a ban on public gatherings consisting of 15 people or more.

Following the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control, the two officials also committed to social distancing and are encouraging residents to take preventative action like hand washing, disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and stay home when a person feels sick.

"The outbreak which has caused COVID-19 to spread throughout this nation and throughout the world has caused public health to be our number one concern at this time,"

The declaration issued by the local officials follows other measures outlined by President Donald Trump and Texas Governor Gregg Abbott.

"We recognize the seriousness of the pandemic and we realize the ramifications this order will have on local groups and activities. However, it is necessary for the safety of our community,"

Luna, in his capacity as County Judge, issued an executive order declaring a local disaster for the public health emergency. The declaration was issued pursuant to Section 418.108 (a) of the Texas Government Code.

The local state of disaster signed by the judge will expire after seven days unless it is extended by action of the Zavala County Commissioners Court. The court will consider the item when it meets Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

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