



Aurelio Guerra, Jr. Willacy County Judge

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SECOND ADDENDUM TO THE COUNTY OF WILLACY THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORDER WITH MANDATORY COUNTYWIDE SHELTER IN PLACE

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the national, state, and local declarations, orders, and recommendations, issued to limit or reduce the spread of COVID-19, Willacy County seeks to take any and all measures and precautions necessary for the safety of its citizens to reduce the spread of COVID-19, while enabling essential services to continue; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this Order is to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible within Willacy County, while enabling essential services to continue to operate, and to implement additional precautions when people leave their place of residence, whether to obtain or perform essential services, or to otherwise facilitate essential activities.

THEREFORE, the Willacy County Judge in his authority pursuant to the Texas Government Code § 418 et seq. hereby issues the Second Addendum to the County of Willacy Third Supplemental Emergency Management Order with Mandatory Countywide Shelter in Place in his capacity as Willacy County Judge with the advice and consent of Commissioners Court and the following orders are hereby incorporated in the Third Supplemental Emergency Management Order with Mandatory Countywide Shelter in Place issued on March 26, 2020 and the First Addendum to the County of Willacy Third Supplemental Emergency Management Order with Mandatory Countywide Shelter in Place issued on April 7, 2020:

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

ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES

MANDATORY CLOTH FACE COVERING; SOCIAL DISTANCING

Except as provided herein, all persons who prepare, handle, serve, and/or deliver food and persons who have direct customer/public contact while operating, conducting, and/or working in an Essential Business, previously identified in Section 5 of the Third Supplemental Emergency Management Order with Mandatory Countywide Shelter in Place, are **required** to wear some form of cloth face covering over their nose and mouth at all times while operating, conducting,

and working in the Essential Business. In accordance with current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance, **these cloth face coverings should NOT be surgical masks or N-95 respirators.** Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders.

All functions and activity by Essential Businesses, previously identified in Section 5 of the Third Supplemental Emergency Management Order with Mandatory Countywide Shelter in Place, shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements including maintaining six foot physical distancing for both employees and the general public; washing hands with soap and water at least twenty seconds often or using hand sanitizer; covering coughs or sneezes; cleaning high-touch surfaces; not shaking hands. Additionally, it is highly recommended that all Essential Businesses, previously identified in Section 5 of the Third Supplemental Emergency Management Order with Mandatory Countywide Shelter in Place, have hand sanitizers available for public use.

**HEALTHCARE OPERATIONS; ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE OPERATIONS; AND
ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS SOCIAL DISTANCING**

All functions and activity by Healthcare Operations, Essential Infrastructure Operations, and Essential Governmental Functions, previously identified in Sections 2, 3, and 4 of the Third Supplemental Emergency Management Order with Mandatory Countywide Shelter in Place, shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements including maintaining six foot physical distancing for both employees and the general public; washing hands with soap and water at least twenty seconds often or using hand sanitizer; covering coughs or sneezes; cleaning high-touch surfaces; not shaking hands. Additionally, it is highly recommended that all Healthcare Operations, Essential Infrastructure Operations, and Essential Governmental Functions, previously identified in Section 2, 3, and 4 of the Third Supplemental Emergency Management Order with Mandatory Countywide Shelter in Place, have hand sanitizers available for general public use.

INCORPORATION AND CONFLICTS

This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the National Emergency Declaration, Governor Abbott's Declaration of Disaster, the Willacy County Disaster Declaration, the Emergency Management Orders and Recommendations and all subsequent related orders and guidance from these authorities. This Order is a supplement to all previous orders and not in place of such. In the event of a conflict or apparent conflict between the orders, this Order shall control.

This Order comes after the release of substantial guidance from the Texas Department of Health Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other public health officials throughout the United States and around the world, including a variety of prior orders to combat the spread and harms of COVID-19. The Willacy County Judge, in consultation and communication with the Willacy County Commissioners Court, other local elected leaders, and

will continue to assess the quickly evolving situation and may modify or extend this Order, or issue additional Orders, related to COVID-19 as may be necessary.

If any provision of this Order to the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

PENALTIES

The penalty for a violation of this Order may be assessed a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per violation or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days in jail. There is a separate penalty for violating the Mandatory Cloth Face Covering provision of this Order. This does not limit or curtail additional civil or criminal penalties under the Texas Health and Safety Code, the Texas Penal Code, or any other applicable law of the State of Texas.

ENFORCEMENT

Violation of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health. The Sheriff, all Chiefs of police in the County, command staffs of State Law Enforcement Agencies Operating in the County, and other peace officers are hereby requested to assist to ensure compliance with and enforce this Order.

This Order is a Second Addendum to the March 26, 2020 Third Supplemental Emergency Management Order with Mandatory Countywide Shelter in Place of the County Judge directing all individuals to shelter in place. This Order clarifies, strengthens, and extends certain terms of the Third Supplemental Emergency Management Order with Mandatory Countywide Shelter in Place to increase social distancing and further reduce person-to-person contact in order to further slow transmission of COVID-19. To the extent it pertains to such, though this Order may amend certain provisions and/or sections of the Third Supplemental Emergency Management Order with Mandatory Countywide Shelter in Place, those provisions and/or sections not amended by this Order remain in full force and effect.

This Order shall become effective at 5:00 am on April 10, 2020 and will continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on April 30, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Willacy County Judge. As of the effective date and time of this Second Addendum set forth herein, all individuals, businesses and government agencies in the County of Willacy are required to follow the provisions of this Order.

Issued this 9th day of April, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.



Aurelio Guerra
Willacy County Judge