



**ORDER NUMBER 1
UNDER
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19 was detected in mainland China, and has since spread throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID19 a worldwide pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Madison County Judge declared a Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency for a seven (7) day period, stating that extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Madison County, Texas;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Madison County Commissioners Court approved a thirty (30) day extension of the original seven (7) day Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency, extending the Declaration through April 23, 2020, finding that an emergency still exists.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, MADISON COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That this ORDER NUMBER 1 Under Declaration of local Disaster for Public Health Emergency be given prompt and general publicity and filed with the Madison County Clerk.

SECTION 2. That all restaurants in Madison County, Texas, including incorporated and unincorporated areas of Madison County, are ordered to close as of 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2020, except restaurants may still provide take-out orders, delivery, drive-through window service and curbside pick-up service.

SECTION 3. That all bars in Madison County, Texas, including incorporated and unincorporated areas of Madison County, are ordered to close as of 11:59 p.m., Friday, March 20, 2020.

SECTION 4. That public gatherings of more than ten (10) persons, in the Madison County, Texas, incorporated and unincorporated areas are hereby prohibited as of 11:59 p.m., Friday, March 20, 2020. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where more than ten (10) persons are present in a confined space, room or area.

SECTION 5. That the restriction to public gatherings of more than ten (10) persons in Section 4 is not meant to be applied to grocery and retail stores such as pharmacies and is not meant to prevent Madison County Citizens from obtaining essential goods and services. Stores and businesses not covered by Section 4 of this Order shall follow CDC Guidelines and place reasonable restrictions on customer access to confined spaces to limit customer contact and proximity to each other.


SECTION 6. That this order is in effect from 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2020 and remains in effect as long as there is an active Declaration of Disaster in Madison County or until modified or rescinded.

SECTION 7. In accordance with the Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

SECTION 8. That this Order hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.


SECTION 9. That this order shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 19th day of March, 2020.




Tony Leago – Madison County Judge

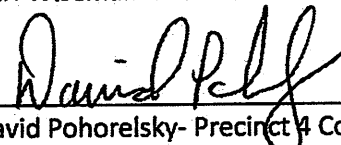
Ricky Driskell- Precinct 1 Commissioner



Carl Wiseman- Precinct 2 Commissioner




Carl Cannon- Precinct 3 Commissioner



David Pohorelsky- Precinct 4 Commissioner

Attest:



Susanne Morris
Madison County Clerk

