



DALLAS COUNTY

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF COUNTY JUDGE CLAY JENKINS ON CONTINUING REQUIREMENTS AFTER EXPIRATION OF STAY HOME, STAY SAFE DATE ORDER ISSUED: June 19, 2020

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 12, 2020, due to a novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Judge Jenkins issued an Order in furtherance of his authority to protect the safety and welfare of the public by slowing the spread of the virus;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Trump acknowledged the gravity of the COVID-19 pandemic, releasing strict new guidelines to limit people's interactions, including that Americans should avoid groups of more than 10 people;

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency has been continued several times with the consent of the Dallas County Commissioners Court, most recently by Court Order No. 2020-0643 that extends the Declaration of Local Disaster until 11:59 p.m. on August 4, 2020, unless rescinded by order of the Commissioners Court.

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the World Health Organization indicated that the United States has the potential to become the center of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020, Governor Abbott issued an Executive Order reopening certain businesses in Texas for in-person services so long as certain workplace safety rules are followed;

WHEREAS, the transmission of COVID-19 has not dissipated but remains a significant threat to the health and safety of the Dallas County community and rates of infection are increasing at an alarming exponential rate and the number of people ending up in the hospital, ICU, or on ventilators is also dramatically rising despite efforts by local authorities to control the spread;

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2020, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins issued a Supplemental Order on Continuing Requirements After Expiration of Stay Home, Stay Safe;

WHEREAS, this Supplemental Order is necessary to protect the lives, health, welfare, and safety of the County's residents from the devastating impacts of this pandemic;

THEREFORE, County Judge Clay Jenkins hereby ISSUES the following Order as a supplement to his Order of June 16, 2020, as follows:

**PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS DISASTER ACT OF 1975, DALLAS COUNTY JUDGE
CLAY JENKINS HEREBY ISSUES THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**



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1. Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on June 19, 2020, (“Effective Date”) and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on August 4, 2020, unless extended, modified, or terminated early by Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins:
 - a. From the Effective Date of this Order, all commercial entities in Dallas County providing goods or services directly to the public must develop and implement a health and safety policy (“Health and Safety Policy”). The Health and Safety Policy must require, at a minimum, that all employees or visitors to the commercial entity’s business premises or other facilities wear face coverings in an area or while performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers or the public where six feet of separation is not feasible. The Health and Safety Policy required to be developed and implemented by this Order may also include the implementation of other mitigating measures designed to control or reduce the transmission of COVID-19 such as temperature checks or health screenings. Commercial entities must post the Health and Safety Policy required by this Order in a conspicuous location sufficient to provide notice to employees and visitors of all health and safety requirements. Failure to develop and implement the Health and Safety Policy required by this Order within five (5) calendar days following the Effective Date of this Order may result in a fine not to exceed \$500 for each violation.
 - b. All people 10 years or older shall wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when in a public place where it is difficult to keep six feet away from other people or working in areas that involve close proximity with other coworkers. The CDC advises face coverings for people 2 years or older. Face coverings may include homemade masks, scarfs, bandanas, or a handkerchief. Dallas County residents should continue to maintain social distancing of at least six feet while outside their home. Dallas County employees are also required to wear face coverings under the same circumstances as the general public. **IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU NOT OBTAIN OR WEAR MEDICAL MASKS OR N-95 RESPIRATORS AS THEY ARE A NEEDED RESOURCE FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS.** Our healthcare workers and first responders on the front-line combating COVID-19 must have priority access to medical masks or other personal protective equipment. Face coverings do not need to be worn in the following circumstances:
 - i. When exercising outside or engaging in physical activity outside
 - ii. While driving alone or with passengers who are party of the same household as the driver
 - iii. When doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety, or security risk
 - iv. While pumping gas or operating outdoor equipment
 - v. While in a building or activity that requires security surveillance or screening, for example, banks
 - vi. When consuming food or drink



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Please note that face coverings are a secondary strategy to other mitigation efforts. Face coverings are not a replacement for social distancing, frequent handwashing, and self-isolation when sick. All people should follow CDC recommendations for how to wear and take off a mask. Residents should keep up the following habits while in public:

- i. Washing hand before you leave home and when you return
- ii. Staying at least six feet away from others
- iii. Avoiding touching nose or face
- iv. Not using disposable masks more than three times, and
- v. Washing reusable cloth masks regularly to prevent the spread of the virus.

Consistent with Executive Order GA-26 issued by Governor Greg Abbott, no civil or criminal penalty will be imposed on individuals for failure to wear a face covering.

IT IS SO ORDERED

**CLAY JENKINS
DALLAS COUNTY JUDGE**