

Aurelio Guerra, Jr. Willacy County Judge

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

WHEREAS, President Trump released a plan to reopen the nation's economy as the COVID-19 pandemic continues, and Governor Abbott announced the State of Texas' economic response to COVID-19, which included plans for reopening Texas businesses; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2020, Governor Abbott issued an executive order to loosen restrictions on surgeries beginning on April 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Willacy County Judge, along with the Willacy County Emergency Management Team consisting of the Emergency Management Coordinator, the Mayors of the Cities of Raymondville, Lyford, and San Perlita, Port Mansfield Navigation District Port Director, County and District Attorney's Office and Law Enforcement: Willacy County Sheriff's Department, Raymondville Police Department, and Willacy County Constable's Office Precinct 3, and in consultation with the Willacy County Health Authority and guidance from the State Health Department and CDC, have been tasked with framing specific plans to determine the safest course of action to reopen businesses in Willacy County.

THEREFORE, the Willacy County Judge in his authority pursuant to the Texas Government Code § 418 et seq. hereby issues the Fourth 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, Second, and Third Addendums issued thereafter.

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

This Order is a Fourth 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, including certain terms in the First, Second, and Third Addendums. 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, the First, Second, and/or Third Addendums, those provisions and/or sections not amended by this Order remain in full force and effect. Accordingly, the following restrictions are lifted:

MEDICAL AND DENTAL ELECTIVE SERVICES IN WILLACY COUNTY MANDATORY CLOTH FACE COVERING FOR PATIENTS; SOCIAL DISTANCING

Medical and dental practices in Willacy County may begin to perform elective procedures. Scheduling and performance of an elective medical and dental procedure are deferred to the appropriate licensing board, such as the Texas Medical Board, and the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners. The CDC guidelines and the appropriate licensing board rules, regulations, policy, procedures, and guidelines must be adhered to. Further guidance is available through the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

Except as noted in prior orders, all patients will be **required** to wear a mask or some form of cloth face covering over their nose and mouth at all times and while in a waiting room area, unless unable to do so due the medical and/or dental procedure. For the reasons previously noted, the cloth face coverings should <u>NOT</u> be surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Additionally, all activities in waiting room areas shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements including maintaining six foot physical distancing between individuals; washing hands with soap and water at least twenty seconds often or using hand sanitizer; covering coughs or sneezes; cleaning high-touch surfaces, items, and/or other products; not shaking hands. Finally, the gathering will be limited to no more than ten patients in a waiting area.

RAYMONDVILLE GOLF COURSE MANDATORY CLOTH FACE COVERING; SOCIAL DISTANCING

Effective immediately, golfing activities will be allowed to commence at the Raymondville Golf Course in Willacy County, with the following provisions:

- 1. Participants will practice Social Distancing.
- 2. One person per golf cart and no more than 4 persons per group while maintaining Social Distancing.
- 3. Participants will have available cloth facial coverings and will wear such when Social Distancing may be compromised or other persons may be in the vicinity.
- 4. No touching flags.
- 5. No touching ball washers.
- 6. No loitering under canopy or any other area around golf course
- 7. No participants/golfers under 18 years of age are allowed without a parent or legal guardian present, who is also golfing.
- 8. No person to person contact will be allowed.
- 9. Reservations for tee times and payments should be conducted over the telephone or in the Club House with limited person to person contact. For reservation, payment, or other information contact: (956) 690-4068 or (956) 746-6907.
- 10. All golfers/participants must be off golf course by 7:30pm.

All activities shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements including maintaining six foot physical distancing between individuals; washing hands with soap and water at least twenty seconds often or using hand sanitizer; covering coughs or sneezes; cleaning high-touch surfaces, items, and/or other products; not shaking hands.

TRAVEL FOR REOPENED SERVICES ALLOWED

In compliance with this order and previous orders and addendums, travel will be allowed for persons traveling for the purposes of providing or obtaining reopened services (such as Retail Services and Medical and Dental Elective Services), in addition to traveling for Essential Activities outlined in prior orders and addendums. The previous order restricting the number of persons in a vehicle continues to be in effect and no more than two (2) adults/persons will be allowed to travel in a vehicle at any time.

POSITIVE FOR CORONAVIRUS

If someone in a household has tested positive for coronavirus, the household is ordered to isolate at home. Members of the household cannot go to work or attend any other outside function. This provision in accordance with and set as per CDC guidelines and Texas Department of State Health Service (DSHS) policy.

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. The penalty for violating the Mandatory Cloth Face Covering provision of this Order may be a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per

violation. 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 shall become effective immediately, unless otherwise indicated herein for certain provisions and/or sections, and will continue to be in effect until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Willacy County Judge. As of the effective date and time of this Fourth 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 24th day of April, 2020 at 220 p.m.

Aurelio Guerra
Willacy County Judge