

# Aurelio Guerra, Jr. Willacy County Judge

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

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2020, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force announced and released the plan to reopen the nation's economy as the COVID-19 pandemic continues and guidelines for reopening businesses in America; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott has announced and released the State of Texas' economic response to COVID-19 which included plans for reopening Texas businesses; 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 Third 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 and Second Addendums issued thereafter.

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

#### EXTENDED SHELTER IN PLACE

Except as otherwise directed in this order, all individuals currently living within Willacy County, Texas SHALL CONTINUE TO SHELTER AT THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE <u>until 11:59 p.m. on May 4, 2020</u>, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Willacy County Judge. All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a household or living unit are prohibited, except for the limited purposes as expressly permitted herein. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or residence, which includes hotels, motels, share rental units, shelters, and similar facilities.

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

### RETAIL BUSINESSES IN WILLACY COUNTY MANDATORY CLOTH FACE COVERING; SOCIAL DISTANCING

Effective at 12:01 am on April 24, 2020, retail shopping for pick-up, curbside, or delivery via online shopping or by phone order will be allowed for non-essential businesses located in Willacy County can be reopened. This shall be in compliance and conformity with Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-16.

Except as noted in prior orders, all persons will be **required** to wear some form of cloth face covering over their nose and mouth at all times including retail operators, employees, and customers. For the reasons previously noted, cloth face coverings should <u>NOT</u> be surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Additionally, 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. Finally, the gathering will be limited to no more than ten customers.

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### PUBLIC ACCESS BOAT RAMPS IN WILLACY COUNTY MANDATORY CLOTH FACE COVERING; SOCIAL DISTANCING

Effective at 5:00 am on April 24, 2020, public access boat ramps located in Willacy County will be reopened.

Except as noted in prior orders, all persons will be **required** to wear some form of cloth face covering over their nose and mouth at all times while boating, fishing, or otherwise operating and/or riding a boat, including operator(s) and passenger(s). For the reasons previously noted, cloth face coverings should NOT be surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Additionally, 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.

### CAR WASH BUSINESSES IN WILLACY COUNTY MANDATORY CLOTH FACE COVERING; SOCIAL DISTANCING

Effective immediately, all car wash businesses located in Willacy County can begin operations. Except as noted in prior orders, all persons will be **required** to wear some form of cloth face covering over their nose and mouth at all times while working at and/or utilizing a car wash business, including operators, employees, and customers. For the reasons previously noted, cloth face coverings should <u>NOT</u> be surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Additionally, 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.

#### **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 11:59 p.m. on May 4, 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 Third 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 22<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020 at <u>4.3.2</u> p.m.

Aurelio Guerra

Willacy County Judge