

## SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER IMPLEMENTED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PORT ISABEL



**WHAT:** Mandated county-wide shelter in place.

**WHEN:** This Order becomes effective at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 until 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, 2020, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded or amended by Cameron County.

**WHO:** All individuals living within Cameron County.

**HOW LONG:** For a period of fourteen (14) days or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded or amended by Cameron County.

**EXEMPTIONS:** Essential Personal Activities, to obtain healthcare services, to perform essential infrastructure operations, to perform or access essential government functions, or to operate essential business.

**WHAT ARE ESSENTIAL PERSONAL ACTIVITIES?** Engaging in tasks or activities such as obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a health care professional, obtaining supplies they need to work from home.

Obtain necessary services or supplies for household such as canned food, dry goods, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet food and supply, fresh meats, fish and poultry and other household consumer products and products necessary to maintain safety, sanitation and essential operation of residences.

Engaging in outdoor activities while complying with Social Distancing Requirements.

To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business.

To perform minimum basic operations, i.e. working from home.

To care for a family member or pet in another household.

Obtaining Healthcare Operation Services. Healthcare provider, hospital, clinic, dentist, pharmacy, home healthcare, mental health provider, veterinary care. But does not include fitness and exercise gyms or similar.

Performing Essential Infrastructure Operations means services or performance of work necessary for operations and maintenance of public works construction, construction of housing, airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, telecommunications. All in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements.

Transportation maintenance.

Performing or Accessing Essential Governmental Functions means: first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, law enforcement. School personnel, persons may leave their residence to carry out meals and instructional packets distribution. Families obtaining meals and instructional packets.

**WHAT IS AN ESSENTIAL BUSINESS?**

Grocery stores, certified farmers' markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores and such.

Agriculture, food and beverage cultivation, processing and distribution, such as, farming, ranching, dairies and breweries.

Businesses that provide food, shelter and social services for economically disadvantaged.

Newspapers, television, radio and other media.

Gas stations and auto supply, auto repair.

Banks and financial institutions.

Hardware stores.

Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, HVAC repairs and other service providers.

Landscaping and pool cleaning services.

Businesses providing mailing and shipping services.

Laundromats, dry cleaners and laundry service providers.

Businesses that supply products needed for people who work from home.

Airlines, taxis and other transportation for hire.

Home-based care for seniors, adults or children.

Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults or children.

Professional services, i.e. legal or accounting.

Funeral homes.

Childcare facilities for employees exempted in this order.

#### **WHAT ARE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS?**

Maintaining at least a six-foot distance from other individuals.

Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer.

Covering coughs or sneezes (into sleeve or elbow, not hands).

Regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces.

Do not shake hands.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH. PENALTIES:** A person that fails to comply with 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. This does not limit or curtail additional civil or criminal penalties under the Texas Health and Safety Code or the Texas Penal Code.