



Eddie Treviño, Jr.
County Judge

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Sylvia Garza-Perez
CAMERON COUNTY CLERK
By [Signature] Deputy

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORDER CLARIFYING AND UPDATING LIFTING OF CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2020, as the COVID-19 Pandemic continues, in the Guidelines for Opening Up America Again President Trump announced and released his plan to reopen the nation's economy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott announced and released the State of Texas' economic response to COVID-19 which included plans for reopening Texas businesses; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott has issued additional guidance on reopening Texas and is consulting with medical, health, business, industry, education, and government experts, leaders, and officials; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott and Attorney General Paxton have provided additional guidance concerning worship and church services and essential personal activities; and

WHEREAS, the method and means of reopening businesses and the economy of Cameron County, Texas must be guided by scientific data and health professionals such that people will need to comply with all the provisions of the First Amended Emergency Management Order with Mandatory Shelter in Place initially instituted on March 25, 2020; and extended through May 4, 2020, while Cameron County consults with the Mayors, Medical and Hospital Officials, School Districts, the District Attorney's Office, and Law Enforcement Officials, and with the guidance of the Governor, the CDC, and State and Local Health Authorities to determine best and safest practices to reopen businesses and the economy in Cameron County; and

WHEREAS, to remain consistent with the Declarations and guidance of President Trump and the CDC, the Declarations and guidance of the Texas Department of State Health Services, and the executive orders and guidance issued by Governor Abbott; and to harmonize the Emergency Management Orders issued by Cameron County with all of the foregoing.

THEREFORE, Cameron County Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr., in his authority pursuant to the Texas Government Code Chapter 418, and with the advice and consent of the Commissioners Court hereby orders the following:

1. All provisions of the First Amended Emergency Management Order as issued on March 25, 2020, remain in FULL FORCE and EFFECT except that to safely facilitate the reopening of the local economy and normalization of day-to-day life the provisions provided for herein will address the expanded use and access to:

- a. Religious services;
- b. Golf and Tennis Club Activities;
- c. Outdoor recreation and Cameron County Parks & Boat Ramps; and,
- d. Local travel.

2. **Religious Services**

- a. Religious Services, except as limited herein, are deemed “essential services.”^[1]
- b. Religious and worship services may be engaged via:
 - i. Remote methods including but not limited to video, teleconference, and/or livestream;
 - ii. Drive thru/Drive in services:
 1. Contingent on conformity with local, state, and federal Social Distancing and Face Coverings requirements;
 2. Congregants/participants must remain in their vehicles;
 3. The occupancy of a single vehicle attending a drive thru/drive in religious service is limited to no more than 5 members of a single household;
 4. Vehicle parking at a drive thru/drive in religious services shall provide for one empty parking space between vehicles;
 5. Clergy should consider:

^[1] The restriction contained herein are consistent with the directives and limitations placed on religious services by Texas Governor G. Abbott in Executive Order GA-14.

- a. Encouraging at risk congregants to stay home and watch religious services online. At risk congregants/attendees includes those:
 - i. who are 65 and older; or
 - ii. who have an underlying at-risk health condition.
- b. In-person religious services shall be permitted in very limited circumstances:
 - i. In-person religious services may only be held if:
 - 1. A congregation/group is unable or incapable to provide religious services as provided for by paragraph 1(a) (via video, electronically or other remote methods); and
 - 2. Attendance is limited to ten congregants.
 - ii. If an in-person religious service is held, congregants, clergy, and all those in attendance shall:
 - 1. Abide by local, state, and federal Social Distancing and face covering requirements;
 - 2. Practice Social Distancing by maintaining appropriate distance between people; and
 - 3. Maintain good hygiene by washing your hands frequently, using hand sanitizer, using your elbow to cover coughs, and not touching your face.
 - iii. If an in-person religious service is held, clergy/organizers shall:
 - 1. Instruct sick employees, volunteers, and guests to not attend services;
 - 2. Implement environmental cleanliness and sanitization practices;
 - 3. Clean and disinfect work areas frequently; and
 - 4. Sanitize seats and frequently touched surfaces between services.
 - iv. If an in person religious service is held, clergy/organizers should consider the following:
 - 1. Providing a “senior service” exclusively for attendees 65 and above to attend in person;
 - 2. Holding multiple services throughout the day as to facilitate adequate Social Distancing of congregants/attendees at a service;
 - 3. Equipping ushers and greeters with gloves and masks;
 - 4. Keeping onsite child care areas closed,

- a. unless the house of worship can comply with CDC and DSHS guidelines for child care facilities;
- 5. Encourage all attendees to sanitize their hands and put on a face covering or mask before entering the building;
- 6. Encourage attendees/congregants to:
 - a. sit with their family unit, and
 - b. use social distancing between each unit;
- 7. At the end of a service, dismiss attendees by family unit to maintain social distancing while exiting the house of worship;
- 8. Refraining from passing collection plates;
- 9. Providing a central collection box in the building or encourage online giving; and
- 10. To the extent permitted by the respective faith of a house of worship, modify sacraments so they are administered without attendees having to touch the same surfaces and/or objects.

3. Golf and Tennis Club Activities

- a. Golfing and Tennis activities at public parks/locations or at private clubs facilities are “essential activities” and shall be limited by the restrictions/provisions provided for herein.
- b. A participant in a golfing or tennis activity shall:
 - i. abide by local, state, and federal Social Distancing requirements;
 - ii. not utilize a golf cart with more than one occupant; and
 - iii. keep a facial covering available and use said covering when Social Distancing may be compromised or other persons may be in the vicinity.
- c. The following is hereby restricted:
 - i. Touching flags;
 - ii. Use of rakes in sand traps;
 - iii. Use of ball washers; and
 - iv. Communal water jugs/drinking fountains.
- d. Reservations and payments should be made online.
- e. Golf and Tennis Pro Shops shall remain closed. Subject to additional guidance from Governor Abbott, this provision may be relaxed in connection with online, phone-in, and curbside pick-up or delivery in connection with non-essential businesses.
- f. In regard to private clubs, operators shall not permit and the public shall not use or access:

- i. Fitness Centers/Gyms; and
- ii. Club Houses:
 1. Except that an on-premise restaurant located in or on a private club and/or limited and/or fully members only club may operate but shall only permit carry-out or delivery of meals/drinks.

4. **OUTDOOR RECREATION AND CAMERON COUNTY PARKS AND BOAT RAMPS**

- a. The following are “essential personal activities:”
 - i. Hunting;
 - ii. Swimming in state waters; and
 - iii. Use of state waters with a boat, kayak, or other motorized or non-motorized water conveyance.
- b. The Cameron County Parks and Boat Ramps are “essential services.” Said parks and boat ramps shall be operated in a limited capacity as provided for by the Cameron County Parks Department.
- c. The Cameron County Parks Department has enumerated the Cameron County Plan to Re-Open Parks. All of the requirements, mandates, rules, and restrictions contained therein are incorporated in this Order.
 - i. A violation of the Cameron County Parks Department Cameron County Plan to Re-Open Parks is a violation of this Order and constitutes an offense against the State of Texas.
- d. Fishing may be done from watercraft with a maximum of two occupants unless members of the same household, in which maximum will be four occupants with facial coverings or masks.
- e. The Cameron County Plan to Re-Open Parks is available on the Cameron County’s and Cameron County Parks’ websites.
- f. Prior to traveling to any Cameron County Park or Boat Ramp, each individual must familiarize themselves with the applicable rules and regulations.

Guidelines for Charter Captains: Charter fishing may be done from watercraft and fishing guides must follow the guidelines listed below:

- Must follow Social Distancing at all times.
- Guide +1 client on boats smaller than 20 foot.
- Guide +2 clients on boats larger than 20 foot.
- Facial coverings or masks must be worn at all times by all on board.
- Fish must be taken home to be filleted by customers as guides are unable to follow sanitary CDC recommendations from docks/fillet tables.

Persons launching or retrieving watercraft must keep a distance of one vehicle between each vehicle, maintain Social Distancing, and be respectful of other Visitors.

5. TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

- a. Occupants travelling in vehicle with more than one person shall use a face coverings or masks.
- b. It is recommended that no children under fourteen years of age accompany a parent or guardian for routine grocery, supplies, or gasoline replenishment trips.

6. If this order contradicts or conflicts with a previous issued Order by the County Judge, then this Order shall be deemed an amendment to said previous conflicting order and shall be deemed controlling

7. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES AN IMMINENT THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND MAY SUBJECT THE PERSON TO CITATION OR ARREST.

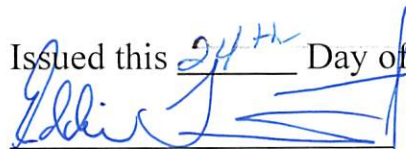
8. The Shelter in Place Order is still in effect. Those activities and services that are permitted outside the general Shelter in Place Order as provided for in the First Amended Emergency Management Order and this Order are affirmative defenses. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution for violating this Order and/or the First Amended Emergency Management Order that the conduct in engaged by the actor was authorized by the previously mentioned Orders.

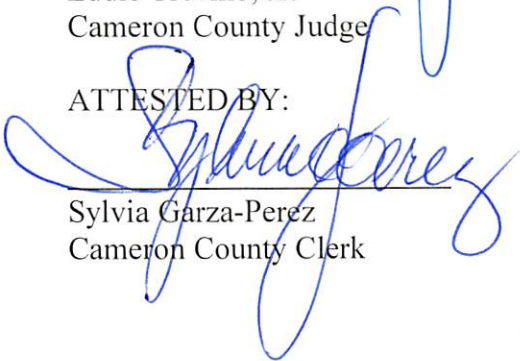
9. All Social Distancing requirements and limitation of gatherings of no more than ten persons by all businesses and employees must still be observed. Facial coverings or masks must be used in public and on the premises of all businesses and government offices by all employees and customers.

10. This Order shall become effective on April 25, 2020, at 12:01 a.m. and remain in place until it is rescinded in writing by the Cameron County Judge.

11. Be advised, I have appointed an Advisory Task Force to Reopen Cameron County. I will be working with this task force, our local mayors, and after considering guidance and input from State Health Services, the United States Centers for Disease Control, and Cameron County Public Health to craft additional orders to permit greater social and economic activity that is considerate and conscious of our current public health needs.

Issued this 24th Day of April, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.


Eddie Treviño, Jr.
Cameron County Judge

ATTESTED BY:

Sylvia Garza-Perez
Cameron County Clerk

