



# LEON COUNTY, TEXAS

COUNTY JUDGE

BYRON RYDER

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*Leon County Declaration of Local Disaster and order relating to the expanded reopening of services as part of the safe, strategic plan to Open Texas in the response to the COVID-19 disaster.*

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- WHEREAS**, the Governor of The State of Texas has issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and
- WHEREAS**, the Governor of The State of Texas has issued an executive order pursuant to government code (418.000), ordering citizens of Texas; and
- WHEREAS**, Leon County has ordered a Declaration of Local Disaster to facilitate and expedite the deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response; and
- WHEREAS**, a Declaration of Public Health Disaster has been issued and is in effect for the State of Texas and Leon County to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Leon County; and
- WHEREAS**, this order supersedes all other orders issued after the Declaration of Public Health Disaster, effective March 17, 2020; and
- WHEREAS**, on April 17, 2020, Governor Abbott established the Strike Force To Open Texas; and
- WHEREAS**, In accordance with the GA-18 order from Governor Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, effective April 27, 2020, this order is subject to extension or modification based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and the recommendations of The Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas, DSHS, the CDC, and the White House Coronavirus Task Force; and
- WHEREAS**, on April 27, 2020, DSHS established the Minimum Standards Health Protocols for COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS**, under Section 418.173, failure to comply with any executive order issued during the COVID-19 disaster is an offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both fine and confinement.

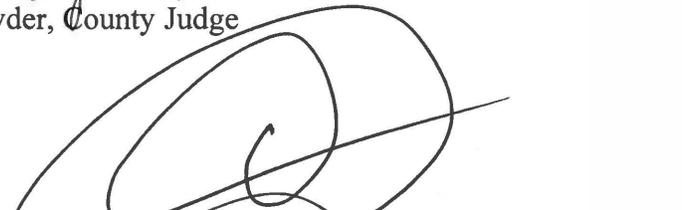
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF LEON COUNTY, TEXAS**

Leon County will open businesses to the maximum extent allowed under Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-18. Leon County continues to urge citizens to follow the Minimum Health Standards Protocols for COVID-19, social distancing protocols, and compliance with these orders. Leon County will continue health monitoring and guidelines will be adjusted in accordance with future orders and testing results.

ADOPTED by the Commissioner's Court of Leon County, Texas, on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.

  
Byron Ryder, County Judge

  
Joey Sullivan, Commissioner, Pct. 1

  
Dean Stanford, Commissioner, Pct. 3

  
David Ferguson, Commissioner, Pct. 2

  
David Grimes, Commissioner, Pct. 4