



DR. PAUL D. LILLY
COUNTY JUDGE
BROWN COUNTY



Executive Order 2020-02 March 26, 2020

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV-2 which causes the disease COVID-19 has spread throughout the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has proclaimed the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency in response to the novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, Brown County Judge, Dr. Paul D. Lilly, issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency, which was extended indefinitely by act of the Brown County Commissioners Court on March 23; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott issued four executive orders for the State of Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Paul D. Lilly, Brown County Judge, under the authority of Texas Government Code Section 418.108, do hereby issue this executive order.

SECTION 1. Intent of this Order

The intent of this Order is to protect the physical health and well-being of Brown County and to protect the financial health and well-being of our citizens so that they can provide food, clothing and shelter for their families, and to slow the spread of COVID-19.

SECTION 2. Protecting the physical health and well-being of Brown County citizens from those exhibiting signs of COVID-19.

Persons who are sick and currently experiencing common COVID-19 symptoms have a responsibility to take actions necessary to protect the physical health and well-being of others.

Any person who is sick or currently experiencing common COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, cough, or shortness of breath, is hereby ordered to stay home until such time that:

- (a) he or she has had no fever for at least 72 hours without the use of medicine that reduces fevers; and
- (b) his or her other symptoms have improved (for example, when the cough or shortness of breath has improved); and
- (c) at least 14 days have passed since the symptoms first appeared.

The foregoing guidelines are those recommended by the Center for Disease Control, which are found to be effective in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

If any person in a household has tested positive for COVID-19, all persons in the household are hereby ordered to stay home and self-quarantine for a period of at least 14 days. Members of the household may not travel to work, school, or anywhere else until cleared by a medical professional.

This Order does not prohibit any person from leaving his or her home to seek necessary medical or emergency care.

SECTION 3. Restricting all non-essential activities.

All persons in Brown County are hereby ordered to stay home, except for attending to essential activities or attending to the healthcare needs. Essential activities means any action or effort that is necessary for gainful employment or for the financial welfare of their family. It also means any activity necessary to obtaining food, shelter or clothing that may be necessary for the safety and well-being of their household. It also means any action necessary for the preservation of a person's mental or spiritual health, including attending any religious gathering.

Entertainment activities are not considered essential activities, including but not limited to any game room, bowling alley, movie theatre, or other similar entertainment venue. Additionally, businesses that perform non-health related personal services requiring close personal contact, such as hair salons, hair stylists, barbershops, beauty shops, nail salons, tattoo shops, and piercing business are not considered essential activities.

Nothing in this Order shall prohibit the use of streets, parks or other outdoor public venues, so long as there is no gathering of more than 10 people and social distancing is observed.

SECTION 4. Requiring employers to provide a safe work environment.

To protect the financial health and well-being of our citizens, and to ensure they have the ability to provide food, clothing and shelter to their families, we have a shared responsibility to take actions necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace.

Therefore, all businesses and employers are hereby ordered to take actions necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19, by employing social distancing when at all possible, taking steps to sanitize the workplace environment, and monitoring the health of their employees regularly. Employees exhibiting a temperature of greater than 99.9 shall be sent home immediately.

For the purpose of this Order, social distancing means staying at least six feet away from other people, avoiding unnecessary face-to-face meetings, working from home if possible, and not shaking hands.

SECTION 5. In accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

SECTION 6. All peace officers within the borders of Brown County, including the officers of all municipalities and special districts, and the Brown County Health Department are given authority to enforce this Order.

This order shall become effective at 11:59 p.m. on March 27, 2020 and remain in place until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020.



Dr. Paul D. Lilly, Brown County Judge

