





# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS EFFECTIVE MAY 8, 2020

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020, Governor Abbott issued Executive Orders GA-19 and GA-20, in addition to the Governor's Report to Open Texas; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2020, Governor Abbott issued an Executive Order to Expand Openings of Certain Businesses and Activities; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott's Executive Orders have statewide application and have specifically suspended formerly applicable laws and regulations issued by local governments such as Cameron County to order anything inconsistent with his orders and therefore are the controlling orders applicable to all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eddie Treviño, Jr., Cameron County Judge, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do strongly recommend the following on a countywide basis effective immediately, and continuing through May 19, 2020, subject to extension based on current orders and any subsequent Orders of Governor Abbott:

# SHELTER IN PLACE

It is strongly recommended that all individuals within Cameron County, Texas CONTINUE TO SHELTER AT THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE until further orders or recommendations are made. All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a household or living unit should be avoided entirely.

If someone in a household has tested positive for coronavirus, or is a presumptive positive, the household is ordered to isolate at home until otherwise instructed by the Cameron County Public Health Department. Members of the household should neither go to work, school, nor perform or engage in any function that may be permitted by Governor Abbott's Executive Orders.

#### SOCIAL DISTANCING

To the extent individuals are using shared indoor or outdoor spaces, individuals shall at all times, as reasonably possible, maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person.

- 1) "Social Distancing" means:
  - a) maintaining at least a six-foot distance from other individuals;
  - b) washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer;
  - c) covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces; and
  - d) not shaking hands.

### FACIAL COVERINGS OR MASKS

It is strongly recommended that all individuals that are using shared indoor or outdoor spaces continue to wear facial coverings or masks.

### PRICE CONTROL

A person, vendor, supplier, or wholesaler should not sell essential products for more than the prices the person, vendor, supplier, or wholesaler sold said essential products at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2020.

- 1) "Sell" and "Sold" mean:
  - a) Sell;
  - b) Lease;
  - c) Demand in offering to sale or;
  - d) Demand in offering to lease; or
  - e) The past tense of said terms.

- 2) "Essential Products" means:
  - a) Fuel, food, lodging, building materials, construction tools, personal hygiene products, personal hygiene goods, or ice;
  - b) Meals served by restaurants, cafeterias, or boarding-houses; and
  - c) Medicine, pharmaceutical, or medical equipment and supplies.
- 3) The restrictions made herein, shall not be interpreted as depriving the Texas Attorney General or the Cameron County District Attorney from pursuing an action under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act or any other law of this State.

#### OCCUPANCY OF PREMISES

All businesses should institute and maintain Social Distancing of a minimum space of 6 feet apart and wear facial coverings or masks.

#### TRAVEL

It is strongly recommended that all unnecessary or non-essential travel be avoided. Individuals engaged in any travel should comply with Social Distancing and wear facial coverings or masks.

# **INCORPORATION AND CONFLICTS**

These Recommendations are issued in accordance with, and incorporate by reference, Governor Abbott's Executive Orders GA-19 and GA-20, in addition to the Governor's Report to Open Texas and his May 5, 2020, Executive Order to Expand Openings of Certain Businesses and Activities and all subsequent related orders and guidance from the Governor.

If any provision of these Recommendations, to the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid, the remainder of these Recommendations, 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 herein are severable.

Issued this the Day of May, 2020 at 4:36 p.m.
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Eddie Treviño, Jr.
Cameron County Judge
ATTESTED BY:  Sylvia Garza-Perez Cameron County Clerk