

**ORDER OF THE COUNTY JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MCLENNAN
COUNTY, TEXAS MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO BUSINESSES FOR BEST
PRACTICES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Governor’s Executive Orders, non-essential businesses and services were closed and certain other restrictions were put in place in an attempt to control the spread of Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Executive Orders have reopened previously closed businesses and services, and withdrawn certain restrictions;

WHEREAS, this Order is issued based on evidence of increasing occurrence of COVID-19 within the County and throughout the Central Texas area, scientific evidence and best practices regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically, and evidence that the age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population of the County places it at risk for serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, promote health, compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY COUNTY JUDGE SCOTT M. FELTON AND THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF MCLENNAN COUNTY, TEXAS, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 418.108 AND OTHER LAW:

1. Health and Safety Policy – Commercial Entities.

- a. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT every commercial entity in the McLennan County, Texas providing goods or services directly to the public should develop and implement a health and safety policy (“**Health and Safety Policy**”).
- b. The Health and Safety Policy should require, at a minimum, that every employee or visitor to the commercial entity’s business premises or other facilities wear a Face Covering when in an undivided room or area with coworkers or the public or while performing an activity which necessarily involves or is reasonably likely to involve close proximity to coworkers or the public such that six feet of separation is not feasible.


“Commercial entity” as used herein does not include: outdoor operations where social distancing is generally followed; offices of other governmental entities; churches; or health providers that already have policies in place that have been medically vetted.

“Face Covering” as used herein means a cloth or paper mask, or a bandana or scarf, that covers the mouth and nose and fits tightly to the face (and does not merely

hang over the mouth and nose). Face shields are not Face Coverings because they are open at the bottom

- c. The Health and Safety Policy is strongly recommended to be developed and implemented to also include the implementation of other mitigating measures designed to control and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 such as temperature checks or health screenings for employees and provision of hand sanitizer stations for both employees and customers.
2. That this Order shall become effective immediately.
3. That the County must promptly provide notice of this Order by posting it on the County website and by filing it with the County Clerk.
4. THIS DOES NOT OVERRIDE THE ORDERS OF ANY CITY WITHIN MCLENNAN COUNTY THAT REQUIRE MEASURES LIKE THOSE RECOMMENDED HEREIN AND IS NOT INTENDED TO AFFECT THOSE ORDERS IN ANY WAY.
5. **IF THE NUMBERS CONTINUE TO RISE, THE COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL BE FORCED TO CONSIDER MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS.**
6. The Governor's Executive Order GA-28 is incorporated herein.
7. That if any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or application of this Order.

ORDERED on this the 30th day of June, 2020, being the EFFECTIVE DATE.



Scott M. Felton
County Judge

Attest:

J.A. "Andy" Harwell, County Clerk
McLennan County, Texas



By: Deputy County Clerk