



COURT ORDER # 002920

**ORDER REGARDING COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY FOR
COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES IN
KAUFMAN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, beginning in December, 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19 was detected in mainland China, and has since spread throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Kaufman County; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 Judge Hal Richards signed a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code provides that a local state of disaster may not be continued for a period of excess of seven days without the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Kaufman County Commissioners Court issued an Order Extending the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Kaufman County Emergency Management Plan and extended the Declaration of Local Disaster until April 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, the Kaufman County Commissioners Court issued a First Amended Order Extending the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency until April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020, the Kaufman County Commissioners Court issued a Second Amended Order Extending the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency until June 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2020, the Kaufman County Commissioners Court issued a Third Amended Order Extending the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency until terminated or rescinded by the Kaufman County Commissioners Court; and

WHEREAS, Kaufman County Commissioners Court intends to follow any and all Executive Orders issued by Governor Abbott; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of State Health Services and Centers for Disease Control have issued advisements to take precautions regarding the COVID-19 virus ("coronavirus") outbreak by limiting exposure to the virus; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020, Governor Abbott issued an Executive Order reopening certain business in Texas for in-person services so long as certain workplace safety rules are followed; and

WHEREAS, the transmission of COVID-19 has not dissipated but remains a significant threat to the health and safety of the Kaufman County community and rates of infection are increasing despite efforts by local authorities to control the spread; and

Whereas, this Order is necessary to protect the lives, health, welfare and safety of the County's residents from the devastating impacts of this pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT of Kaufman County:

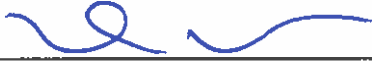
1. Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on June 29, 2020 (Effective Date) and continuing until modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Commissioners Court of Kaufman County, all commercial business and entities open to the general public in Kaufman County providing goods or services directly to the general public must develop a health and safety policy ("Health and Safety Policy"). The Health and Safety Policy must require at a minimum that all employees and visitors (10 years of age or older) to the commercial entity's business premises or other facilities wear face coverings in an area or while performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers or the general public where six feet of separation is not feasible.
2. The Health and Safety Policy required to be developed and implemented by this Order may also include the implementation of other mitigating measures designed to control or reduce the transmission of COVID-19 such as temperature checks or health screenings. Commercial entities and businesses must post the Health and Safety Policy required by this Order in a conspicuous location sufficient to provide notice to employees and visitors of all health and safety requirements.
3. Commercial entities and businesses shall develop and implement the Health and Safety Policy required by this Order within five (5) calendar days following the Effective Date of this Order.

4. In the event any provision of a Health and Safety Policy contradicts the provisions set forth by the CDC and Texas Department of State Health Services ("DSHS"), the CDC and DSHS provisions prevail.


ORDERED this 29th day of June, 2020.



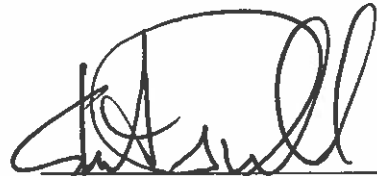
Hal Richards,
COUNTY JUDGE




Mike Hunt,
COMMISSIONER PCT. #1



Terry Barber,
COMMISSIONER PCT. #3



Skeet Phillips,
COMMISSIONER PCT. #2



Ken Cates,
COMMISSIONER PCT. #4

ATTEST: 
County Clerk, Laura Hughes
COUNTY JUDGE *by BSB*

