

RED RIVER COUNTY

DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
EXTENDED & AMENDED DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020, and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 was first detected in Wuhan, China in December 2019, and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death, and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, and

WHEREAS, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action for the protection of the people of Red River County, and

WHEREAS, the implementation of mitigation strategies can slow the transmission of the disease, and

WHEREAS, this Declaration activates the County's Emergency Management Plan, and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Red River County has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate the efficient, rapid, and cooperative response to the emergency,

THEREFORE, Be It Proclaimed by the County Judge of Red River County that:

1. A local state of disaster is hereby declared for Red River County pursuant to 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. The State of Disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of the declaration, unless continued or renewed by the Red River County Commissioners Court, pursuant to 418.108(b) of the Government Code.
3. This Declaration of a Local State of Disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk, pursuant to 418.108(c) of the Government Code.
4. This Declaration of a Local State of Disaster activates the Red River County Emergency Plan, pursuant to 418.108(d) of the Government Code.
5. This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.
6. This Declaration authorizes the County Judge to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the coronavirus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the County, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals and other hospitals, and ensuring compliance for those who do not comply with the County rules and directives.

7. That all Game Rooms shall be closed beginning at 11:59 P.M. on March 25, 2020, and continuing until such time as this Declaration of Disaster shall expire. Game Rooms, which are operated within other businesses, such as convenience stores and restaurants, may continue operations of those other businesses, pursuant to the President and Governor's proclamations, as long as all games are non-operational.
8. This Declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings of not more than 10 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings of more than 10 people until further notice. A gathering refers generally to a scheduled event, a common endeavor where 10 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area.
9. As of Monday, March 30th, effective at 10:00 P.M. a curfew is set in place from this date forward until further notice, for Red River County to begin each night at 10:00 P.M. until the following morning at 6:00 A.M.
10. In accordance with Texas Govt. Code 418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this Declaration commits an offense punishable by a fine up to \$1,000 or confinement in Jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.
11. This Declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.
12. This Declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and upon approval of the Commissioners Court shall continue in effect until terminated by the County Judge. Pursuant to this Declaration, additional directives may be issued by the County Judge as being necessary.

ORDERED on the 30th day of March, 2020.

SIGNED: _____


L.D. Williamson, County Judge