



DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of San Jacinto on the 16th day of March, 2020, has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect the widespread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY;

WHEREAS, the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, there are more than 30 confirmed cases of COVID-19 located in multiple Texas counties; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 50 Texans with pending tests for COVID-19 in Texas; and

WHEREAS, some schools, universities, and other governmental entities are beginning to alter their schedules, and some venues are beginning to temporarily close, as precautionary responses to the increasing presence of COVID-10 in Texas; and

WHEREAS, costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are beginning to mount at the State and local levels; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has already taken numerous steps to prepare for COVID-19, such as increasing laboratory texting capacity, coordinating preparedness efforts across state agencies, and working with local partners to promote appropriate mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Texans; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster will facilitate and expedite the use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response.

NOW THEREFORE I, FRITZ FAULKNER, COUNTY JUDGE of San Jacinto County, do hereby certify that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster. In accordance with the authority vested by the Texas Government Code Chapter 418, in me, I hereby declare a state of disaster for San Jacinto County, Texas, deems it in the public interest to issue the following orders:

- 1) Any event sponsored or permitted by a political subdivision in San Jacinto County shall cease.
- 2) Events greater than 50 persons at all publicly held facilities across San Jacinto County shall cease.
- 3) Any event greater than 50 persons held at private facilities is urged to cancel but should make those determinations within their organizations and with staff of those facilities.

- 4) Evens of 50 persons or more that would include any population at severe risk of severe illness should cease. The population at the greatest risk to anyone over the age of 65 and/or those with severe medical conditions as defined by CDC guidelines.
- 5) Nursing homes and senior living centers should limit visitation of the public within their facilities.
- 6) Restaurants, retail stores, private businesses, clubs or civic organizations and religious organizations to include churches, synagogues, mosques or other places of worship are urged to comply with the CDC guidelines related to 50 persons gathering in any one place or at one time. Retail stores who sell groceries or medical supplies are exempt.

This Order does not extend to law enforcement activities, emergency responses, court operations to include jury operations where necessary, and to all school districts or private school facilities within the jurisdiction of San Jacinto County.

All San Jacinto County Employees must report for work as required by their supervisors.

Effective immediately and through the duration of this Order, All San Jacinto County Employees shall cease any work related travel.

This Order shall take effect at 5:00 p.m., on March 17, 2020, and effective until March 25, 2020, until otherwise rescinded or extended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and the seal of San Jacinto County on this the 17 day of March, 2020.



Fritz Faulkner, County Judge

Attest: Dawn Wright
Dawn Wright, County Clerk

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Dawn Wright
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