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As most of you know, the City of Lufkin has amended the original Disaster Declaration effective at midnight on 03/28/2020.

Angelina County is reviewing the City of Lufkin's order as well as other orders from other jurisdictions. Our new modified order will go into effect on Monday 03/30/2020 11:59 a.m.

The modified order is being done because of the increase in symptoms and issues that our local healthcare providers are reporting. Hopefully this new order will help slow down the infection rate even more.

This is not a shelter in place order, because it doesn't shutter any more businesses or confines citizens to their homes.

"A shelter in place literally shuts down all but essential businesses and activities", says Angelina County Judge Don Lymbery. "What we are doing allows more movement."

Angelina County Emergency Management is in constant communications with ACCHD, The State of Texas and other surrounding jurisdictions to try and keep the citizens of Angelina County up to date on the progress of this deadly virus.



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AMENDED DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN ANGELINA COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated as 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, President Donald J. Trump has proclaimed the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency in the United States; and Governor Greg Abbott has declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, counties in close proximity of Angelina County, Smith, Rusk, Van Zandt, Gregg, and Montgomery counties all have positive tests of the COVID-19 Virus; and

WHEREAS, the County of Angelina on March 19, 2020 is under an imminent threat of a public health emergency due to the COVID-19 Virus which has been known to cause serious health problems and possible death if contracted; and

WHEREAS, costs incurred to prepare for and respond to COVID-19 are beginning to mount at the county level; and

WHEREAS, Angelina County has already taken significant measures to prepare for and prevent the spread of COVID-19; 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-19 in Texas; and

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

WHEREAS, A Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency in Angelina County was previously signed and filed with the Angelina County Clerk on March 19th, 2020;

WHEREAS, the original Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency in Angelina County was subsequently amended by the Angelina County Judge, on March 24, 2020, to did not include an Order imposing criminal penalties for violation of the orders and regulations imposed by the Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency in Angelina County, as amended on March 24, 2020, was subsequently continued and renewed until midnight (12:00 a.m.), on May 1, 2020, by Order of the Commissioners Court of Angelina County, Texas;

WHEREAS, the Angelina County Judge has now determined that the ongoing public health emergency in Angelina County, Texas requires that the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency in Angelina County be further amended to include additional restrictions and orders which are believed necessary to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Angelina County, Texas;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF ANGELINA COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, SIGNED AND FILED ON MARCH 19, 2020 AND AMENDED ON MARCH 24, 2020, IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Prior Regulations in Declaration of March 19, 2020. That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to the March 19, 2020 Declaration, as well as in the March 24, 2020 Amended Declaration, are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Angelina County Judge and made a part hereof for all purposes. All regulations and orders included in the March 19, 2020 Declaration, as previously amended on March 24, 2020, remain in effect, until rescinded in writing.

SECTION 2. Travel. All travel in Angelina County is prohibited except for purposes of traveling to and from employment, to engage in activities or perform tasks essential to health and safety, or to the health and safety of one's family or household members (e.g., to obtain groceries and necessary supplies, medical care, supplies or medication).

A. For purposes of this Order, travel to and from a restaurant's drive-in or drive-through services shall be considered travel "to obtain groceries or necessary supplies," provided Social Distancing Requirements are followed.

B. For purposes of this Order, travel to and from religious duties shall be considered travel "essential to health and safety," provided Social Distancing Requirements are followed.

SECTION 3. Social Distancing Requirements. For purposes of this Order Social Distancing Requirements include no gatherings of over 10 people, maintaining at least a six-foot distance from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.

SECTION 4. Businesses Open to the Public Must Enforce Certain Requirements. Any business in Angelina County open to the public must immediately develop a written plan for enforcement of the following requirements during the hours such business is open to the public:

- A. Procedure for maintaining at least a six-foot distance from other individuals, including outside the immediate entrance of the business, as well as inside the building;
- B. Procedures for ensuring the regular cleaning of high-touch surfaces within the business; and
- C. Procedures the business will use to enforce such requirements.

All grocery stores, warehouse stores, big-box stores, and convenience stores that sell food products and or household staples and hardware supplies must include, as an element of their respective plans, a means of limiting the number of customers in the business at one time, so that the above distancing requirement may be ensured.

Said written plan must be presented for immediate inspection to any peace officer who requests it.

SECTION 5. Employers Must Allow at Work Only Asymptomatic Employees. All employers within Angelina County must monitor, prior to the beginning of a workday or shift, each of their employees for the following symptoms common to COVID-19: fever, dry cough, shortness of breath. Only asymptomatic employees (those having none of the previous symptoms) may be allowed to remain at work. Employees who have any of the symptoms noted above must be sent home immediately and not allowed to return until they are free of such symptoms.

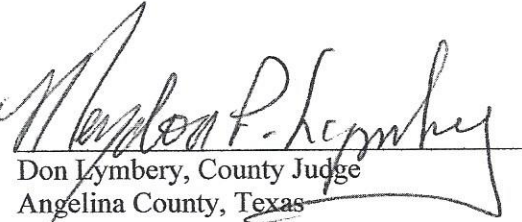
SECTION 6. Order & Penalties

- A. These emergency regulations shall have the effect of and constitute an Order adopted by the Angelina County Judge, under the local emergency management plan, when duly filed with the County Clerk. This Order is adopted in accordance with the authority vested in the Angelina County Judge by Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.
- B. Any orders, ordinances or regulations that conflict with these regulations are suspended or modified as necessary to make these regulations effective. Any person or entity who knowingly or intentionally violates this Order and commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 and confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

SECTION 7. That this Amended Emergency Regulations Order hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.

SECTION 8. That this Amended Declaration and the Amended Emergency Regulations Order contained herein **shall take effect at 11:59 a.m. on March 30, 2020**, and shall remain in effect until it is either rescinded, superseded, or amended, or until it expires pursuant to applicable law. The current expiration date is midnight (12:00 a.m.), on May 1, 2020.

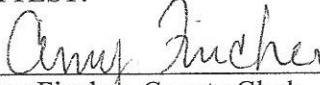
DECLARED and ORDERED, with amendments, this 29th day of March, 2020


Don Lymbery, County Judge
Angelina County, Texas

Filed this 29th day of March 2020 at
11:48 a.m.


Amy Fincher, County Clerk

ATTEST:


Amy Fincher, County Clerk
Angelina County, Texas



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AT 11:48 O'CLOCK A.M.

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