



COUNTY JUDGE
JACQUES L. BLANCHETTE

NO. _____ TIME 5:00 PM

MAR 19 2020

DONECE GREGORY, COUNTY CLERK
TYLER COUNTY, TEXAS

By _____ 

Amended Emergency Order

I, Jacques L. Blanchette, duly elected Judge of Tyler County, based on most recent information received from Federal and State authorities, Emergency Management personnel, and Public Health experts issue this ORDER REGARDING THE OCCUPANCY OF PREMISES THROUGHOUT TYLER COUNTY, TEXAS, INCLUDING MUNICIPALITIES:

Under the authority granted to me by Chapter 418, Texas Government Code, a **Disaster Declaration** has been issued effective March 19, 2020. Additionally, pursuant to Section 418.108(d) (g), Texas Government Code, I hereby issue the following orders in accordance with guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the President of the United States.

Events and Gatherings

1. Any event sponsored or permitted by Tyler County **shall** cease.
2. Public and private events and gatherings of greater than 10 persons **shall** cease.
3. Citizens gathering in groups of any size should practice social distancing of at least six feet apart and good hand hygiene.

Businesses / Restaurants

1. Restaurants **shall** close for dine-in services but may use delivery and take-out options. Bars **shall** close. Owners and managers **shall** insure that all cooks and food handlers are screened for illness prior to preparing food for sale.
2. Grocery and convenience stores are encouraged to remain open but citizens are urged to used curbside services to the greatest extent possible.

Nursing Homes / Care Facilities

Nursing homes and senior living centers **shall** limit visitation of the public within their facilities.

Curfew

It is hereby ORDERED that a twenty-four (24) hour curfew shall be in place immediately throughout Tyler County for all individuals under the age of 18 who are:

- a. not in school;
- b. not accompanied by school personnel, a parent or guardian; or
- c. not going directly to their place of employment or going directly home from that place employment.

School Districts / Educational Programs

School districts will suspend on-site academic instruction for the period of this order and will implement home-based flexible education programs. This order will not prohibit the preparation and distribution of meals within County boundaries, nor prohibit the essential administrative and maintenance operations of the District.

While there may be more than 10 people within the larger school building, school districts will comply with the regulation that no more than 10 people gather within any self-contained space, and all persons will comply with social-distancing . Citizens should contact their local school districts for more information.

Price Controls / Penalties

A person shall not sell any of the following goods or services for more than the price the person charged for the goods or services before March 12, 2020:

- a. groceries, beverages, toilet articles, ice, cleaning items, etc.;
- b. construction and building materials and supplies, and earthmoving equipment and machinery;
- c. electrical and gas generating and transmission equipment, parts and accessories;
- d. charcoal briquettes, matches, candles, lamp illumination and heat unit carbides, dry batteries, light bulbs, flashlights, and hand lanterns;
- e. hand tools (manual and power), hardware and household supplies, and equipment rental;
- f. automotive parts, supplies and accessories;
- g. plumbing and electrical tools and supplies;
- h. apartment, duplex, multi-family dwelling, rooming house, hotel and motel rental;
- i. gasoline, diesel oil, motor oil, kerosene,, grease, and automotive lubricants;
- j. restaurant, cafeteria and boarding house meals;
- k. services of roofing and building contractors, plumbers, electricians, mechanics, tree surgeons, and automobile wrecker companies;
- l. medicine, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment and supplies;
- m. blankets, quilts, bedspreads, bed liners, mattresses, bedsprings, bedsheets, bedsteads, towels, and toilet paper; and
- n. furniture and clothing.

These price control regulations **shall** have the effect of ordinances when duly filed with the County Clerk. **Any person who violates any provision of these regulations, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine of not more than FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) dollars.**

Exemptions

By this same authority, I hereby exempt the following classes of individuals from this Emergency Order, PROVIDED that employers are providing appropriate screenings of their employees for COVID-19 as outlined by the CDC, and sending those home who display such symptoms:

1. Those employees of hospitals, trauma centers, nursing homes, convalescent facilities or other healthcare providers who are essential for, and who are actively involved in providing medical treatment and/or housing for persons who are ill or infirm and who are not evacuated;
2. Those employees of Federal, State, and Local Governments, Political Subdivisions, and Special Purpose Districts who are deemed essential by their employer for law enforcement activities, emergency response operations, and including jury operations;

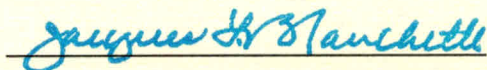
This order does NOT extend to law enforcement activities, emergency response operations, court operations, including jury operations, and to the Tyler County Hospital District.

The Mayor of each City within Tyler County shall determine the scope of operations of municipal employees.

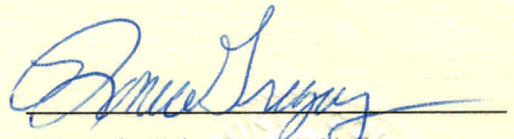
All Tyler County employees must report for work as required by their supervisors. All work-related travel of County employees shall cease.

This order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on March 20, 2020, and shall remain in effect for 30 days, and may be extended as needed.

In accordance with Government Code Section 418.108(h), after a declaration of local disaster by the County Judge, the jurisdiction and authority of the County Judge includes the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County. Under Government Code 418.173, violations of the declaration of disaster and orders may be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or imprisonment in the jail not to exceed 180 days.



Jacques L. Blanchette, County Judge



Attested: Tyler County Clerk

Executed on March 19, 2020 Time 5:00 PM

