

**EXECUTIVE ORDER
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

Whereas, beginning in December 2019, a Novel Coronavirus now designated SARS-COV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through out the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

Whereas, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, shortness in breath and death in some of the cases, and

Whereas, the COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between those individuals who are in close contact with another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes;

Whereas, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent the spread throughout La Salle County, Texas that include banning individuals, groups of individuals or property to undergo additional measures that prevent the control of the disease;

Whereas, said State of Disaster requires certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 418;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF LA SALLE COUNTY, TEXAS;

1. That a state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for La Salle County, Texas pursuant to section 418.108 (a) of Texas Government Code:
2. That, pursuant to section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than 7 days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of La Salle County;
3. That pursuant to section 418.108 (d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed with the County and District Clerk;
4. That pursuant to section 418.108 (d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the La Salle County Texas Emergency Management Plan;
5. Whereas in addition to Governor Greg Abbot declaration of closure of all bars and restaurants or going to gyms (take out, delivery and drive though are still allowed),

visitation to all nursing homes and long term care facilities and closure of all schools until April 3, 2020 at midnight including the gathering where 10 people or more are expected to attend or congregate are hereby prohibited including but not limited to: Privately operated game rooms, County parks, county owned practice fields and county pool;

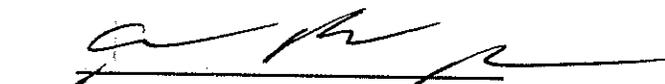
6. Whereas in working with local business and in order to provide the need to have sufficient staples for residents during this pandemic, the local grocery store will provide dedicated time from 7:00 am to 8:00 am to senior residents to purchase at the LOWES Store, where as the County EMT staff will provide temperature testing and screening to all patrons at the Lowes Grocery Store, any patron with signs of illness will not be allowed in the store, however, employees will work with the patron to provide the needed staples and requested items to tend to the need of the patron;
7. Whereas, the County of La Salle will be providing Commercial Sterilization of places using an EPA approved contractor to provide decontamination of high traffic areas in the County including the Courthouse, Jails, Public Buildings, Kitchens and commercial establishments providing food or food products exempt by this declaration or any other declaration by Federal, State or local authorities;
8. Where as a curfew will be from:
8:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday to Friday
10:00 pm on Monday to Thursday and Sunday
12:00 am on Friday and Saturday,
for all people under the age of 18 unless they are supervised by the parent, grand parents or legal guardian;
9. Whereas, all county personnel over 65 will be sent home for 7 days, to include any county employee with Cancer, immune deficiency or in remission and any employee that is pregnant or mother with newborn child less than 1 year of age;
10. Whereas all county offices with the exception of Justice of the Peace#2 in Encinal, remain open; however, each office will only be allowed 2 taxpayers to be served at a time for each office, the county will take a temperature reading for all persons entering the Courthouse, county time clocks will not be used;
11. Whereas County Jails will be screening defendants to help prevent infection of the local jails, any defendant meeting systems set for by the CDC will be referred to Frio Regional Hospital for further screening;
12. Whereas the County of La Salle has closed its indoor dining for services provided to its elderly population over 60 years of age but will be providing home delivered meals to elderly patrons of the La Salle County Elderly Nutrition Center, any elderly without the

care of a home provider may contact the Elderly Nutrition Center for home delivered meals during this period of pandemic,

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 418.173, A PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY OR INTENTIONALLY VIOLATES THIS ORDER COMMITS AN OFFENSE PUNISHIBLE BY A FINE UP TO \$1000 OR CONFINEMENT IN JAIL FOR A TERM NOT TO EXCEED 180 DAYS.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDER IS FOR EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE MEASURES, MITIGATION PROCEDURES AND RESPONSE PLANS TO THIS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. CAPTIAN SEAN WALLACE, EMT FIREMAN IS THE DESIGNATED PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE FOR THE COUNTY OF LA SALLE (830-202-4322)

IN TESTIMONY, WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SIGNED MY NAME AND HAVE OFFICIALLY CAUSED THE COUNTY SEAL TO BE AFFIXED AT MY OFFICE IN THE COUNTY OF LA SALLE THIS 19TH DAY OF MARCH 2020. EFFECTIVE UPON SIGNITURE AND LASTING UNTIL MIDNIGHT MARCH 27, 2020.


COUNTY JUDGE JOEL RODRIGUEZ
LA SALLE COUNTY JUDGE

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MARGARITA A. ESQUEDA COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK LA SALLE COUNTY, TEXAS	
BY <i>Mariana Villarreal</i>	DEPUTY