

**WILLACY COUNTY AND CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE,  
CITY OF LYFORD, AND CITY OF SAN PERLITA**

**JOINT ORDER, DECLARATION AND PROCLAMATION REGARDING PUBLIC AND  
PRIVATE GATHERINGS, OCCUPANCY OF PREMISES, RECOMMENDATIONS,  
AND PENALTIES DUE TO COVID-19 FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the County Judge for Willacy County, Texas issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19; thereby activating the Willacy County Emergency Management Plan;

WHEREAS, this Joint Order, Declaration, and Proclamation Regarding Public and Private Gatherings, Occupancy of Premises, Recommendations, and Penalties Due to COVID-19 for Public Health and Safety serves as a Supplemental Emergency Management Order and Recommendation for Willacy County;

WHEREAS, the County and City Leaders of Willacy County, Raymondville, Lyford, and San Perlita have deemed it necessary to provide one order, declaration, and proclamation for Willacy County residents for purposes of simplicity and to demonstrate unity by our leaders during this crisis; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Willacy County and the Mayors of the Cities of Raymondville, Lyford and San Perlita have determined that these additional measures must be taken to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Willacy County, Texas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, DECLARED, AND PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AND BY THE MAYORS OF RAYMONDVILLE, LYFORD, AND SAN PERLITA THAT:

SECTION I

1. Restaurants will be allowed to remain open for business only for take-out or delivery to include curbside delivery, curbside to go, and drive thru services. Restaurants that have a mixed beverage license may sell beer, wine, and mixed beverages with food for take-out or deliver only. For purposes of this Order, this section also applies to gas stations or other businesses that provide or sell food. Dining on premises is prohibited.
2. Hotels are required to completely sanitize all touch surfaces before check in and in individual rooms.
3. All businesses, churches, and places of worship will limit groups to 10 persons or less and will institute social distancing of a minimum space of six feet of separation between people other than during incidental and momentary passing, such as in grocery stores, pharmacies, clinics and government agencies. For purposes of this Order, "grocery stores" includes pet food stores, gas stations, or food pantries that provide or sell food products or household staples.

4. Gas Stations must sanitize the self-service portions of the equipment at a minimum every hour, preferably after each service.
5. Child and adult day care centers shall remain closed, as previously ordered.
6. For any gathering of 10 people or less, the County Judge and the Mayors strongly encourage social distancing.

## SECTION II

This Order does not apply to those conducting essential functions for the critical infrastructure for Willacy County; however, even in these settings, the County Judge and the Mayors strongly encourage social distancing, providing hand sanitizer and tissues, and increasing cleaning of commonly and frequently touched surfaces.

1. "Critical Infrastructure" is defined as all public and private facilities and assets, including physical and cyber systems, and other functions and sectors vital to the security, governance, public health, safety, and economic continuity of Willacy County. Critical Infrastructure, includes but is not limited to the following:
  - a. banking and financial institutions;
  - b. transit and transit facilities, equipment, and facilities;
  - c. power, water, telecommunication, natural gas, and public utilities;
  - d. information and communications, including press;
  - e. emergency services;
  - f. public health and medical services;
  - g. fire and law enforcement;
  - h. public works;
  - i. agriculture and food;
  - j. sanitation services; and
  - k. government buildings.

## SECTION III

All County and City parks will continue to be closed.

Gatherings throughout the County and Cities, in both public and private locations shall be limited to no more than 10 persons pursuant to CDC guidelines.

## SECTION IV

A violation of this order is a violation of the emergency management plans of the County and Cities. A person who violates any provision of this order may be punishable by a fine of up to \$500 per violation and additional amounts as authorized by law. The Willacy County Sheriff's Office, the Willacy County Fire Marshal's Office, the City of Raymondville Police Department, the City of Lyford Police Department, and other peace officers, are hereby authorized to enforce this order. A violation of this order may be punishable through civil enforcement. A violation of this order may be enforced by issuing a citation to the person violating, that contains written notice of the time and place the person must appear before a magistrate of this state, the name and address of the person charged, and the violation.


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SECTION V

This Order is effective as of 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, and continuing until terminated or modified by a subsequent Order by the County Judge of Willacy County, Texas.

If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remainder of this Order and its application.

ORDERED this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020.


  
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Aurelio Guerra, County Judge  
Willacy County, Texas

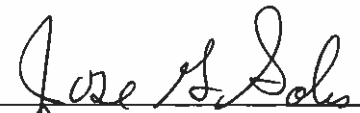
ATTEST:

  
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Susan Garza, County Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy Clerk


IN CONJUNCTION WITH:

  
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Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor  
City of Raymondville, Texas

  
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Jose G. "Wally" Solis, Mayor  
City of Lyford, Texas

  
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George M. Guadiana, Mayor  
City of San Perlita, Texas

ATTEST:

  
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Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Secretary  
City of Raymondville

ATTEST:

  
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Lydia C. Moreno, City Secretary  
City of Lyford

ATTEST:

  
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Jade Quiroga, City Secretary  
City of San Perlita