



SEVENTH ORDER - DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
KCDD - 7

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

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization ("WHO") declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020 and Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO's Director-General, declared the COVID-19 can be characterized as a worldwide pandemic on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108 (Texas Disaster Act of 1975), Kendall County Judge Darrel L. Lux issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 16, 2020, due to a novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, I, Darrel L. Lux, Kendall County Judge, have issued several orders relating to and subsequent to the disaster declaration on March 16, 2020, certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster for Kendall County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020, Governor Abbott issued an Executive Order reopening certain businesses in Texas for in-person services so long as certain workplace safety rules are followed; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2020, Governor Abbott issued a Proclamation Amending paragraph 5 of Executive Order 26 reducing the number of outdoor gatherings from 500 to 100 that Mayors and County Judges can impose additional restrictions on; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2020 Governor Abbott announced that the State of Texas will pause any further phases to reopen Texas as the state responds to the recent increase in positive COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2020 Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA-27 postponing all surgeries and procedures that are not medically necessary to diagnose or correct a serious medical condition of, or to preserve the life of a patient in four (4) counties in Texas that currently have high rates of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the transmission of COVID-19 has not dissipated but remains a significant threat to the health and safety of the Kendall County Community and rates of infection are increasing at an alarming rate and the number of people ending up in the hospital, ICU, or on ventilators is also dramatically rising despite efforts by local authorities to control the spread; and

WHEREAS, this Order is necessary to stress the importance to EVERYONE that it is time to unite to protect the lives, health and financial welfare of Kendall County and the State of Texas. It seems as though every day we take a step backward towards devastation instead of forward towards prosperity.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Darrel L. Lux, County Judge of Kendall County, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and in accordance with guidance from the Kendall County Health Authority as well as additional input from medical, business and government staff as well as other Elected Officials in Kendall County, do hereby Order as follows:

- I. Effective Friday, July 3, 2020 at 12:01 AM the commercial entities known as Loves Travel Stop and all businesses located upon its premises at 43 US Highway 87, Comfort, Texas 78013; Home Depot located at 633 West Bandera Rd., Boerne, Texas 78006; HEB located at 420 West Bandera Road, Boerne, Texas 78006; and, Walmart located at 1381 S. Main St. Boerne, Texas 78006; whether they have public contact or not must implement a “Health and Safety Policy” that provides for requiring Face Coverings and Social Distancing Protocols. This Policy must be posted in a conspicuous place on the outside of the business to alert all who enter the business of the policy.**
- II. Effective Friday, July 3, 2020 at 12:01 AM all Kendall County facilities, including Kendall County Courthouses must implement a “Health and Safety Policy” that provides for requiring Face Coverings and Social Distancing Protocols in areas typically accessible to the public. This Policy must be posted in a conspicuous place on the outside of the facility to alert all who enter of the policy.**
- III. All individuals over the age of ten (10), including employees, customers, visitors, invitees and contractors who are in public and/or entering a place of business listed at I. and II. shall use all reasonable efforts to comply with the Face Coverings and Social Distancing Protocols of businesses or facilities.**
- IV. Effective Friday, July 3, 2020 at 12:01 AM all other “Commercial Entities” whether they have public contact or not are strongly urged to implement a “Health and Safety Policy” pertaining to Face Coverings and Social Distancing Protocols. This Policy should be posted in a conspicuous place on the outside of the business to alert all who enter the business of the policy.**

*Face Coverings may include homemade masks, scarfs, bandanas, or a handkerchief.

This Order acknowledges that face coverings are not “reasonable” in all situations such as:

- When eating or drinking,
- Driving alone or with passengers who are part of the same household as the driver
- When doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety or security risk
- When operating outdoor equipment
- While outside or engaging in physical activity outside
- While in a building or activity that requires security surveillance or screening, such as a bank.

Please note that face coverings are a secondary strategy to other mitigation efforts. Face coverings are not a replacement for social distancing, frequent handwashing, and self-isolation when sick. All individuals should follow CDC recommendations for how to wear and care for face coverings.

Residents should keep up the following habits while in public:

- Washing hand before you leave home and when you return
- Staying at least six feet away from others
- Avoiding touching your face
- Not using disposable masks more than three times, and
- Washing reusable cloth masks regularly to prevent the spread of the virus.

***For a sample “Health and Safety Policy” or a “notice template”, please see www.co.kendall.tx.us**

VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE IS REQUESTED, NEEDED AND EXPECTED FROM EVERYONE.

Given under my hand this the 30th day of June, 2020.



Darrel L. Lux
Kendall County Judge

Health and Safety Policy

The virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms. Because of the hidden nature of this threat, it is the policy of this business to require the following:

1. **FACE COVERING REQUIRED IN ORDER TO ENTER AND REMAIN ON PREMISES.**
All persons over the age of ten (10), including employees, customers, visitors, invitees and contractors ("Patrons"), who enter this business must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth, such as a homemade mask, scarf, bandana, or handkerchief. • The requirement of a face covering does not apply if covering the nose and mouth poses a significant mental or physical health risk to the individual. • The requirement of a face covering also does not apply when an individual is consuming a food or beverage or receiving a service where the wearing of a mask would impair the performance of the service.
2. **SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS.** Even with the use of appropriate face coverings, individuals should maintain six feet of social distancing whenever possible.
 - Employees should not work within six (6) feet of one another, except to the extent necessary to provide services.
 - Patrons should maintain six (6) feet of separation from other individuals outside their household, to the extent feasible when inside the business premises.
 - Patrons of the business queuing or waiting inside or on the premises of the business must maintain six (6) feet of separation from other individuals outside their household.
3. **VIOLATIONS.** Patrons who do not wear a face covering will be asked to leave the premises and will not be provided goods or services until the face covering requirements are followed.
4. **NOTICE AND SIGNAGE.** Notice of this Health and Safety Policy will be posted in a conspicuous location of the business.



KENDALL COUNTY
FACE COVERINGS
AND/OR MASKS

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As Required By Kendall County

Requerido en el Condado Kendall