

**WORK SAFE, STAY HOME AMENDMENT 1
TO COUNTY JUDGE ORDER NO. 8
BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS**

DATE ISSUED: April 30, 2020

WHEREAS, this Amendment 1 is intended to clarify County Judge Order No. 8; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge hereby clarifies that all public or private gatherings occurring outside a single household or single-family living unit remain prohibited unless specifically exempted under this Order; and face coverings are mandated but civil or criminal penalties will not be imposed on individuals for failure to wear a face covering; and

WHEREAS, all other provisions in County Judge Order No. 8 issued on April 29, 2020 that have not been amended shall remain in full force and effect; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, COUNTY JUDGE FOR EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER:

SECTION 1 shall be deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following:

SECTION 1. SOCIAL GATHERING. Effective Friday, May 1, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. MDT and pursuant to Governor's Executive Order GA-18, all people in El Paso County **are prohibited from socially gathering.** See Exhibit A, County Judge Order No. 8. People over the age of 65, however, are strongly encouraged to stay at home as much as possible; to maintain appropriate distance from any member of the household who has been out of the residence in the previous 14 days; and if leaving home, to implement social distancing and to practice good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation. See Exhibit B, County Judge Order No. 8.

ALL PUBLIC OR PRIVATE GATHERINGS OCCURRING OUTSIDE A SINGLE HOUSEHOLD OR SINGLE-FAMILY LIVING UNIT ARE PROHIBITED UNLESS SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED UNDER THIS ORDER. MEMBERS OF A HOUSEHOLD OR SINGLE-FAMILY UNIT MAY GATHER CONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDER.

- a. **Social Distancing.** To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they shall, to the greatest extent feasible, maintain Social Distancing of at least six feet from any person who is not from the same household, consistent with the Social Distancing Requirements, as defined in this Section. For purposes of this Order Social Distancing Requirements include maintaining at least six-foot Social Distancing from other individuals not from the same household, washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.
- b. **Face Covering Requirement.** Because an infected person can transmit the COVID-19 virus to others before showing any symptoms, the covering of a person's nose and mouth is necessary to help slow the spread of the virus. When leaving one's residence, all persons over the age of two

(2) are required to wear some form of covering over their nose and mouth, such as a homemade mask, scarf, bandana, or handkerchief, except when:

- i. alone in a separate single space, whether indoor or outdoor,
- ii. in the presence only of other members of one's household or residence whether inside or outside the residence,
- iii. when doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety, or security risk, or
- iv. when engaged in outdoor activity to promote individual health, such as, by way of example biking, walking, or running provided the individuals comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this Order.
- v. when patronizing a dine-in restaurant, as long as the requirements for dine-in restaurants included in this Order and **Exhibit H**, County Judge Order No.8.

Parents and guardians of children over the age of two (2) shall be responsible for appropriately masking children when outside their residence.

All non-residents in nursing homes, state-supported living centers, assisted living facilities, and long-term care facilities shall wear a fabric face covering as provided for by this Order (Face Covering). See **Exhibit C**, County Judge Order No. 8.

Wearing a face covering is not a substitute for maintaining 6-feet social distancing and hand-washing, as these remain important steps to slowing the spread of the virus.

Employers, as described in this Order, (this shall include all offices and departments for El Paso County) must require employees to have a face covering when in an area or performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers or the public where six feet of separation from other individuals is not feasible.

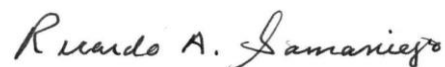
IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU NOT OBTAIN OR WEAR MEDICAL GRADE MASKS or N-95 RESPIRATORS AS THEY ARE A NEEDED RESOURCE FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS. Our healthcare workers and first responders on the front-line combating COVID-19 must have priority access to medical grade masks or other personal protective equipment.

2. Face Covering Requirements. Any reference in County Judge Order No. 8 to the encouragement, recommendation, or urging of face coverings shall be replaced with a requirement to wear face coverings, except as permitted in this Order.

Except as amended herein, the April 29th, 2020 County Judge Order No. 8 shall otherwise remain in full force and effect unless superseded by a conflicting state or federal law or order.

ORDERED this the 30th day of April of, 2020.

COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS



Ricardo A .Samaniego,
El Paso County Judge