

CORYELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

ORDER NO. 2022-30

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STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF CORYELL §

Janifer F. Newton
COUNTY CLERK, CORYELL CO., TEXAS

ORDER EXTENDING DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER (COVID)

WHEREAS, the County Judge of Coryell County issued a Declaration of Local Disaster on March 13, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Coryell County approved and extended an amended Declaration of Local Disaster on March 23, April 3, April 27, May 26, June 23, July 27, August 24, September 28, October 27, and, December 8, 2020, and February 9, April 13, June 8, August 10, October 12, December 14, 2021, and February 22, April 12, June 14, August 9, and October 11, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the threat of a widespread outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) still exists within Coryell County and presents a threat to the health, welfare and safety of all County residents; and,

WHEREAS, there is a necessity to administer grant funding to respond to current and future responses to COVID-19, and to support economic recovery and improvements to critical infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, there is a need to protect our local and regional healthcare resources which have been strained to include a shortage of ICU beds throughout the Central Texas region and across the State; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is still under a Disaster Proclamation originally issued by Governor Abbott on March 13, 2020; and,

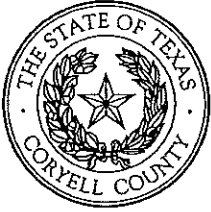
WHEREAS, Governor Abbott has issued 40 Executive Orders, to date, in an effort to manage the fluid dynamics this historic pandemic has presented; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 418, the Commissioners Court of the County must consent to the continuance of a Declaration of Local Disaster; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners Court of Coryell County that the Declaration of a Local Disaster is hereby continued until 11:59pm on February 15, 2023; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Court that:

1. All previous orders of the Coryell County Judge and this Court, relating to the Coronavirus pandemic, are superseded by this order.



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2. Coryell Healthcare Systems Hospital may conduct COVID-19 test collection on anyone having been declared deceased in Coryell County and that Funeral Homes operating within Coryell County shall cooperate with the efforts of Coryell Healthcare Systems Hospital in their efforts to collect the necessary swab or oral secretions.
3. All citizens residing in, visiting, or traveling through Coryell County shall comply with this order and the Executive Orders issued by the Governor of the State of Texas.
4. All citizens residing in, visiting, or traveling through Coryell County are strongly encouraged to comply with the guidelines for personal and public health standards as defined by the National Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). These guidelines stress four core elements – get vaccinated for COVID-19, wear a face covering in public, maintain social distancing, wash your hands frequently.
5. Every business, service provider, and organization operating in Coryell County shall retain the right to refuse service to any customer or patron who they feel is not in compliance with the minimum standard health protocols recommended by the DSHS or CDC. Businesses, service providers, and organizations may require customers to follow additional hygiene measures or protocols.
6. All citizens are encouraged to participate and engage in outdoor/recreational activities so long as necessary precautions are taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household.
7. This order is consistent with the Executive Orders issued by the Governor of the State of Texas and does not prohibit people from safely engaging in daily activities.

PASSED and APPROVED this 13th day of December 2022, by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

APPROVED:



ROGER A MILLER
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:



JENNIFER NEWTON
COUNTY CLERK