

**FLOYD COUNTY TEXAS
COMMISSIONER COURT DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER
DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe illness and cause further complications including death; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 virus mainly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Floyd County, Texas, is taking extraordinary measures to prevent the spread of this potentially devastating disease in our community; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That a local state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for Floyd County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 2. That pursuant to Section 418.108(c) 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 promptly with the County Clerk.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to Section 418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Floyd County, Texas, emergency management plan, and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the declaration.

SECTION 4. That this declaration authorizes the County to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the County, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals, and insuring compliance for those who do not comply with the County's rules and directives.

SECTION 5. That this declaration hereby limits the size of gatherings to not more than 50 people and mandates the cancellation of all such gatherings of more than 50 people until further notice. A "gathering" refers generally to a scheduled event or common endeavor where 50 persons are present in a confined space, room, or area.

SECTION 6. That this declaration does not include hospitals, medical clinics, licensed assisted living centers and licensed nursing care facilities.

SECTION 7. That in accordance with Texas Government Code §418.173, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates this declaration commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.

SECTION 8. That this declaration hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.


SECTION 9. That this declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance and shall continue in effect until **11:59 PM on Sunday, March 29, 2020** or until terminated by the County Judge. Pursuant to this declaration, additional directives may be issued by the County Judge at any time as deemed necessary.

DECLARED this 18th day of March, 2020 by the authority granted the Floyd County, Texas Commissioners Court.

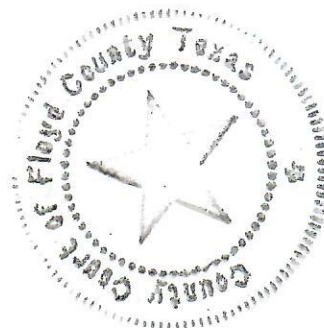


**Marty Lucke, County Judge
Floyd County, Texas**

Attest:




**Ginger Morgan, County Clerk
Floyd County, Texas**



Declared by the Floyd County, Texas Commissioners Court on a motion by Commissioner Tanner Smith, a second by Commissioner Nathan Johnson and called vote of 5 years, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

FILED
at 8:20 o'clock A.M.

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**GINGER MORGAN, COUNTY CLERK
FLOYD COUNTY, TEXAS
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