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FOURTH AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDER

Orange County Judge John Gothia issued his Fourth Amended Emergency Order and separate addenda thereto which have incorporated the emergency orders issued by the Governor. Recognizing the authority of the Governor, pursuant to Chapter 418, Texas Government Code, and to avoid confusion, I am issuing the following Orders:

WHEREAS, the Executive Orders of the Governor are closely identical to the orders of the County Judge, John H. Gothia, as the Orange County Director of Emergency Management, pursuant to Section 418.108, Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott has ordered that "except where necessary to provide or obtain essential services, we are to minimize social gatherings and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household and that in providing or obtaining essential services, people and businesses should follow the Guidelines from the President and the Centers for Disease Control and the Cyber-Infrastructure Agency implementing social distancing and sanitation and cleanliness protocols.

NOW, THEREFORE I, JOHN H. GOTHIA, COUNTY JUDGE OF ORANGE COUNTY, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 418, AND IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 HEREBY FURTHER ORDER:

Therefore, based upon the guidance of Governor Abbott's orders; this order supersedes all of my previous Emergency Orders and Addenda and they are amended to provide:

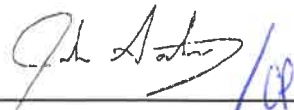
1. All current orders of the Governor shall control the conduct of the citizens of Orange County and a copy of all orders of the Governor are included (reference link below) and incorporated herein fully for guidance; and
2. All persons who test positive for the coronavirus are ordered to follow the directives of the Local Health Authority regarding self-isolation; and
3. The penalty for violating any portion of these Emergency Orders shall be punishable by a fine that does not exceed \$1,000.00.

I HEREBY ADOPT ALL CURRENT AND FUTURE ORDERS OF THE GOVERNOR, WHICH SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE AND IN EFFECT UNLESS AND UNTIL HE SHALL AMEND OR TERMINATE SAME.

If you have any questions regarding this you may call Orange County Judges Office at (409) 882-7070.

This order shall take effect at **1:00pm, Monday, April 27, 2020**, and shall remain in effect until amended or terminated.

Signed this 27th day of April, 2020.



John H. Gothia
Orange County Judge

The material listed below is intended for informational purposes associated with this Order:

Joint 'Guidance for Houses of Worship during the COVID-19 Crisis' issued by Governor Greg Abbott and Attorney General Kent Paxton on April 21, 2020:

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/sites/default/files/images/admin/2020/Press/AG%20Guidance%20for%20Houses%20of%20Worship%20During%20the%20COVID-19%20Crisis.pdf>

All Executive Orders issued by Governor Greg Abbott are located at the Legislative Reference Library of Texas:

<https://lrl.texas.gov/legLeaders/governors/displayDocs.cfm?govdoctypeID=5&governorID=45>

Guidance and information concerning the COVID-19 Coronavirus Outbreak issued by the U.S. Federal Government can be found on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19>

Guidance and information concerning the COVID-19 Pandemic issued by the State of Texas can be found on the Texas Department of State Health Services website:

<https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>

The latest version (3.0) of 'Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce' issued by the US Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency can be found here:

[https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Version 3.0 CISA Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers 4.pdf](https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/Version%203.0%20CISA%20Guidance%20on%20Essential%20Critical%20Infrastructure%20Workers%204.pdf)