

**AMENDED ORDER OF
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY**

April 23,
DATE ORDER ISSUED ~~March 19,~~ 2020

WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, 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, on March 19, 2020, stating that extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Collingsworth County, the County Judge of Collingsworth County issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster for Collingsworth County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the Collingsworth County Commissioners Court issued an Order of Continuance of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Collingsworth County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster until 12 p.m. on April 24, 2020, unless rescinded by order of the Commissioners Court; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2020, the Collingsworth County Commissioners Court issued an Order of Continuance of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Collingsworth County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster until 12 p.m. on May 31, 2020, unless rescinded by order of the Commissioners Court; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has acknowledged that cities and counties may need to enact more stringent measures to address this public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the 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 AND ORDERED BY THE JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF CHILDRESS:

1. That a state of disaster is declared for the county of Collingsworth .
2. That the County's Emergency Management Plan has been implemented.
3. That this state of disaster shall continue for a period until May 30, 2020, or
or until disaster has ended unless extended continued by consent of the Commissioners Court of
the County of Collingsworth , Texas.
4. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.
5. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President, Governor and the CDC, every person in Texas
shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
6. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President, Governor and the CDC, people shall avoid
eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts or visiting gyms or massage parlors, and
game rooms; provided however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed
and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order.
7. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President, Governor and the CDC, people shall not visit
nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
8. In accordance with the Guidelines from the President, Governor and the CDC, schools shall
temporarily close.

ORDERED this the 23 day of April, 2020.


John James Collingsworth County Judge

