

CITY OF PORT ARANSAS

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF CITY MAYOR

ISSUED 7-1-2020

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Port Aransas Mayor declared a state of local disaster due to imminent threat arising from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, there currently still exists a declaration of public health disaster in and for the State of Texas as declared by Texas Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS); and

WHEREAS, the transmission of COVID-19 has not dissipated but remains a significant threat to the health and safety of the Port Aransas Community.

I hereby issue the following Order.

Effective as of 12:01 p.m. on Thursday, the 2nd day of July, 2020 ("Effective Date"), and continuing through 11:59 p.m. on July 10th, 2020 unless extended, modified or terminated earlier or as otherwise indicated below:

Effective immediately and continuing until July 10, 2020, 11:59 p.m., unless extended, modified, amended, rescinded or superseded by the County Judge:

1. **Commercial Entities.** All Businesses that provide goods or services directly to the public in Port Aransas. Commercial Entities for purposes of this Order do not include constructions sites or places of business that do not directly interact with the public. Commercial Entities include retail stores, restaurants, water parks, medical offices, law offices, business offices, gyms, and such other Commercial Entities.
2. **Facial Covering Required.** For the Health and Safety Practices of all, Commercial Entities, except religious services, must require that all employees and visitors inside a Commercial Entities' business premises wear face coverings when in a space that will necessarily involve close contact (areas where six (6) feet of separation is not feasible) with others – excepting family members. Areas where six (6) feet of separation is not feasible include public spaces and common spaces.
3. **Facial Covering Recommended.** It is recommended to all places of worship that their Health and Safety Practices document encourage employees and visitors to wear face coverings when in close contact (areas where six (6) feet of separation is not feasible) with other – excepting family members.
4. Face coverings do not need to be worn when doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety, or security risk to the person. For example, face coverings do not need to be worn by a person who has a medical condition that makes it unsafe for him or her to wear a face covering, or by a person whose treating physician deems wearing of a face mask to be unsafe.
5. The owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public

asking for a copy. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order.

6. Any peace officer or other person with lawful authority is hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this Order in accordance with the authority granted under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 and the Nueces County Emergency Management Plan and in accordance with the limitations contained in the executive orders of the Texas Governor.
7. This Order of Mayor Charles Bujan applies to all incorporated areas of Port Aransas. To the extent of a conflict between orders of Nueces County Judge Barbara Canales and a mayor of any city within the geographic boundaries of Nueces County, the decisions set forth in the County Judge's Order shall prevail (to the fullest extent allowed by law pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108(h)).

ORDERED this 1st day of July, 2020.



Charles Bujan, Mayor