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AMENDED ORDER AFFECTING THE OCCUPANCY OF PREMISES THROUGHOUT MONTGOMERY COUNTY

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Montgomery County Judge Mark J. Keough signed an order affecting the occupancy of premises throughout Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, said order went into effect at midnight on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a local disaster declaration was declared on March 12, 2020, ratified and extended for 30 days by a duly called Emergency Meeting of Commissioners Court on the same day, and both similar State of Texas and Federal disaster declarations were issued on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus is contagious and spreads through person-to-person contact, especially in group settings; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued guidance to all Americans, requesting gatherings of 50 persons or more to cease for the next eight weeks on March 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, an emerging public health emergency does currently exist and is expected to worsen, where Montgomery County desires to slow down and prevent the spread of COVID-19 throughout Montgomery County; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, COUNTY JUDGE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, HEREBY AMEND AND ORDER:

Effective as of 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020 and continuing until April 12, 2020, unless terminated or modified by an order, the County Judge of Montgomery County, Texas, deems it in the public interest to issue the following order(s):

- 1) Any event sponsored or permitted by a political subdivision in Montgomery County shall cease.
- 2) Events greater than 50 persons at all publicly held facilities across Montgomery County shall cease.
- 3) Any event greater than 50 persons held at private facilities is urged to cancel but should make those determinations within their organizations and with staff of those facilities.



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- 4) Events of 50 persons or more that would include any population at severe risk of severe illness should cease. The population at the greatest risk is anyone over the age at 65 and/or those with severe medical conditions as defined by CDC guidelines.
- 5) Nursing homes and senior living centers should limit visitation of the public within their facilities.
- 6) Restaurants, retail stores, private businesses, clubs or civic organizations and religious organizations to include churches, synagogues, mosques or other places of worship are urged to comply with the CDC guidelines related to 50 persons gathering in any one place or at one time. Retail stores who sale groceries or medical supplies are exempt.

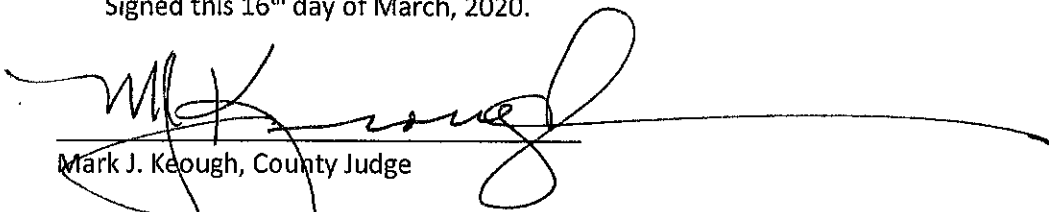
This order does NOT extend to law enforcement activities, emergency responses, court operations to include jury operations where necessary, and to all school districts or private school facilities within the jurisdiction of Montgomery County.

All Montgomery County Employees must report for work as required by their supervisors.

Effective immediately and through the duration of this order, all Montgomery County employees shall cease any work related travel.

This order shall take effect at 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2020 and extend until April 12, 2020 until otherwise rescinded or extended.

Signed this 16th day of March, 2020.



Mark J. Keough, County Judge

Witnessed: 
