



**Jim Wells County Order of Continuance of Declaration of Local  
Disaster for Public Health Emergency  
Revised Order and Directive Issued May 11, 2020  
Third Amended Order  
(Supersedes Prior Orders)**

WHEREAS, beginning in 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARSCoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, coughing, and shortness of breath. In some cases the virus has caused death; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Jim Wells County has determined extraordinary measures must be taken to contain, mitigate, and prevent the spread of Covid-19 in Jim Wells County and to facilitate the efficient, rapid, and cooperative response to the emergency; and

WHEREAS, Jim Wells County has issued several Orders since the extension of the Disaster Declaration under the authority of Section 418 of the Texas Government Code that authorizes the County Judge "to control ingress and egress to and from a disaster area and the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in the area",

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS OF JIM WELLS COUNTY THAT:

1. A local state of disaster was declared for Jim Wells County by Jim Wells County Judge Juan Rodriguez, Jr., pursuant to Sec. 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, on March 14, 2020.

2. On March 20, 2020, the local state of disaster was continued by Order with the consent of the Jim Wells County Commissioners.
3. On March 27, 2020, the local state of disaster was continued with the consent of the Jim Wells County Commissioners and a First Amended order was issued.
4. On April 24, 2020, the local state of disaster was continued with the consent of the Jim Wells County Commissioners and a Second Amended order was issued.
5. Jim Wells County hereby extends and continues the local state of disaster with the consent of the Jim Wells County Commissioners by way of this **Third Amended Order**.
6. This Continuance of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
7. This Continuance of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency affirms the activation of the Jim Wells County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster.
8. On April 27, 2020, and thereafter, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Orders No. GA-18 (superseding GA-16), GA-21 and GA-22 all relating to the expanded reopening of services as part of the strategic plan to Open Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster.
9. Beginning May 12, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., the provisions of Executive Order No. GA-18 (superseding GA-16), GA-21 and GA-22 and any subsequent, related Executive Orders of Governor Abbott pertaining to COVID-19 shall govern the conduct of individuals and businesses in Jim Wells County, Texas, during the COVID-19 disaster. This order hereby incorporates all of the Governor's Executive Orders relating to the expanded reopening of services as part of the strategic plan to Open Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster.
10. This Order hereby authorizes the use of all lawfully available enforcement tools.
11. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Order commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1000.00, and each and every day such violation shall continue shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense within the jurisdiction of Jim Wells County, Texas.
12. This Order shall take effect May 12, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. and shall remain in effect until i) the later of June 8, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., or ii) the termination date of any subsequent, related Executive Order of Governor Abbott pertaining to COVID-19.

Signed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.



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Juan Rodriguez, Jr., County Judge

ATTEST:



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J.C. Perez, III, County Clerk