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County Judge

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**COVID-19 FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORDER AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**

In conjunction with the National Emergency Declaration issued by President Trump and Governor Abbott's Declaration of Disaster of March 13, 2020, and out of an abundance of caution to limit or reduce the spread of COVID-19 to Cameron County, I hereby issue the following First Supplemental Emergency Management Order and Recommendations in my capacity as Cameron County Judge with the advice and consent of Commissioners Court:

In accordance with CDC Guidelines, I strongly recommend that all individuals limit social gatherings to no more than 10 people, continue education at home and as advised by your schools and colleges, avoid discretionary travel, avoid bars, restaurants, gyms and fitness centers. All individuals should consult the Center for Disease Control website throughout the day and the following days.

With respect to the internal operations of County Departments with Appointed Department Heads; Travel out of the County shall be restricted to critical or essential matters only.

In order to protect the health and safety of County employees and the public at large, while at the same time providing a continuity of operations, each Department Head through consultation with the County Judge's Office shall evaluate the essential operations and personnel for their departments and implement modified work schedules, including telecommuting and/or other employment and staffing issues in a manner that would have uniformity county-wide.

We strongly recommend that each Elected Official consider similar measures for their offices through consultation with the County Judge's Office, Cameron County Health Authorities, Emergency Management, their particular professional organizations or licensing boards, as well as other state offices and agencies.

Pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section 418.1075, Cameron County will suspend the following deadlines approved by county order, rule, or regulations:

- Budget
- Ad Valorem Tax

- Construction Inspection and Approval
- Building Permits, Inspections and Fire Inspections
- Subdivision Plats
- Health Inspections

In addition, we are requesting from the Governor, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 418.016(e) that due to the Covid-19 State Declaration of Disaster and as necessary to reasonably cope with the disaster and the anticipated administrative and operational repercussions, he waive or suspend the following deadlines imposed by statute or the orders or rules of a state agency upon Cameron County:

- Attorney General Open Records Deadlines
- Grant Applications Deadlines
- Ad Valorem Tax payments, filing periods and penalties
- Beach Construction/Dune Protection Permits and General Land Office Filings
- TCEQ inspections, permits and reporting
- Historical Sites Tax Exemptions
- Tax Code Deadlines

My top priority is the safety and well-being of the people of Cameron County and taking these precautionary measures should help in that endeavor. Should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact my office at (956) 544-0830.

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