



Duval County Executive Order

ORDER TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, on March 19, 2020, Duval County Judge Gilbert N. Saenz issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency due to a novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19, and said Declaration was ratified by the Duval County Commissioners' Court on the same day;

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Duval County Judge issued an Order to Stay at Home with certain stated exceptions; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommended wearing face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, and the on-going evaluation of circumstances related to the coronavirus warrant further Order.

NOW THEREFORE, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 418.108, DUVAL COUNTY JUDGE ORDERS:

1. Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on **April 12, 2020**, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on **April 26, 2020**:
 - a. **General Order.** All individuals over the age of four (4) years old in Duval County are required to wear face coverings over the mouth and nose when at any essential place open to the public.
 - b. Any cloth face coverings (homemade masks, handkerchiefs, bandanas, scarfs, etc.) that are able to be laundered and machine dried are permitted. Note: medical-grade masks are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and first responders.
 - c. These protective coverings are not required while at home, engaging in outdoor physical activity (such as yard work or exercise), or while riding in a personal vehicle alone or with members of one's household.
2. It is the intent of this Order to protect the health and well-being of Duval County residents and the general public. The public first shall be informed as to what is required under this Order. Any repeated, intentional, or deliberate violation by any person of this Order to Wear Face Coverings may be **punishable by a fine of up to \$500 per violation (Class C Misdemeanor)**.

IT IS SO ORDERED on this the 8th day of April, 2020.



Gilbert N. Saenz, County Judge

Attest:



Elodia M. Garza, County Clerk

FILED FOR RECORD
APR 30 O'CLOCK P.M.

APR 08 2020

ELODIA M. GARZA
CLERK COUNTY COURT DUVAL COUNTY, TEXAS
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