

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY RELATED TO COVID-19
BY
CITY OF WIMBERLEY CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, a Declaration of State of Disaster was issued by Governor Abbott to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Texans, which was extended on April 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, a Declaration of Local Disaster was issued by Wimberley Mayor Susan Jaggars to allow Wimberley to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and promote the health and safety of Wimberley residents utilizing state and federal resources made available with the declaration, which was continued by the City Council on March 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On April 17, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-16 relating to the safe, strategic reopening of select services as the first step to Open Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster; and

WHEREAS, as of April 28, 2020, the level of community spread of COVID-19 in Hays County and within Wimberley is evidenced by more than 155 cumulative cases across the county including one death; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) recommends an “All of Community” approach focused on slowing the transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, On April 27, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-18, recognizing that the virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to others by infected persons who have few or no symptoms and that even if an infected person is only mildly ill, the people they spread it to may become seriously ill or even die, especially if that person is 65 or older with pre-existing health conditions that place them at higher risk, and the virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in our communities; and

WHEREAS, because of the risk of the rapid spread of the virus, and the need to protect ALL members of the community, this **PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY** is necessary to **strongly encourage the citizens of and the visitors to the City of Wimberley to follow the formal recommendations of the City of Wimberley to assist our citizens in remaining safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

NOW, THEREFORE, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, SECTION 122.005, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WIMBERLEY, TEXAS HEREBY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

Consistent with Executive Order GA-18, as we begin to open Texas, we must continue to follow

these critical health guidelines:

- i. **Stay home if you can.**
- ii. **Wash hands often and for 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.**
- iii. **Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue away.**
- iv. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.**
- v. **Disinfect surfaces, buttons, handles, doorknobs, and other places touched often.**
- vi. **Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Continue to practice social distancing, avoid crowds, and limit physical contact**

SECTION 2. LIMIT CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC

Consistent with Executive Order GA-18, because of the hidden nature of this threat, everyone should rigorously follow the practices specified in the Minimum Standard Health Protocols as issued in that order, all of which facilitate a safe and measured reopening of Texas and we should continue to observe practices that protect everyone, including those who are most vulnerable, including the following:

- i. That all people travelling to or from essential or reopened services or providing essential or reopened services in Wimberley should follow the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention by **practicing social (physical) distancing**, environmental sanitation and cleanliness.
- ii. That all people should follow the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention by **the wearing of cloth face coverings or face masks by people older than the age of two (2) while in public.**
- iii. People are also strongly encouraged to stay home when sick.
- iv. Residents should call their doctor's office before arrival.

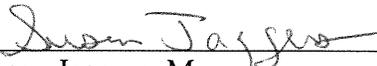
SECTION 3. LIMIT CONTACT WITH PUBLIC SURFACES

- i. Residents are reminded to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds upon arrival at home or after touching anything others may have touched which includes gas pump and door handles. Use hand sanitizer when hand washing is not possible.
- ii. Sanitize before touching any keypad. Use gloves or disinfecting wipes on any handle or button before touching it.

SECTION 4. ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- i. **Prior Orders.** This **PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY**, shall be applicable on a City-wide basis at noon on the May 1, 2020.
- ii. **Notice to Public.** This **PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY** shall be widely advertised to help accomplish the public health and safety objectives of the City of Wimberley and the Hays County Local Health Department.

SIGNED this the 30th day of April, 2020.



Susan Jagers, Mayor
City of Wimberley

Attest:



Laura J. Calcote
City Secretary

