



ORDER OF COUNTY JUDGE RUDY MADRID
REGARDING HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY AND FACE COVERINGS
ISSUED JULY 31, 2021

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Kleberg County Judge Rudy Madrid hereby issues a Declaration of Local Disaster for a Public Health Emergency due to an acute surge creating a severe backlog in medical services for persons testing positive or with symptoms related to the novel coronavirus designated as SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Christus Spohn Hospital-Kleberg located at 1311 East General Cavazos Blvd., Kingsville, Texas 78363 (“Christus Spohn-Kleberg”), supports Kleberg County and the entire Texas Coastal Bend region of Texas with health care and medical services;

WHEREAS, the hospitals in Nueces County, Bexar County and the Rio Grande Valley have been inundated with persons seeking medical attention for COVID-19 or COVID-19 related symptoms and not able to accommodate patient overflow from Christus Spohn Hospital-Kleberg;

WHEREAS, the Christus Spohn Hospital-Kleberg within its existing facility has two unused wings that may be brought into immediate operation if supplied with medical personnel, equipment, and supplies.

WHEREAS, I, as County Judge for Kleberg County, do hereby request a minimum amount of the following medical personnel and necessary equipment and supplies to provide medical services to the surrounding Coastal Bend region at Christus Spohn Hospital-Kleberg:

- (1) Thirteen MED Surg;
- (2) Nine Intensive Care Unit personnel;
- (3) Nine Emergency Department personnel;
- (4) Seven Respiratory Therapists; and
- (5) Ten High-Flow Life Saving Ventilator Unit Machines.

WHEREAS, the County Judge acts as the emergency management director for the county and serves as the Governor’s designated agent in the administration and supervision of duties during a state

of emergency declared by the Governor in accordance with Section 418.1015(a) and (b) of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge serving as the Governor's designated agent in the administration and supervisions of duties during a state of emergency declared by the Governor, "may exercise the powers granted to the governor under this chapter on an appropriate local scale" in accordance with Section 418.1015(b) of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the County Judge has determined that extraordinary emergency measures must be taken to try and mitigate the effects of this public health emergency and to facilitate a response to the public health threat; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Executive Order to remain as consistent with and to harmonize, to the extent possible, the executive orders of Texas Governor Greg Abbott, as extended or modified; and

WHEREAS, by the authority vested in me as Kleberg County Judge and as the Emergency Management Director for Kleberg County to continue to protect the health and safety of the community and address developing and rapidly changing circumstances when presented by the current public health emergency, I issue this Executive Order to protect the lives, health, welfare and safety of the County's residents from the devastating and surging impacts of this pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, I, COUNTY JUDGE RUDY MADRID FOR KLEBERG COUNTY, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, HEREBY FIND AND ORDER:

That this findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Order are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the County Judge and made a part hereof for all purposes. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Order. To the greatest extent possible, this Executive Order shall be interpreted as consistent with and supplemental to any executive order issued by the Texas Governor. All provisions of the executive orders of the Texas Governor either existing or as, if and when issued, which are made applicable to all jurisdictions by law shall be automatically incorporated into and constitute terms of this Executive Order, enforceable as if set forth herein without necessity for the issuance of further orders.

ORDERED this 31st day of July, 2021


RUDY MADRID
KLEBERG COUNTY JUDGE