

**IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTROL MEASURES ON PROPERTY
RELATED TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 Dr. John Hellerstedt, Commissioner of the Department of State Health Services (“Commissioner”) Issued a Public Health Disaster Declaration in the state of Texas for the purpose of reducing and delaying the spread of COVID-19 which was extended on June 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, under Texas Health and Safety Code §81.082, the Public Health Authority has the authority and control over disease control measures within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, under Texas Health and Safety Code §81.082(c) those measures can be imposed on a place; and

WHEREAS, under Texas Health and Safety Code §81.082(f) those measures can include prevention; and

WHEREAS, under Texas Health and Safety Code §81.084(k) the health authority may impose control measures he considers necessary and most appropriate to arrest, control, and eradicate the threat to the public health.

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas has encouraged communities to put appropriate mask requirements in place to control the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Tom Green County has seen a recent increase in the number of cases of COVID-19 that are related to community spread; and

WHEREAS, the length of time it takes to get a COVID-19 test result back has increased to seven days;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. James Vretis, Tom Green County Public Health Authority, pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code §81.082, hereby issue the following control measure order to limit the spread of COVID-19:

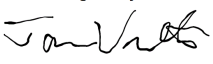
Effective 12:00 a.m. on June 27, 2020 all retail stores that have a posted occupancy load of 100 persons or more within Tom Green County, Texas shall require all customers 10 years or older and all employees to wear a mask or cloth that covers the mouth and nose while they are within the store or within 6 feet of a person from another household when they are outside the store and on store property.

All businesses not otherwise covered by this order are strongly recommended to similarly require mask for all customers and employees.

A FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS ORDER SHALL SUBJECT EACH PERSON IN VIOLATION TO COURT ACTION AND WILL CONSTITUTE A CLASS B MISDEMEANOR PURSUANT TO §81.087 OF THE TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE. SUCH COURT ACTION MAY INCLUDE APPLICATION FOR A

COURT ORDER TO AUTHORIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT TO USE REASONABLE FORCE TO SECURE THE PROPERTY, AND TO PREVENT INDIVIDUALS FROM ENTERING THE PROPERTY. SEE §81.084(L).

This Order is issued under my authority as Public Health Authority for Tom Green County, Texas on this the 25th day of June, 2020.

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James G. Vretis, D.O., Public Health Authority