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On Tuesday, March 31st, Governor Greg Abbott held a press conference to announce the issuance of Executive Order No. GA-14 relating to statewide continuity of essential services and activities during the COVID-19 disaster. This order supersedes any conflicting orders issued by the City of Brady, but “only to the extent that such a local order restricts essential services allowed by this executive order or allows gatherings prohibited by this executive order”.

Details of the order follow:

“In accordance with guidance from DSHS Commissioner Dr. Hellerstedt, and to achieve the goals established by the President to reduce the spread of COVID-19, every person in Texas shall, except where necessary to provide or obtain essential services, minimize social gatherings and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household.

"Essential services" shall consist of everything listed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, Version 2.0, plus religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship. Other essential services may be added to this list with the approval of the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). TDEM shall maintain an online list of essential services, as specified in this executive order and in any approved additions. Requests for additions should be directed to TDEM at EssentialServices@tdem.texas.gov or by visiting www.tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices.

In providing or obtaining essential services, people and businesses should follow the Guidelines from the President and the CDC by practicing good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation, implementing social distancing, and working from home if possible. In particular, all services should be provided through remote telework from home unless they are essential services that cannot be provided through remote telework. If religious services cannot be conducted from home or through remote services, they should be conducted consistent with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC by practicing good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation, and by implementing social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms, massage establishments, tattoo studios, piercing studios, or cosmetology salons; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options for food and drinks is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order.

This executive order does not prohibit people from accessing essential services or engaging in essential daily activities, such as going to the grocery store or gas station, providing or obtaining other essential services, visiting parks, hunting or fishing, or engaging in physical activity like jogging or bicycling, so long as the necessary precautions are maintained to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and to minimize in person contact with people who are not in the same household.

In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes, state supported living centers, assisted living facilities, or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance as determined through guidance from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, schools shall remain temporarily closed to in-person classroom attendance and shall not recommence before May 4, 2020.

This executive order shall supersede any conflicting order issued by local officials in response to the COVID-19 disaster, but only to the extent that such a local order restricts essential services allowed by this executive order or allows gatherings prohibited by this executive order. I hereby suspend Sections 418.1015(b) and 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, Chapter 81, Subchapter E of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and any other relevant statutes, to the extent necessary to ensure that local officials do not impose restrictions inconsistent with this executive order, provided that local officials may enforce this executive order as well as local restrictions that are consistent with this executive order.”

For the purposes of the above executive order, the following are considered essential services:

CISA Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Sectors:

Healthcare/Public Health; Law Enforcement, Public Safety and Other First Responders; Food and Agriculture; Energy; Water and Wastewater; Transportation and Logistics; Public Works and Infrastructure Support Services; Communications and Information Technology; Other Community or Government-Based Operations and Essential Functions; Critical Manufacturing; Hazardous Materials; Financial Services; Chemical; Defense Industrial Base; Commercial Facilities; Residential Shelter Facilities and Services; Hygiene Products and Services

Religious services conducted in churches, congregations, and houses of worship.

Other services as approved by the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

For further clarification on “Essential Businesses”, please visit www.cisa.gov; or contact Erin Corbell at ecorbell@bradytx.com or 325-597-2152, ext. 212.

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