

City of Rockport



**Honorable Mayor
Patrick R. Rios**

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Aransas County



**Honorable Judge
C.H. Burt Mills, Jr.**

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Town of Fulton



**Honorable Mayor
Kelli Cole**

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AMENDED ORDER TO STAY AT HOME

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Aransas County Judge C.H. Burt Mills, Jr issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 16, 2020, due to a novel corona virus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, the City of Rockport Mayor Patrick R. Rios issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 16, 2020, due to a novel corona virus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, the Town of Fulton Mayor Jimmy Kendrick issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 17, 2020, due to a novel corona virus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Donald Trump acknowledged the gravity of the COVID-19 pandemic, releasing strict new guidelines to limit people's interactions, including that Americans should avoid groups of more than 10 people;

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Aransas County Judge issued an Extension of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Aransas County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster until rescinded by order of the Commissioners' Court; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020, the City Council of the City of Rockport issued an Extension of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Rockport Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster until rescinded by order of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Town Council of the Town of Fulton issued an Extension of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Fulton Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster until rescinded by order of the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020 and again May 5, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued orders to Re-Open Texas allowing for certain types of businesses to re-open with limited capacities and specific guidelines and restrictions.

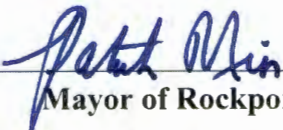
WHEREAS, the on-going evaluation of circumstances related to the corona virus and the updated recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and the Texas Department of State Health Services warrant further Order.

NOW THEREFORE, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 418.108, ARANSAS COUNTY JUDGE, CITY OF ROCKPORT MAYOR, AND TOWN OF FULTON MAYOR ORDERS:

1. Effective immediately and continuing until superseded:
 - (a) Every person in Texas shall, except where necessary to provide or obtain essential services or reopened services, minimize social gatherings and minimize in-person contact with people who are not in the same household. People over the age of 65, however, are strongly encouraged to stay at home as much as possible; to maintain appropriate distance from any member of the household who has been out of the residence in the previous 14 days; and, if leaving the home, to implement social distancing and to practice good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation.
 - (b) Every individual should practice social distancing of at least six feet with people who are not in the same household. Individuals should avoid being in a group of 10 individuals (including those within the individual's household). Within these groups, individuals should, to the extent possible, minimize in-person contact with others not in the individual's household. Minimizing in-person contact includes maintaining 6 feet of separation from individuals. When maintaining 6 feet of separation is not feasible, other methods should be utilized to slow the spread of COVID-19, such as wearing a face covering or mask, washing or sanitizing hands frequently, and avoiding sharing utensils or other common objects.
 - (c) All short-term rental locations can return to normal business as long as they are in compliance with CDC and Texas DHS guidelines.
 - (d) Texas Governor Greg Abbott's GA-18 allowed County Judges with five or fewer laboratory-confirmed cases to provided attestation and Aransas County Judge Mills was approved to allow restaurants dine-in, retail in-store, movie theaters, museum, and libraries to increase their capacity levels from 25% to 50%.
 - (e) All of the businesses identified in Section 1.(f) – 1.(l) are required to follow the minimum protocols set by Texas Governor Greg Abbott's Phase II of The Governor's Report to Open Texas.
 - (f) Effective May 5, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., all Retailers, Restaurants, Movie Theaters, Libraries, Museums, Churches, and Offices operating within Aransas County, the city limits of Rockport, and the town limits of Fulton were allowed to open at their appropriate capacity level.
 - (g) Texas Governor Greg Abbott's GA-19 allows elective medical, surgical and dental procedures to continue with at least 15% of the hospital's capacity for treatment of COVID-19 patients.

- (h) Effective May 8, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., all cosmetology salons, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons/shops, and other establishments where licensed cosmetologists or barbers practice their trade, tanning salons, and swimming pools were allowed to open at their appropriate capacity levels.
 - (i) Effective May 18, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., all office-based services, non-CISA manufacturing services, and gyms and exercise facilities were allowed to open at their appropriate capacity levels.
 - (j) Effective May 18, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., all child care centers, massage and personal care, beauty services, and youth clubs were allowed to open at their appropriate capacity levels.
 - (k) Effective May 22, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., all bars, bowling alleys, bingo halls, simulcasting, skating rinks, rodeo, zoos, aquariums, and natural caverns will be allowed to open at their appropriate capacity level.
 - (l) On May 31, 2020 at 12:01a.m., all day youth camps, overnight youth camps, professional sports (without in-person spectators), and youth sports will be allowed to open at the appropriate capacity and approval levels.
 - (m) All public beaches, boat launches, boat ramps, bulkheads, docks, piers, and wharfs within the geographic boundaries of Aransas County, the city limits of Rockport, and the town limits of Fulton are now open.
 - (n) Beginning May 4, the Aransas County Courthouse opened to the public with certain limitations. Please visit the website for information. The offices of the City of Rockport and Town of Fulton will remain closed to the public until further notice.
 - (o) All City of Rockport parks are closed to the public. All Town of Fulton parks are open with limited equipment as a safety precaution.
 - (p) There is no curfew at this time.
2. Nursing homes, retirement, and long-term care facilities are instructed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott to prohibit non-essential visitors from accessing their facilities unless to provide critical assistance or for end-of-life visitation.
 3. Additionally, the Offices of the Aransas County Judge, Mayor of Rockport, and Mayor of Fulton, instructs all employees to remain at home if sick, and to promptly communicate with an appropriate health care professional.
 4. This Order shall be effective until it is either rescinded, superseded, or amended pursuant to applicable law.
 5. The County of Aransas, City of Rockport, and the Town of Fulton must promptly provide copies of this Order by posting in front of their respective posting locations, posting on their respective websites and to provide a copy to any member of the public asking for a copy. In addition, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, 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.

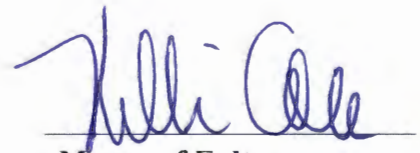
6. This Order of Aransas County Judge C.H. Burt Mills, Jr., Rockport Mayor Patrick R. Rios, and Fulton Mayor Kelli Cole applies to all incorporated and unincorporated areas of their respective County/City/Town. To the extent of a conflict between decisions of Aransas County Judge C.H. Burt Mills, Jr., and a Mayor of any city within the geographic boundaries of Aransas County, the decisions set forth in this Order prevail (to the fullest extent allowed by law pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108(h).
7. A violation of this Order to Stay At Home is a violation of the emergency management plans of Aransas County, the City of Rockport, and the Town of Fulton. A violation by any person of any provision of this Order to Stay At Home is punishable by a fine of up to \$500 per violation and separate day of violation, and additional amount as authorized by law. A second offense after warning in which intent to commit all elements of an act prohibited herein is proven may result in a fine of up to \$1,000 per violation.



Mayor of Rockport
Patrick R. Rios



Aransas County Judge
C.H. Burt Mills, Jr.



Mayor of Fulton
Kelli Cole

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