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**EMERGENCY REGULATIONS AND  
STAY HOME-STAY SAFE ORDER  
BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CORRIGAN**

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POLK COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, beginning in December, a novel coronavirus, now designated SARS-CoV-2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation certifying the COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas, and

**WHEREAS**, On March 18, 2020, Mayor Johnna Lowe Gibson executed a Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency (Declaration) for the City of Corrigan, effective March 19, 2020, to allow the City to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19, and promote the health and safety of Corrigan residents; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 2, 2020, the City of Corrigan City Council consented to the continuance of the Declaration in force unless rescinded by action of the Corrigan City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, On April 3, based on an increasing threat to the citizens of Corrigan, Mayor Johnna Lowe Gibson executed an Emergency Regulation Order, effective at 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the on-going evaluation of circumstances and potential for spread of the virus, the confirmation of additional cases of COVID-19 in Polk County, warrant the Regulations Order; and

**WHEREAS**, given the current state of disaster and its devastating effects, the following extraordinary measures are warranted.

**THEREFORE, PUSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 418.108, CITY OF CORRIGAN MAYOR JOHNNA LOWE GIBSON ORDERS:**

**SECTION 1. Publicity and Filing.** That this Emergency Regulations Stay Home- Stay Safe Order under Declaration of Local State of Emergency Due to Public Health Emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

**SECTION 2. Household Isolation Required with COVID-19.** That, regardless of any other provisions of this Order, if a person residing in the City of Corrigan is being tested or has tested positive for COVID-19 (“ COVID -19 Patient”) or is a Person Under Investigation (“PUI”), that person plus all other individuals living at the same address of a COVID-19 patient or PUI are ordered to isolate at home until testing shows the COVID-19 patient or PUI has either (i) tested negative (ii) released back to work by a medical doctor, or (iii) is no longer an active PUI, whichever occurs first. Individuals identified in this paragraph shall not go to work, school, or

any other community function. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent any individual from seeking healthcare services or treatment for themselves or assisting any family member.

**SECTION 3. Citywide Curfew Established.** That no person, without proper authority, may be upon the public streets or rights-of-way located within the City of Corrigan between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. the next morning. The Chief of Police is hereby authorized to designate other areas and to restrict access, ingress and egress to those areas, as warranted by circumstances.

**SECTION 4. Stay at Home or Place of Residence.** That all persons currently living within the city limits of the City of Corrigan are ordered to **STAY AT HOME** at their place of residence, except as allowed by this Order. For the purpose of this Order, residences include hotels, motels, shared rentals, and similar facilities. To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces, they must at all times maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person when they are outside their residence. No persons may leave their residences except for "Essential Activities," or to operate an "Essential Business," as those terms are defined below in Section 10.

**SECTION 5. Non-Essential Businesses Must Close.**

- A. All businesses operating within the City of Corrigan, except essential businesses, are required to cease all activities at facilities located within the City. These non-essential businesses may only continue operations that consist exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own residences (i.e. working from home).
- B. All essential businesses must identify essential staff necessary to operate and send all non-essential staff to their respective homes. To the greatest extent possible, essential businesses shall comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined below in Section 7, including but not limited to when customers stand in lines to enter and exit, and while customers are within the Essential Business facilities.

**SECTION 6. Other Prohibited Activities.** All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or dwelling unit are prohibited, except for the limited purposes as expressly permitted by this Order. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or dwelling unit.

- A. Restaurants with or without drive-in or drive-through services and microbreweries, micro-distilleries, or wineries may only provide take out, delivery, or drive-through services as allowed by law.
- B. If religious services cannot be conducted from home, through remote services, or in the parking lots of the churches as parishioners remain in their vehicles (and parked at least ten (10) feet apart), 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 spread of COVID-19. Religious institutions must limit in-person staff to ten (10) people or less when preparing for or conducting video or teleconference services, and all individuals must follow the Social Distancing Guidelines including the six-foot social distancing.

- C. All elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures are prohibited anywhere in Corrigan. Hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, dental offices, and other medical facilities are directed to identify procedures that are deemed “elective” by assessing which procedures can be postponed or cancelled based on patient risk considering the emergency need for redirection of resources to COVID-19.
- D. Funeral services may only be conducted graveside and are restricted to immediate asymptomatic family members, provided social distance of six feet per person is maintained to the greatest extent possible. An immediate family member is defined as a parent, sibling, child by blood, adoption, or marriage, spouse, grandparent or grandchild.

**SECTION 7. Social Distancing Requirements.** For purposes of this Order, Social Distancing Requirements include maintaining at least a six-foot distance from other individuals, washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands.

**SECTION 8. Travel is Prohibited.**

- A. All means of travel, including, but not limited to, travel on foot, bicycle, scooter, motorcycle, automobile, or public transit, are prohibited except for purposes of performing Essential Activities or going to work in an Essential Business, as those terms are defined in Section 10 below.
- B. All persons traveling for the purpose of going to work in an Essential Business must have on their persons, and produce upon request of a police officer, a letter of documentation from their employers, as required in Section 11 below.

**SECTION 9. Prior Regulations in Declaration of March 18, 2020.** That the findings and recitations set out in the preamble to the March 18, 2020 Declaration are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the Mayor and made a part hereof for all purposes. This Order rescinds and replaces the regulations in the Declaration Order.

**SECTION 10. Definitions and Exemptions**

- A. **Essential Activities.** For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence only to perform any of the following “Essential Activities”:
  - 1. To engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (for example, obtaining medical supplies, or medication, visiting a health care professional, or obtaining supplies needed to work from home);
  - 2. To obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others (for example, food, pet supplies, and any other household consumer products, products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, and to engage in religious services that cannot be conducted by telecommunications.);
  - 3. To engage in outdoor activities, provided the individuals comply with social distancing requirements of six feet (for example, walking, biking, golfing, hiking, fishing, or running in parks, or elsewhere);
  - 4. To perform work providing essential products and services at an Essential Business;

5. To care for a family member or pet in another household;
6. To engage in the work of an Essential Business; or
7. To conduct the school-related activities of any public, private, or charter school, or any home school association, including without limitation the delivery or pick-up of meals, services to special needs students, supplies, or homework assignments, provided such activities comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 7 above.

**NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING PERMITTED ACTIVITIES. PEOPLE AT HIGH RISK OF SEVERE ILLNESS FROM COVID-19 AND PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK ARE URGED TO STAY IN THEIR RESIDENCE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE EXCEPT AS NECESSARY TO SEEK MEDICAL CARE.**

**B. Essential Businesses.** For purposes of this Order, "Essential Businesses" means the following, provided business activities are performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements in Section 7 above:

1. **Healthcare Operations.** This category includes hospitals, clinics, dentists, pharmacies, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, mental health providers, substance abuse service providers, blood banks, medical research, laboratory services, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. Healthcare Operations does not include fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities;
2. **Food and Agriculture Operations.** This category includes grocery stores, supermarkets, big-box stores (that sell groceries), farmers' markets, food banks, convenience stores, and other such establishments engaged in the retail (or wholesale, if selling directly to the public) sale of canned food, dry goods, fresh household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products). This includes stores that also sell, in addition to groceries, other non-grocery products, and products necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences. This category also includes food cultivation, such as farming, livestock, and fishing.
3. **Home-based Care for Seniors, Adults and Children.** This category includes home-based and residential-based care for seniors, adults, or children;
4. **Animal Care.** This category includes veterinary care and all health and welfare services provided to animals. This exemption shall be viewed broadly to avoid any impacts to the delivery of health care;
5. **Mortuary Services.** This category includes the necessary responsibilities related to preparing the deceased for a funeral, including embalming, cremation, burial, cemetery preparation, and related services, provide the entities and employees providing such service comply with CDC standard precautions for funeral workers available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>. **It is the responsibility of funeral homes and directors to ensure compliance with Section 6, Subsection D. above;**
6. **Governmental Functions.** This category includes all services provided by local governments needed to ensure the continuing operation of the government agencies to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public. Further, nothing in this order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing Governmental Functions.

All Governmental Functions shall be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements of six feet, to the extent possible;

7. **Critical Infrastructure.** This category includes work necessary to the operations and maintenance of the 16 critical infrastructure sectors as identified by the National Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) including public works construction, residential and commercial construction, airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business, infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), financial institutions, defense and national security-related operations, essential manufacturing operations, provided that they carry out those services or that work in compliance with social distancing requirements of six feet, to the extent possible.
8. **Public Safety Operations.** This category includes the activities of any first responder, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatcher, detention officer, court personnel, or law enforcement personnel:
9. **Essential Retail.** In addition to the Food and Agriculture Operations above, certain retail service providers are considered Essential Businesses, including big-box stores that sell plumbing and/or electrical supplies, gas stations, convenience stores, hardware stores, businesses that ship or deliver groceries, goods or services directly to residences, restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food for delivery or carry out, cafes and restaurants located within hospital and medical facilities, laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers, auto-supply, auto and bicycle repair, and related facilities;
10. **Essential Services Necessary to Maintain Essential Operations of Residences or Essential Businesses.** This category includes trash and recycling collection, processing and disposal, mail and shipping services, building cleaning, maintenance and security, warehouse/distribution and fulfillment, storage for essential businesses, funeral homes, crematorium and cemeteries. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, supply stores, lawncare services, and other service providers that provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of residences and essential businesses;
11. **Professional Services.** This category includes legal, accounting, insurance, engineering, architectural, and real estate services (including appraisal, survey, and title services) when engaging in work necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities;
12. **News Media Services.** This category includes newspapers, television, radio, and other media services;
13. **Childcare Services.** This category includes childcare facilities providing services that enable employees exempted in this Order to work as permitted;
14. **Social Services.** This category includes businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, as well as other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise indigent persons; and
15. **Education and Research.** This category includes the work of educators or other personnel supporting public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities, only

for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing other functions in support of Essential Business.

**SECTION 11. Essential Businesses Must Provide Documentation of Employees.** All essential businesses in the City of Corrigan must provide employees either with a company identification badge or a letter on company letterhead identifying the persons as employees of the company. The letter must also indicate the Essential Business Category from Section 10, Subsection B above.

**SECTION 12. Essential Businesses Open to the Public Must Enforce Certain Requirements.**

- A. Any Essential Business in the City of Corrigan open to the public must limit the number of people who may be in the business at one time to no more than one patron per 1,000 square feet under roof. Only one member of a household may enter the following establishments at one time, unless an individual is handicapped and requires caregiver assistance, or is a parent, or caregiver of a child for whom there is no alternative care;
- B. Essential businesses open to the public must develop a plan for enforcement of the requirements in the Section during the hours such business is open to the public;
- C. Essential businesses open to the public must include in their plans procedures for ensuring the regular cleaning of high-touch surfaces within the business; and
- D. Essential Businesses open to the public must include procedures the business will use to enforce such requirements.

The plan of the Essential Business must be presented to any police officer who requests it.

**SECTION 13. Essential Businesses Must Screen for COVID-19 Symptoms.** All essential Business employers within the City of Corrigan must screen prior to the beginning of a workday or shift, each of their employees for the following symptoms common to COVID-19: fever, dry cough, shortness of breath. Only asymptomatic employees (those having none of the previous symptoms) may be allowed to remain at work. Employees who have any of the symptoms noted above must be sent home immediately and not allowed to return until they are free of such symptoms.

**SECTION 14. Nursing Homes' Non-Essential Visitors Prohibited.** Nursing homes, retirement, and long-term care facilities are instructed by this Order to prohibit non-essential visitors from accessing their facilities unless to provide critical assistance or for end-of-life visitation.

**SECTION 16.** All provisions of this Order should be interpreted to the effectuate its intent. 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.

**SECTION 17. Penalties.**

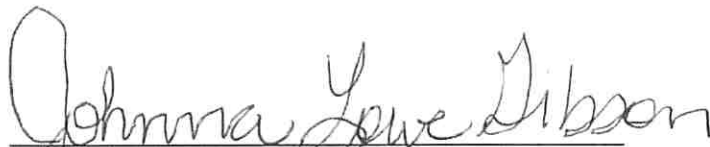
- A. This Emergency Regulations and Stay Home – Stay Safe Order shall have the effect of an ordinance when duly filed with the City Secretary.




- B. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Order constitutes an imminent threat to public health. The penalty for violating this Order, in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 418.173, shall be a fine of no more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), confinement in the county jail for a term up to 180 days, or both such fine and confinement.
- C. Any ordinances or regulations that conflict with these regulations are suspended or modified as necessary to make these regulations effective.
- D. Suspension or modification of the ordinances and regulations shall remain in effect until this Order is terminated or until the Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency is rescinded, whichever is sooner.

**SECTION 18.** That this Emergency Regulation and Stay Home-Stay Safe Order **shall take effect at 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020**, and shall remain in effect until it is either rescinded, superseded, or amended, or until it expires pursuant to applicable law.

**ORDERED THIS 3<sup>RD</sup> day of April, 2020.**

  
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Honorable Johnna Lowe Gibson, Mayor  
City of Corrigan, Texas

ATTEST:

  
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Darrian Hudman, City Manager