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Hays County Judge Implements ‘Stay at Home, Work Safe’ Order and Curfew for Hays County Residents beginning 11 p.m. March 26

Hays County Courthouse, San Marcos, TX (March 25, 2020) – Hays County Judge Ruben Becerra today issued a countywide order for Hays County residents to stay-at-home beginning at 11 p.m. March 26 through 4 a.m. April 10. A curfew from 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. during the same timeframe is also in effect and exempts essential workers. The Order could be rescinded or extended as necessary.

In the Order, day care facilities that serve essential workers can remain open, with restrictions on how they operate in order to help ensure children and employees do not spread the virus. Healthcare businesses, grocery stores, hardware stores, news media, gas stations, restaurants offering to-go and/or delivery of food, and many other essential businesses will not have to close. Persons providing electrical, plumbing, and other essential services can continue to work, as can those who work from home.

All public or private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited, but nothing in the Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit. People may still go outside to exercise - walking, hiking, running, dog-walking, etc. - provided they practice social distancing guidelines and keep six feet of space between themselves and others who do not live in their same households.

Hays County Judge Ruben Becerra said, “I have been working with the mayors in Hays County to design a Stay at Home, Work Safe Order that everyone is comfortable with, and worked tirelessly with our General Counsel to make the Order easy to understand.”

The entire Order, with all the exceptions and inclusions, can be read [here](#).

Hays County encourages residents to get information from qualified sources such as the [Texas Department of State Health Services](#) and the [Centers for Disease](#)

Control which offers information in Spanish and Chinese as well as English. The County's COVID-19 info is **here**, and as in any emergency situation **www.HaysInformed.com**, the countywide emergency notification blog, has a rolling list of important information regarding COVID-19. For non-emergency questions about COVID-19 residents can call the countywide hotline, which has both English- and Spanish-speaking operators, at 512-393-5525. Many City websites also have information for their residents.

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