



City of San Marcos

MAYOR'S SECOND PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY RELATED TO COVID-19

BY
CITY OF SAN MARCOS MAYOR
JANE HUGHSON

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, a Declaration of State of Disaster was issued by Governor Abbott to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Texans, which was extended on April 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On March 15, 2020, a Declaration of Local Disaster was issued by San Marcos Mayor Jane Hughson to allow San Marcos to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and promote the health and safety of San Marcos residents utilizing state and federal resources made available with the declaration, which was continued indefinitely by the City Council on March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On April 17, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a Governor's Order GA-16 relating to the safe, strategic reopening of select services as the first step to Open Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster; and

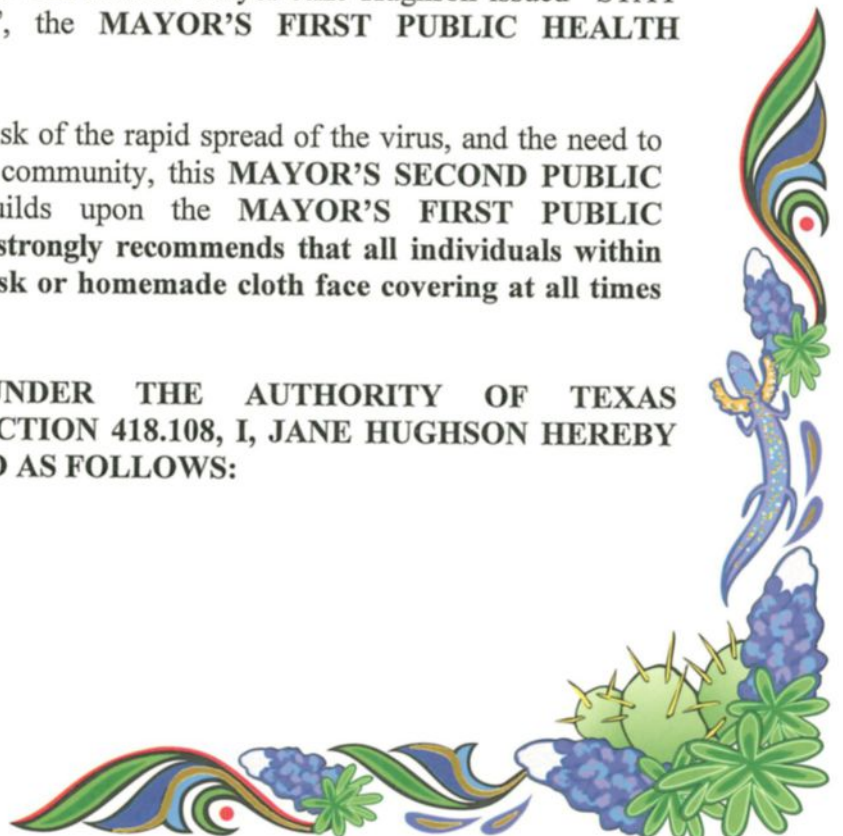
WHEREAS, as of April 20, 2020, the level of community spread of COVID-19 in Hays County and within San Marcos is evidenced by more than 135 cumulative cases across the county including one death; and

WHEREAS, the Centers on Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") recommends an "All of Community" approach focused on slowing the transmission of COVID-19.

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020 San Marcos Mayor Jane Hughson issued "STAY HOME TO SAVE LIVES", the **MAYOR'S FIRST PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY**, and

WHEREAS, because of the risk of the rapid spread of the virus, and the need to protect ALL members of the community, this **MAYOR'S SECOND PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY**; builds upon the **MAYOR'S FIRST PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY** and **strongly recommends that all individuals within San Marcos wear a face mask or homemade cloth face covering at all times when in public**;

NOW, THEREFORE, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 418.108, I, JANE HUGHSON HEREBY STRONGLY RECOMMEND AS FOLLOWS:



SECTION 1. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

That all people travelling to or from essential services or providing essential services in San Marcos should follow the recommendations of the Centers on Disease Control and Prevention by practicing social (physical) distancing, environmental sanitation and cleanliness, and the wearing of cloth face coverings or face masks by people older than the age of two (2) while in public.

People are also strongly encouraged to stay home when sick. Residents should call their doctor's office before arrival. Residents are reminded to avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth unless hands are very clean. Wash hands for 20 seconds several times per day and after touching objects in public.

SECTION 2. LIMIT CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC

Residents should only leave home when necessary to obtain or provide essential services while minimizing the number of trips away from home with as few people as possible.

Residents should use online ordering and curbside services when possible.

In order to limit in-person contact as much as possible, residents should pay online, accept deliveries at the front door while maintaining six (6) feet of physical (social) distancing, bank online or use the ATM when possible, and use drive-through options for prescriptions when possible.

Residents should also take advantage of Retail-to-go services made available by local vendors both in support of the local economy and the needs of households.

SECTION 3. LIMIT CONTACT WITH PUBLIC SURFACES

Residents are reminded to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds upon arrival at home or after touching anything others may have touched which includes gas pump and door handles. Use hand sanitizer when hand washing isn't possible.

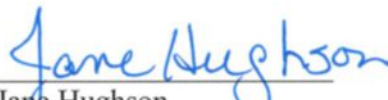
Sanitize before touching any keypad. Use gloves or disinfecting wipes on any handle or button before touching it.

SECTION 4. ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

i. **Prior Orders.** This **MAYOR'S SECOND PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY**, at the time and on the date for commencement of this **MAYOR'S SECOND PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY** cited in Section 1, above, shall supplement the **MAYOR'S FIRST PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY**, executed on April 1, 2020; and shall be applicable on a City-wide basis.

ii. **Notice to Public.** This **MAYOR'S SECOND PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY** shall be widely advertised to help accomplish the public health and safety objectives of the City of San Marcos and the Hays County Local Health Department.

SIGNED this the 21st day of April, 2020.


Jane Hughson
Mayor, City of San Marcos

Attest:



Tammy Cook
Interim City Clerk