

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
FOR LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS
(COVID-19)**

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WHEREAS, beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated as COVID-19, was detected in mainland China, and the contagious respiratory virus has since spread globally; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Texas Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster for the State of Texas on the 13th day of March, 2020, to protect the health and welfare of Texans in relation to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, additional extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Lubbock County, Texas; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF LUBBOCK COUNTY:

1. Pursuant to § 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, a state of disaster for public health emergency is hereby declared for **LUBBOCK COUNTY**;
2. Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of **LUBBOCK COUNTY**;
3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with Kelly Pinion, as the County Clerk of **LUBBOCK COUNTY**;
4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency activates the Lubbock County Emergency Management Plan, in addition to implementation of the Lubbock County Continuity of Operations Plan, and
5. This declaration of a state of disaster for public health emergency shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.