



DALLAS COUNTY

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF COUNTY JUDGE CLAY JENKINS

DATE ORDER ISSUED: March 31, 2020

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins issued a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency on March 12, 2020, due to a novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Judge Jenkins issued an Order in furtherance of his authority to protect the safety and welfare of the public by slowing the spread of the virus; and,

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President 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 19, 2020, the Dallas County Commissioners Court issued an Order of Continuance of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Dallas County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, unless rescinded by order of the Commissioners Court.

WHEREAS, Dallas County and its departments have received donations of medical equipment and supplies from private entities and Dallas County has some medical equipment and supplies on hand that are unneeded for use by Dallas County.

THEREFORE, County Judge Clay Jenkins hereby makes this EXECUTIVE ORDER to Dallas County departments and staff as follows:

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 418.108, DALLAS COUNTY JUDGE CLAY JENKINS ORDERS:

1. Dallas County departments in possession of unused or unneeded medical equipment and supplies shall provide the unused or unneeded medical equipment and supplies to nursing homes, long term care facilities, organizations serving homeless individuals, and hospitals in Dallas County.
2. This EXECUTIVE ORDER does not require Dallas County and its departments to provide medical equipment and supplies that are needed for Dallas County's ongoing operations.
3. This EXECUTIVE ORDER does include any medical equipment and supplies that may be expired per their packaging or manufacturer instructions.
4. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 81.032, the Commissioners Court can accept donations of property, as such, any Dallas County department that receives a donation of medical supplies or equipment is ordered to immediately notify the Dallas County Emergency Operations Center.

IT IS SO ORDERED

**CLAY JENKINS
DALLAS COUNTY JUDGE**