

**ATASCOSA COUNTY**  
**Robert L. Hurley**  
**County Judge**

**NEW ORDER OF DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL DISASTER**  
**ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGE ROBERT L. HURLEY**

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, Atascosa County Judge Robert L. Hurley signed a Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency for the County of Atascosa, Texas related to COVID-19 pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Declaration of Emergency was extended by unanimous vote of the Atascosa County Commissioners Court on March 23, 2020, which extended the State of Local Disaster to COVID-19 until May 23, 2020, with further extensions being possible; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning in December, 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated as COVID—19, was detected in mainland China, and has since spread throughout the world; and

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

**WHEREAS**, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout Atascosa County; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Greg Abbott issued an Executive Order on Thursday, March 19, 2020 issuing orders for Texans to adhere to certain control measures and mitigation strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Commissioner of State Health Services declared a Public Health Disaster for the entire State of Texas on Thursday, March 19, 2020 and outlines certain control measures and mitigation strategies;

**WHEREAS**, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, promote health, compel persons to undergo additional health measures that prevent or control the spread of disease, including isolation, provision of temporary housing or emergency shelters for persons misplaced or evacuated and request assistance from the Governor of state resources, and

**WHEREAS**, the order of continuation of declaration further reserved all other authority and powers conferred by or under the laws of the State of Texas and authorized the Atascosa County Judge to respond as necessary to the situation made the subject of this Order. Therefore, all previous Atascosa County orders are rescinded, and the orders of the County of Atascosa is subject to all present and future orders of the Governor of the State of Texas.

**BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF ATASCOSA COUNTY:**

1. Effective as of 11:59 p.m. on October 12, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2020 the following amendments and additions are replacing all previous orders and the following shall be in effect:

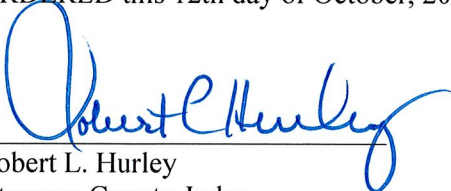
When the lifting of the state mandate mask order is effective, the following entities and programs are excepted as follows:

1. School Districts are excluded from the mask lifting order. They shall continue to abide by the Governor's orders as related to the mandatory mask order.
2. Elections in Atascosa County are excluded from this order. They shall continue to abide by the Texas Secretary of State's orders concerning the election.
3. Courts in Atascosa County are excluded from the mask lifting order and shall continue to abide by the Texas Supreme Court's COVID rules.
4. Bars that are 51% (alcohol to revenue) or more that are reopened October 14, 2020 shall be excluded from the mask lifting order and abide by the Governor's rules, as written, for their reopening and be responsible for compliance to the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission.

The mask lifting order does not include any change to the Governor's order requiring social distancing of six feet from any other person in all circumstances as defined by the Governor's orders. All other orders of the Governor are unchanged including those rules for restaurants, public and private gatherings, theatres, churches and any other situations defined by the Governor.

2. Pursuant to Government Code §418.173, violation of this Order is an offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days.

ORDERED this 12th day of October, 2020.

  
Robert L. Hurley  
Atascosa County Judge