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EMERGENCY ORDER

I, Jeff R. Branick, duly elected Judge of Jefferson County, based on most recent information received from the Emergency Management Offices personnel and Public Health Authorities issue this Order REGARDING THE OCCUPANCY OF PREMISES THROUGHOUT JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS:

Under the authority granted to me by Chapter 418, Texas Government Code, a disaster declaration has been issued effective on March 13, 2020. Additionally pursuant to Section 418.108(d)(g), Texas Government Code, I hereby issue the following orders:

- 1) Any event sponsored or permitted by Jefferson County shall cease.
- 2) Events greater than 200 persons shall cease at all public facilities across Jefferson County.
- 3) Any event greater than 200 persons held at private facilities is urged to cancel but those who are conducting such events should make those determinations within their organizations and with staff of those facilities to adequately protect the public.
- 4) Events of 200 persons or more that would include any population with compromised health conditions or who are at severe risk of severe illness should cease. The population at the greatest risk is anyone over the age of 65 and/or those with severe medical conditions as defined by Centers for Disease Control guidelines.
- 5) Nursing homes and senior living centers should limit visitation of the public within their facilities.

This order does NOT extend to law enforcement activities, emergency response operations, court operations, including jury operations, and to all school districts or jurisdiction of Jefferson County.

All Jefferson County Employees must report for work as required by their supervisors. Effective immediately and through the duration of this order, all Jefferson County employees shall cease any work related travel.

This order shall take effect immediately and extend for a duration of 30 days and may be extended as needed.

Signed at 1:40 p.m. March 13, 2020.

Jeff R. Branick, County Judge