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The primary goals of the orders that have been issued have been to prevent and slow down the spread of COVID-19. We all must take steps necessary to keep our community safe and healthy. Yes commerce and business may be interpreted, but not all business or commerce.

To ensure the fairest and most comprehensive order were issued, I consulted with all the local Mayors, Superintendents, Health professionals, Emergency Management and our legal division.

Everyone, including all business owners, business employees, and private individuals have a duty to stay informed of all of the Emergency Management Orders, Recommendations, and the Shelter in Place Order. They are all available on the Cameron County Website.

I ask each business owner to exercise your sound personal and business judgment. Please use conservative discretion determine what provisions are applicable to your specific business or personal situation.

It will be apparent that some situations are expressly addressed by the orders; understandably, other will not. If you are unable to determine if your situation is covered by or addressed by the orders that have been issued, then please submit your inquiry by email to [eocenter@co.cameron.tx.us](mailto:eocenter@co.cameron.tx.us) or by phone to 956-356-6607 in said inquiry, identify your name, business, contact information and specific question. It will be very helpful if you direct attention to a specific part or provision of the Order for which you would like clarification.

The Shelter in Place Order goes into effect at 12:01 am. Wednesday March 24, 2020. If you are not sheltered in place you will likely be stopped and questioned by Law Enforcement for violation of the Shelter in Place Order. If your violation of the Shelter in Place order is not justified you may be cited/arrested for your

conduct and face a fine of up to \$1,000 or a sentence in jail for a period not to exceed 180 days. Please help us help our community stop the spread of COVID-19 and respect what has been asked of all of our community.

### FAQ's: Frequently Asked Questions

- Anything that is for Government can be considered "Essential."
- Anything to do with food for Consumption, Distribution or Sales can be considered "Essential."
- Anything to do with "Overnight accommodations" such as Hotels or extended stay can be considered necessary function.
- Anything to do with Vehicles including parts, services and sales can be considered "Essential."
- Anything to do with utilities can be considered "Essential."
- Anything to do with construction of commercial or residential buildings can be considered essential.
- Call Centers can remain open if they being used for "Essential" Government functions such as Medicare Medicaid, Utilities, Insurance Claims, and Banking Centers **MUST** also follow social distancing guidelines.
- Churches are limited to 10 or fewer per gatherings, Churches may also broadcast.

- Liquor Stores can be considered essential since they may supply restaurants, and convenient stores.
- Fishing in the Laguna Madre is permitted and may utilize private docks, **MUST** follow social distancing guidelines.
- Security companies and systems can be considered “Essential.”

#### **EXAMPLES OF NON-ESSENTIAL Businesses**

- Schools for CDL and Driver Licensing, Barber Shops, Beauty Supplies, Tattoo Parlors, Massage Parlors, Bars with on premises consumption license that does not serve food, Nail salons, Sole clothing retailers, Pet groomers are **NOT** considered “Essential” functions *not all inclusive*.