

Cameron County Travel Restriction Carries Fine

HARLINGEN, TEXAS- The travel restriction ordered by Cameron County Judge Eddie Trevino that takes effect Sunday, March 22, 2020, at 12 a.m. carries a fine not exceeding \$500 for the first offense any subsequent offense is a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or confinement in jail for a term not exceeding 180 days.

As a reminder, the order says a person shall not remain or travel upon any public or private property including highways, roads, and streets in Cameron County between the hours of 12 a.m. to 5 a.m.

This order does not include:

- A person authorized by the Emergency Management Director to assist in the production of the health, safety, or welfare of the public.
- Law enforcement and other first responders.
- A person going to or from work on an essential function for their government, school, medical, nursing, or business entity.
- A person going to a pharmacy, hospital, medical clinic, gas station for fuel or grocery store with no deviations.
- A person who remains or travels upon private property which is owned by him or upon which the person has been invited.

Gathering throughout the County in both public and private locations shall be limited to no more than 10 people pursuant to CDC guidelines.

All restaurants and food trucks will be allowed to remain open for business only for takeout or delivery until 10 p.m. Restaurants that have a mixed beverage license may sell beer, wine, and mixed beverages with food for takeout or delivery only. Dining on-premises is prohibited.

Bars that serve food and have a mixed beverage license will be allowed to remain open for business only for takeout or delivery and may sell beer, wine, and mixed beverages with food up to but no later than 10 p.m. Dining on-premises is prohibited.

Hotels are required to completely sanitize all touch surfaces before check-in and in individual rooms.

All businesses, churches, and places of worship will limit groups to 10 persons or less and will institute social distancing of a minimum space of six feet apart, except grocery stores, pharmacies, hospitals, clinics, and government agencies.

Gas stations must sanitize the self-service portions of the equipment at a minimum every hour, preferably after each service.

Child and adult day care centers shall adhere to the State Department of Health Services, Governor Abbott's Order, and CDC rules and guidelines.

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