



Wednesday, March 25, 2020  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE POC:  
Orange County Judge John H. Gothia  
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## ORANGE COUNTY

### WORK SAFE, PLAY SAFE, STAY SAFE

#### ADDENDUM 1 TO SECOND AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDER

Orange County Judge John H. Gothia issued his Second Amended Emergency Order on March 23, 2020, which became effective immediately at 11:59 PM on March 24, 2020. Since this order was made public, several questions have arisen that I hope to clear up with this Addendum.

The following Orders are hereby incorporated into Judge John H. Gothia's Second Amended Emergency Order:

- Unless an individual requires assistance due to physical or medical needs, or is a parent of a child for whom there is no alternative care, only one member of a household can enter the following retail/wholesale establishments at one time. This applies to the following retailers: Grocery stores, warehouse stores, big-box stores, any store within a strip center or mall, liquor stores, gas stations, convenience stores, and farmers' markets.
- All retailers, wholesalers and customers of the above listed retail/wholesale outlets are immediately put on notice: Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 418.173, Peace officers are hereby authorized to enforce the current Order and Addendum. Any retailer, wholesaler or customer who violates any provision of these regulations, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars, or up to 180 days confinement in jail.

For additional information, please refer to Executive Order GA 08 issued by Greg Abbott, Governor of the State of Texas, effective on 11:59 p.m. on March 20, 2020.

[https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA\\_08\\_COVID-19\\_preparedness\\_and\\_mitigation\\_FINAL\\_03-19-2020\\_1.pdf](https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/EO-GA_08_COVID-19_preparedness_and_mitigation_FINAL_03-19-2020_1.pdf)

This addendum to Judge John H. Gothia's Second Amended Emergency Order becomes effective as specified and shall be strictly observed and enforced as if incorporated fully into that Emergency Order.

**ORDERED** this the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2020, at 4:00 P.M.

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John H. Gothia  
Orange County Judge

## SUMMARY - COVID-19 County Orders

To further combat the spread of COVID-19 in Orange County, Judge John H. Gothia has asked Orange County residents to limit activity that may put others at risk.

### YOU CAN:

- Unless an individual requires assistance due to physical or medical needs, or is a parent of a child for whom there is no alternative care, only one member of a household can enter the following retail/wholesale establishments at one time. This applies to the following retailers: Grocery stores, warehouse stores, big-box stores, any store within a strip center or mall, liquor stores, gas stations, convenience stores, and farmers' markets.
- Go to the pharmacy to pick up medications and other healthcare necessities
- Go to medical appointments (check with your doctor or provider first)
- Go to a restaurant for take-out, delivery or drive-thru
- Care for or support a friend or family member
- Go outside, take a walk, ride your bike, hike, jog or exercise- just keep at least six feet between you and others
- Walk your pets or take them to the veterinarian if necessary
- Help someone get necessary supplies
- Receive deliveries from businesses that provide delivery service

### YOU SHOULD NOT-

- Go to work unless you are providing essential services
- Visit friends and family if there isn't an urgent need
- Maintain less than a 6 foot distance from others
- Visit loved ones in the hospital, nursing home, skilled nursing facility or other residential care facility (unless the facility website provides limited exceptions)

IF WE ALL FOLLOW BASIC SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOL AND CDC GUIDELINES, WE WILL LESSEN THE TIME THIS PANDEMIC IMPACTS OUR COUNTY.