HEALTH AUTHORITY ORDER

TO: Owners and Administrators of All Healthcare Facilities in Williamson County
FROM: Lori Palazzo, MD, Local Health Authority, Williamson County
DATE: March 18, 2020

Re: Orders of Control Measures for Healthcare Facilities

Pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code §§ 81.082 and 81.084, I, the Medical Director for Williamson County and Cities Health District ("WCCHD") and Health Authority for Williamson County imposing the following specified control measures on all healthcare facilities in Williamson County:

- The facility must supply hand sanitizer and make it available to employees, patients, visitors, and volunteers;
- The facility must symptom check all employees, patients, visitors, and volunteers prior to entry to the facility;
- The facility must not allow any persons into the facility who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19, unless they are patients;
- The facility will immediately develop, and make available to the WCCHD, a plan to screen, identify and, when required, isolate individuals and patients presenting to the facility using CDC recommendations to assess and further direct the care of patients and individuals presenting to the facility;
- The facility will apply the same approach of screening, identifying and, when required, isolating healthcare workers employed by or affiliated with the facility;
- The facility will require that all healthcare workers self-monitor their temperature prior to and at least once during their shift; and
- The facility will report any suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 to the WCCHD in the usual manner for notification of reportable disease.

Preserving healthcare system functioning is paramount during the spread of COVID-19. Given the current public health disaster, I consider these control measures necessary and most appropriate to arrest, control, and eradicate the threat to public health. I further believe this order is appropriate to ensure healthcare facilities can continue to provide care for all patients at the appropriate level while reducing the transmission of disease.

Failure to abide by this Order, including any amendments or instructions, from the Department of State Health Services and/or the Local Health Authority may result in criminal penalties ranging from a Class B misdemeanor to a felony in the third degree.

This order is issued under my authority as the Medical Director for the Williamson County and Cities Health District and the Local Health Authority for Williamson County, on this the 18th day of March, 2020.

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Lori Palazzo, MD