



TO: ALL NURSING HOMES AND LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES
OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF
HARLINGEN, TEXAS

FROM: MICHAEL MOHUN, M.D., CITY OF HARLINGEN, TEXAS'
DESIGNATED HEALTH OFFICER

RE: HEALTH CONTROL DIRECTIVE UNDER SECTION 81.082,
TEXAS HEALTH & SAFETY CODE

ISSUED: JUNE 12, 2020

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

DEAR SIR / MADAM:

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT AS THE DULY APPOINTED HEALTH OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF HARLINGEN, TEXAS, I AM ISSUING THIS HEALTH CONTROL DIRECTIVE UNDER THE AUTHORITY GIVEN TO ME AS THE CITY'S HEALTH OFFICER UNDER SECTION 81.082 OF THE TEXAS HEALTH & SAFETY CODE.

THE NECESSITY OF THIS DIRECTIVE IS CAUSED BY THE RECENT SPIKE IN COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES, WHICH THE CITY HAS REASON TO BELIEVE IS BEING CAUSED BY THE MOVEMENT OF PATIENTS BETWEEN DIFFERENT NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS, AND LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES, AS WELL AS TO AND FROM LOCAL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.

FOR THIS REASON, I AM ISSUING THIS CONTROL DIRECTIVE REQUIRING THAT ALL NURSING HOMES AND LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES LOCATED WITHIN CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HARLINGEN IMMEDIATELY INITIATE THE SCREENING PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS, AND MAINTAIN RELATED DOCUMENTATION PERTAINING TO SAME, TO REQUIRE TESTING 24-72 HOURS BEFORE ADMITTING PATIENTS INTO YOUR FACILITY; AND ONCE THE PATIENT HAS BEEN ADMITTED, THE PATIENT MUST UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE A FIVE-DAY ISOLATION AND OBSERVATION PERIOD; AFTER THIS ISOLATION AND OBSERVATION PERIOD IS COMPLETED, YOUR FACILITY MUST PERFORM A SECOND TEST BEFORE MOVING THE PATIENT INTO GENERAL ADMISSION AREAS. THIS AMENDMENT ALSO NULLIFIES THE PROHIBITION OF MOVEMENT OF EMPLOYEES AND STAFF WITHIN EACH RESPECTIVE FACILITY.



PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT UNDER THE INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY PROVIDED TO MY OFFICE, I AM REQUIRING THAT YOU SUBMIT ANY QUESTIONS TO ME VIA EMAIL DIRECTED TO: JOSH RAMIREZ, HEALTH DIRECTOR, CITY OF HARLINGEN, TEXAS AT THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS:

JRAMIREZ@MYHARLINGEN.US

FINALLY, PLEASE BE ADVISED AS WELL THAT FAILURE OR REFUSAL TO ABIDE BY THE HEALTH CARE CONTROL DIRECTIVES ISSUED BY MY OFFICE CAN SUBJECT YOUR FACILITY TO BOTH CIVIL AND CRIMINAL JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTION UNDER THE CITY'S LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL PROSECUTION PROCESSES.

ISSUED ON THE 12th DAY OF JUNE 2020

BY: */S/ Michael Mohun, M.D. (Original Signature on File)*
MICHAEL MOHUN, M.D.
HEALTH OFFICER
CITY OF HARLINGEN, TEXAS