



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: THRID AMENDMENT HEALTH CONTROL DIRECTIVE TO THE ORDER ISSUED ON APRIL 05, 2020 UNDER SECTION 81.082, TEXAS HEALTH & SAFETY CODE

ISSUED: DECEMBER 11, 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 DUE TO THE CURRENT NEED TO TREAT COVID- 19 POSITIVE CASES OUTSIDE OF THE HOSPITAL SETTING, PATIENTS NOT NEEDING HOSPITALIZATION MAY BE DISCHARGED FROM A HOSPITAL TO DIFFERENT NURSING HOMES, LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES, AND AS WELL AS TO AND FROM LOCAL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES WITHOUT THE NEED FOR TESTING.

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 THE SAME, TO REQUIRE TESTING WHEN DEEMED NECESSARY WHEN ADMITTING PATIENTS INTO YOUR FACILITY; AND OR ONCE THE PATIENT HAS BEEN ADMITTED, THE PATIENT MUST UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE AN ISOLATION AND OBSERVATION PERIOD; AFTER COMPLETION, YOUR FACILITY MUST PERFORM A COVID-19 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 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 11th DAY OF JUNE 2020

BY: */S/ Michael Mohun, M.D. (Original Signature on File)*

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HEALTH OFFICER
CITY OF HARLINGEN, TEXAS