

## **March 29 North Texas Order: Summary of Changes**

### **1. Added “Minimum Basic Operations” Language**

- a. Allows non-essential businesses to do the following:
  - i. The minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business's inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions.
  - ii. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.

### **2. Added “Essential Travel” Language**

- a. Includes travel for any of the following purposes:
  - i. Travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Businesses Essential Critical Infrastructure, and Minimum Basic Operation;
  - ii. Travel to care for elderly, minors, dependents, persons with disabilities, or other vulnerable persons;
  - iii. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services;
  - iv. Travel to return to a place of residence from outside the jurisdiction;
  - v. Travel required by law enforcement or court order;
  - vi. Travel by church staff or clergy for the purpose of production of remote delivery of religious services and other ministries requiring travel;
  - vii. Travel related to attending a funeral service; or
  - viii. Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of residence outside the County.

### **3. Added Safety Provisions for Contractors**

- a. The Order classified construction for public works, residential, commercial, and schools as critical infrastructure. Elective additions and maintenance are prohibited.

- b. All employers involved in construction activity must follow the requirements set forth in the COVID-19 Safety Recommendations issued by the Construction Industry Safety Coalition.
4. **Added Prohibition on Price Gouging**
- a. No person shall sell any of the following goods or services for more than the regular retail price the person charged for the goods or services on March 16, 2020:
    - i. groceries, beverages, toilet articles, and ice;
    - ii. restaurant, cafeteria, and boarding-house meals; and
    - iii. medicine, pharmaceutical and medical equipment, and supplies.
5. **Re-formatted the Order**