ORDER TO ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WITHIN BURNET COUNTY

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 Burnet County Judge James Oakley signed a BURNET COUNTY PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF DISASTER DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Executive Order GA-14 authorized local officials to enact and enforce Local Orders that are not inconsistent with Executive Order GA-14.

WHEREAS, Dr. Juliette Madrigal, M.D. is the Health Authority of Burnet County as appointed by the Burnet County Commissioners Court. Texas Health and Safety Code §121.024 a Local Health Authority is responsible for:

(1) establishing, maintaining, and enforcing quarantine in the health authority’s jurisdiction;
(2) aiding the department in relation to local quarantine, inspection, disease prevention and suppression, birth and death statistics, and general sanitation in the health authority’s jurisdiction;
(3) reporting the presence of contagious, infectious, and dangerous epidemic diseases in the health authority’s jurisdiction to the department in the manner and at the times prescribed by the department;
(4) reporting to the department on any subject on which it is proper for the department to direct that a report be made; and
(5) aiding the department in the enforcement of the following in the health authority’s jurisdiction:
   (A) proper rules, requirements, and ordinances;
   (B) sanitation laws;
   (C) quarantine rules; and
   (D) vital statistics collections.

WHEREAS, citizens of Burnet County are encouraged to seek medical treatment upon experiencing any symptoms that may be related to COVID-19.

THEREFORE, pursuant to EXECUTIVE ORDER GA-14 and Texas Health and Safety Code §121.024, the following is ORDERED:

Any and all Health Care Service Providers, including but not limited to Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities, which are located within the confines of Burnet County shall report any positive COVID-19 test results; presumed positive COVID-19 cases; and suspected positive COVID-19 cases to the Burnet County Health Authority and the Texas Department of State Health Services immediately upon discovery.

The Burnet County Health Authority may be contacted at 830-693-0555. The Texas Department of State Health Services may be contacted at D1@dshs.texas.gov.
AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 418.173 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE AND AS ADOPTED IN BURNET COUNTY’S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN, A FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER GA-14, THE BURNET COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN OR WITH ANY RULE, ORDER OR ORDINANCE ADOPTED UNDER SAID PLAN SHALL BE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE PUNISHABLE BY A FINE THAT DOES NOT EXCEED $1,000.00. THE BURNET COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE, BURNET COUNTY CONSTABLES, AND OTHER LICENSED PEACE OFFICERS ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ENFORCE THIS ORDER AND ORDERS REFERENCED HEREIN.

This ORDER TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WITHIN BURNET COUNTY is hereby effective May 27, 2020.

Juliette Madrigal, M.D., Burnet County Health Authority

Hon. James Oakley, Burnet County Judge

ATTEST

Janet Parker, Burnet County Clerk