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INFORMATION

COUNCIL ON SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT

Governor Abbott Issues Executive Orders To Mitigate Spread Of COVID-19 In Texas

Council on Sex Offender Treatment rules allow “with no more than 12 clients per group” [22 TAC §810.64(c)(2)]. However, the Governor’s executive order supersedes Council rules in allowing a group of no more than 10 persons as noted in the excerpt of the Governor’s executive order below:

Effective 11:59 p.m. on March 20, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on April 3, 2020, subject to extension thereafter based on the status of COVID-19 in Texas and the recommendations of the CDC:

Order No. 1 - In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, every person in Texas shall avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.

Order No. 2 - In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts, or visiting gyms or massage parlors; provided, however, that the use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is allowed and highly encouraged throughout the limited duration of this executive order.

Order No. 3 - In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, people shall not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.

Order No. 4 - In accordance with the Guidelines from the President and the CDC, schools shall temporarily close.


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