

HEALTH AUTHORITY ORDER

TO: All Healthcare Facilities in Travis County
FROM: Mark E. Escott, MD, MPH, Medical Director and Interim Health Authority, City of Austin/Travis County
DATE: March 13, 2020

Re: Orders of Control Measures for Healthcare Facilities

Pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code §§ 81.082 and 81.084, I, the Medical Director and Health Authority for Austin Public Health, hereby issues this order imposing the following specified control measures on all healthcare facilities in Travis County:

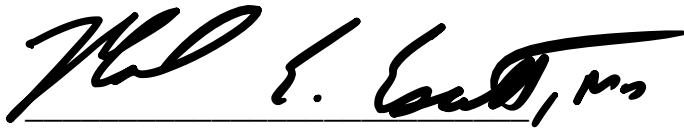
- “Help Prevent Disease” signage provided by Austin Public Health must be displayed prominently in the facility (these graphic files may be found at: <http://www.austintexas.gov/article/covid-19-flyers-and-other-resources>);
- Hand sanitizer must be available and supplied to employees, patients, visitors, and volunteers;
- The facility must symptom check all employees, patients, visitors, and volunteers prior to entry to the facility;
- The facility may not allow any persons into the facility who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19, unless they are patients;
- The facility will develop a plan to screen, identify and, when required, isolate individuals and patients presenting to healthcare facilities using CDC recommendations to assess and further direct the care of patients and individuals presenting to the facility;
- The facility will apply the same approach of screening, identifying and, when required, isolating healthcare workers employed by or affiliated with the facility;
- All healthcare workers should self-monitor their temperature prior to and at

least once during their shift; and

- Any suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 should be reported to Austin Public Health in the usual manner for notification of reportable disease.

Preserving healthcare system functioning is paramount during the spread of COVID-19. I believe this order is an appropriate control measure to ensure healthcare facilities can continue to provide care for all patients at the appropriate level while reducing the transmission of disease.

This order is issued under my authority as Medical Director for Austin Public Health and Health Authority for the City of Austin and Travis County, on this the 13th day of March, 2020.



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