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COUNTY OF KLEBERG 8

ORDER OF THE KLEBERG COUNTY LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT JUDGE CONCERNING HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Pursuant to the Fortieth Emergency Order of the Texas Supreme Court that confirms the judiciary's authority to take reasonable actions to avoid exposing court proceedings and participants to the threat of Covid-19, and the judiciary's broad inherent authority to control orderly proceedings in courtrooms, as confirmed by the Texas Attorney General Opinion KP-03232, the Kleberg County Local Administrative Judge ORDERS as follows:

Because court proceedings, including jury service, involve groups of people in reasonably close contact and in order to prevent the spread and mutation of the Covid-19 virus, all individuals who enter the Kleberg County Courthouse for the purpose of conducting courthouse business of any kind shall wear a face covering while in common areas of the courthouse.

An individual who refuses to comply with this Order may be prohibited from entering the courthouse.

This Order is effective on August 4, 2021, until it is repealed by the Kleberg County Local Administrative District Judge.

Signed August 2, 2021

Honorable Jack W Pulcher

Kleberg Lunty Local Administrative District Judge