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## JEFFERSON COUNTY

### **ADDENDUM 2 TO JUDGE JEFF BRANICK'S SIXTH AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDER**

Jefferson County Judge Jeff Branick issued his Sixth Amended Emergency Order on March 22, 2020, which became effective immediately at 2:15 PM on March 22, 2020.

Effective immediately, the following Order is hereby incorporated into Judge Jeff Branick's Sixth Amended Emergency Order:

Every hospital, physician, health care provider, public health authority, or other individual or entity shall, immediately, but no less than within 4 hours of learning of a suspected or positive case of Coronavirus disease 2019, report same to the Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management via email to [EOC@Co.Jefferson.TX.US](mailto:EOC@Co.Jefferson.TX.US). Such report shall include the individual's name, address, age, current location, and information relating to whether such individual had recently traveled outside the six counties of Jefferson, Hardin, Orange, Jasper, Newton, or Tyler County.

For additional information, please refer to the Executive Orders issued by Greg Abbott, Governor of the State of Texas, effective on 11:59 p.m. on March 24, 2020.

<https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-issues-executive-order-to-strengthen-reporting-capabilities>

Failure to comply with such reporting requirement shall be a violation of this order punishable by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or confinement in jail for a period not to exceed 180 days.

This information is required in accordance with guidance from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights and 45 CFR 164.512.

This addendum to Judge Jeff Branick's Sixth Amended Emergency Order becomes effective as specified and shall be strictly observed and enforced as if incorporated fully into that Emergency Order.

ORDERED this the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2020, at 11:16 A.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Branick", is written over a horizontal line.  
Jeff R. Branick  
County Judge