

PROCLAMATION

Fannin County Commissioners Court

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus now designated SARS-CoV-2 which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has proclaimed the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency in the United States; and Governor Greg Abbott has declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Fannin County has already taken significant measures to prepare for and prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Fannin County citizens; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster in Fannin County will facilitate and expedite the procurement, use, and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Fannin County Commissioners Court of Fannin County, Texas, do hereby certify that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster to Fannin County. In accordance with Section 418.018 of the Texas Government Code, we hereby modify and ratify with edits a state of disaster and public health emergency for Fannin County.

FURTHERMORE, consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and in accordance with Executive Orders GA-19, GA-24 and GA-25 and GA-26, GA-26 Amendment Proclamation, and GA-28 of the Governor of Texas,

- It is recommended that all public minimize in person contact with those who are not of the same household and to implement social distancing guidelines; and
- Any person who is sick or currently experiencing common COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, cough, or shortness of breath, is hereby ordered to stay home; and
- If any person in a household has tested positive for COVID-19, all persons in the household are hereby ordered to stay home; and
- If any person has tested for COVID-19, all persons in the household should stay home until test results are received.

- The Court recommends any person 65 years of age or older, because they are at a higher risk for severe illness from exposure to COVID-19, should stay home (unless traveling for necessities).
- All businesses and employers are hereby ordered to take actions necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19, to increase social distancing (minimum of 6 feet) in the normal course of business activities, and to provide for a safe, clean and healthy work environment.
- All persons are hereby ordered to take actions necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to increase social distancing (minimum of 6 feet) in the normal course of business activities.

This declaration shall take effect immediately from its issuance and shall continue for a period of not more than seven days unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of Fannin County, Texas.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, this declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk of Fannin County.

Adopted this 30th day of June, 2020.

RANDY MOORE FANNIN COUNTY JUDGE

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